

Mittu and the Boring Bananas

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Parents and Teachers,

Read out this story to the little ones with suitable gestures and modulation of voice so that they listen to you with rapt attention.

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Mittu the monkey lived in a banana plantation. Every day he ate lots and lots of ripe yellow bananas. He ate so many bananas that he got fed up eating them. "Oh! Boring bananas. I don't want to eat them any more," he thought. He wanted to taste something different. So he went out of the plantation looking for some new kind of food.

On the way, Mittu saw a donkey eating grass. He stopped and asked the donkey, "Hi, friend, what are you eating?" The donkey replied, "Mittu, can't you see, this is grass, my friend. It is very tender and delicious. This is the best food you can possibly get. Do you want to taste some?" Mittu was tempted. So he climbed down from the tree and tasted some grass. It was very coarse and tasted bad. "Yuckkk...". Immediately, Mittu spat it out! The donkey asked, "Don't you like it, Mittu?" Mittu said, "Thank you

my friend. But grass is not my food," and he went his way.

Later, Mittu met a dog. The dog was eating a bone and



Mittu asked again, "What are you eating my friend?" He replied, "I'm eating a bone, Mittu. This is the best food in the world. Want to taste it?" Mittu tasted it but could not relish it. It was very hard for Mittu to chew. Mittu thanked the dog and replied, "The bone doesn't taste well," and he left.

On the way, Mittu tasted a fish from the cat, cheese from the mouse and so on. But did not like any of those. He was hungry and tired by evening. Then saw a small hut. There was some food on a table. He immediately went in and started eating the food. He found it very tasty and nice. 'This is the best food in the world,' he thought. Just then two children came running in and started shouting, "Mummy! A monkey is eating all the bananas." 'What?' thought Mittu, 'bananas!'

Mittu looked at what he was eating. Of course, bananas! And for him the bananas were the best food in the world! He had a hearty laugh and jumped away happily to the plantation where he lived. After that, he ate lots and lots of bananas every day! And he didn't find them boring any longer! ●

