Moral Stories

COMMON SENSE
1. Long, long ago, there lived four friends. They were fond of each other. Three of them were very learned but lacked common sense. The fourth friend, on the other hand, was not at all keen to learn but had a lot of common sense.

2. One day, the friends decided to use their learning to earn money so they set out on a long journey, passed through a dense forest. There they found the bones of a dead animal lying on the ground. One friend said, "Here is a chance to test our knowledge. These are the remains of a dead animal. Let us bring it back to life."

3. So the first one assembled the bones and second provided the skin, flesh, and blood. The third friend was about to bring the animal back to life when the fourth friend shouted, "Stop it is a lion! Don't bring it back to life!" He climbed up a tall tree.

4. The learned men brought the lion back to life. The lion, with a mighty roar, pounced upon all three friends. When the lion left the clever man, who was considered a 'fool' by his friends, descended from the tree with tears. Oh God, You gave my friends abundance of talent and intelligence, But you failed to give them common sense. He returned home with a heavy heart.

THE BOLD AND A WISE TREE
1. Once in a deep forest, the trees had a great discussion. The oldest of the animals were proud and they were not happy with the birds and animals coming and resting on them. Sal and orange trees felt that animals come and rest in their shade but leave a mess behind.

2. Sal tree made a plan to drive away animals. Bunyan—the oldest tree was observing everything and said that "animals serve useful purpose, we are all dependent on each other". Sal did not listen to Bunyan; it began to shake violently when any animal came for rest. All animals and birds ran away from forest. Only Bunyan tree gave shelter to them and enjoyed their company.

3. The woodcutter came there to cut trees. Sal and orange trees realized their mistake and asked Bunyan for help. The wise tree shook itself with all its might. Woodcutters took it as a cyclone and ran away. From then on, all the animals and birds returned to the trees. The forest resounded to the chirping of birds and the sounds of various animals.
THE GOLDEN CRAB

1. A long ago there lived in a village/ a Brahmin by name Nandu/ a farmer. He was happy and contended man. One day he found /a beautiful golden baby crab/ in his farm. He was amazed by its beauty. He thought that crab would be happier/ in his own home in the pond. Gently left him in the pond. The next day morning/ when Nandu was walking by his fields, he was surprised to see the crab waiting for him. Nandu happily took him/ under his shawl and went to the fields. After the day’s work he brought him back and left him in the pond. This became /an everyday affair. They became friends.

2. At the edge of Nandu’s fields there lived/ a vulture family. A female vulture had a long-felt desire to eat Nandu’s eyes. They convinced serpent. The next day/ Nandu came to the farm the serpent bit his feet. Nandu fainted and immediately /the vulture sat on his chest to pluck his eyes.

3. The crab came out of the shawl/ forcibly caught the neck of the vulture in his claws and caught the neck of the serpent/ using his other claw. Serpent said /"Hi crab, you don’t eat either serpent or vulture meat. Then why do you catch us?"

4. Crab replied /"The man you have bitten/ is my friend and protector. I should save him from both of you". It asked Serpent to take out the venom from his body. Crab lost hold on serpent a little, so he sucked out the venom from the body of Nandu/ and he woke up. Ah my friend has recovered. He killed the serpent and the vulture /at the same moment. Seeing all this/ the female vulture/ flew off from the place.

5. By then the villagers came to the field. What happened, Master? The serpent bit me /and the vulture was/about to take away my eyes. But my friend crab /has saved my life. He is truly your great friend. Nandu fondled the crab /and kissed him.

THE LION AND THE RABBIT

1. There lived a huge hungry lion in a vast jungle. All the animals were afraid of him/ because he would kill many of them every day for food. All animals went to the lion and said/ "we will send you an animal everyday to your cave. /This way you will get food without hunting for it". The lion agreed/ but threatened to kill/ if they ever failed to get him food. From that day onwards /one animal was sent to the lion’s cave every day.

2. This plan seemed to work/ until it was the turn of the rabbits. A small, clever rabbit, / wanted to save himself and the other animals. He made a plan. When he went to the lion/ he got angry and said/ "you are too small for my meal/ I am going to teach the animals a lesson for cheating me/ I shall kill them all".

3. Rabbit said not to blame them and said /"There were 6 rabbits sent for your meal /but another lion ate the other 5 up". / He told the lion that the other lion became furious. And insisted that he was /the bravest lion/ in the forest. And that he was /the only king in the jungle.

4. On hearing this lion was enraged /asked rabbit to take him to this fool. He led /the big lion into the jungle. He took him to /a deep well and pointed down the well saying that the other lion/ lived down there.

5. The lion/ looked into the well and saw/ his own reflection. He thought/ it was the other lion. The lion got /even more enraged and jumped /into the well to attack /the other lion. He hit the water in the well /with a loud splash and drowned. The clever little rabbit /returned home and retold his adventure. All the other animals in
the jungle were happy that their greatest enemy was dead. You have been very clever, my little friend. Rabbit said /"Yes and you have brought/ courage back into the jungle.

TALKING CAVE

1. Once there lived a rather clever fox/ in a cave deep in the jungle. Like every morning, /the fox left his cave/ in search of food. Lion came to his cave. Something delicious lives here/ Let me wait for it to come back. fox returned, what is this? I see pug marks /must be careful/something is lurking near the cave/ it's still fresh and they all go in one direction/ towards my cave. And none leads back. Which means/ oh a lion is in my cave!

2. Is he still there? Or could have left/ How can I be sure? I have an idea; / I will pretend to be talking to the cave! Fox said /"Hello cave, how are you this evening? Lion thought /'Ah-a, there he is but I must remain quiet here. If I go out and try to nab him he will slip/ out of hand /I must surprise him in here/let him come in/I shall pounce on him /'. Oh, I am so hungry!! Hallo cave! How are you this evening?? Have you forgotten you are to reply every time I call out to you? So that I am sure you are alone? You haven't forgotten, have you? If you remain silent I take it someone is inside... I will not come in then...

3. ah-a, the caves talks to him! If I remain silent he will think something is wrong here and will run away.. I mustn't let him do that, I must reply!! Hello fox! Good you are back! Did you have a nice day? The lion is still in my cave; let me escape while I can! Oh no, that fox tricked me! Now I must go and find my dinner... It was because the clever fox anticipated danger that he was prepared it was because the clever fox anticipated danger that he was prepared.

THE THREE FISHES

1. Three big fishes/ lived in a lake. They were close friends /but quite /unlike one another. One was very wise and /gave careful thought to every action. The second fish was/ intelligent, resourceful and /always cheerful. The third fish/ believed in fate. He believed that/ nobody can change the future so /whatever will be, will be.

2. One day fishermen /decided to visit the lake. The three friends knew /that their peaceful life was over. Decisions had to be made. The wise fish/ wanted to leave /the lake before the fishermen came back. We must swim to /another lake via that canal. I don't think/ I will leave this lake. I will /find a way to save myself. I was born here/ and have lived here/ ever since. I cannot leave/ so whatever has to happen /will happen.

3. The first fish/ left the lake. The fishermen caught the other two fish/ along with other fish from that lake. The second fish/ pretended to be dead /so the fishermen threw him out with the other dead fish. He managed/ to hop to the edge of the lake /and escaped into it. Third fish thought /this is my fate. What else /can I do? The desperate fish /kept jumping up and down in the nets. One of the fishermen /struck him hard and/ he fell dead. The fishermen left the lake/ with their catch, wishing that his friend /had been /more resourceful.
7. THE SPARROW AND THE ELEPHANT

1. Once in a thick forest/ there lived on a banyan tree a sparrow with her husband. They built a nest/ and the sparrow laid her eggs in the nest. This place is full of wild animals. Take care of the nest and the eggs that afternoon, a wild and haughty elephant was a fierce one. It crushed all small animals that came its way. Suddenly in a fit of rage, the elephant broke a branch of the tree on which the nest was built. All the eggs of the sparrow got crushed though it escaped unhurt. All eggs are crushed.

2. The sparrow decided to take revenge. I will kill the elephant. A woodpecker, a close friend of the she-sparrow heard her crying and was moved by her grief. “why are you crying, my friend?” if we have the will we can certainly find a way. “the wicked elephant has destroyed my eggs. If you are a true friend of mine suggest a way to kill him”. Don’t worry, that elephant is a menace to everyone in the forest. I know a fly who will certainly help us kill the elephant. Both of them together went to seek the help of the fly. Fly said “one of my friends is a frog. take his help too. He is very clever.” The she-sparrow, the woodpecker and the fly went to the frog. And narrated the whole incident.

3. “what can an elephant do in the face of a united group like us? We will succeed. Do what I tell you. Woodpecker. if we follow his instructions...we will be able to destroy the elephant. Dear fly; go to the elephant when the sun is high in the sky. ...and hum a sweet tune into his ears. – why? Listen! When he closes his eyes in delight /the woodpecker should scoop his eyes out. He will become blind. –wonderful. –he will then feel thirsty and look for water. I will go to a marshy land and begin croaking there. Thinking that there is water, the elephant will step into the marsh. Then.. he will sink into the marsh area and die. He can never come out.

4. It will work, if you believe in your strength. If you doubt, don’t take up this job. We all will be killed. We believe in your words and we have the confidence that we will win. The next day at noon, all the three played out the plan. The fly went and sang to the elephant. When the elephant closed its eyes the woodpecker blinded the elephant. The elephant then began to search for water. The frog croaked at the right moment. The elephant plunged into the marsh and was drowned. Hurray the arrogant elephant is killed. All the animals of this forest will be greatly relieved from today. There is nothing to fear, hereafter. god has given each of us some strength. If we use our strength in the correct way with confidence, we can even move a mountain. Excellent. With the friendship and cooperation of her little friends/ the little sparrow was able to destroy the mighty elephant.