



The **Lion**
& the Mouse



A lion



lay



asleep



in



the forest,



his head



resting



on



his paws.



A timid



little



mouse

came upon him



unexpectedly,

and in her



fright

and



haste



to get away,



ran



across

the



lions



nose.





Roused from his nap, the lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny mouse to kill her,



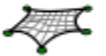
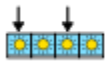
"Spare me!" begged the poor mouse.



"Please let me go and someday I will surely repay you." The lion was amused to think that a



mouse could ever help him; but he was generous and finally let the mouse go.



Some days later, while staking his prey in the forest, the lion was caught in a hunters net.



Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring. The mouse knew the voice and

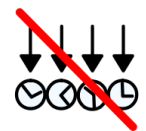
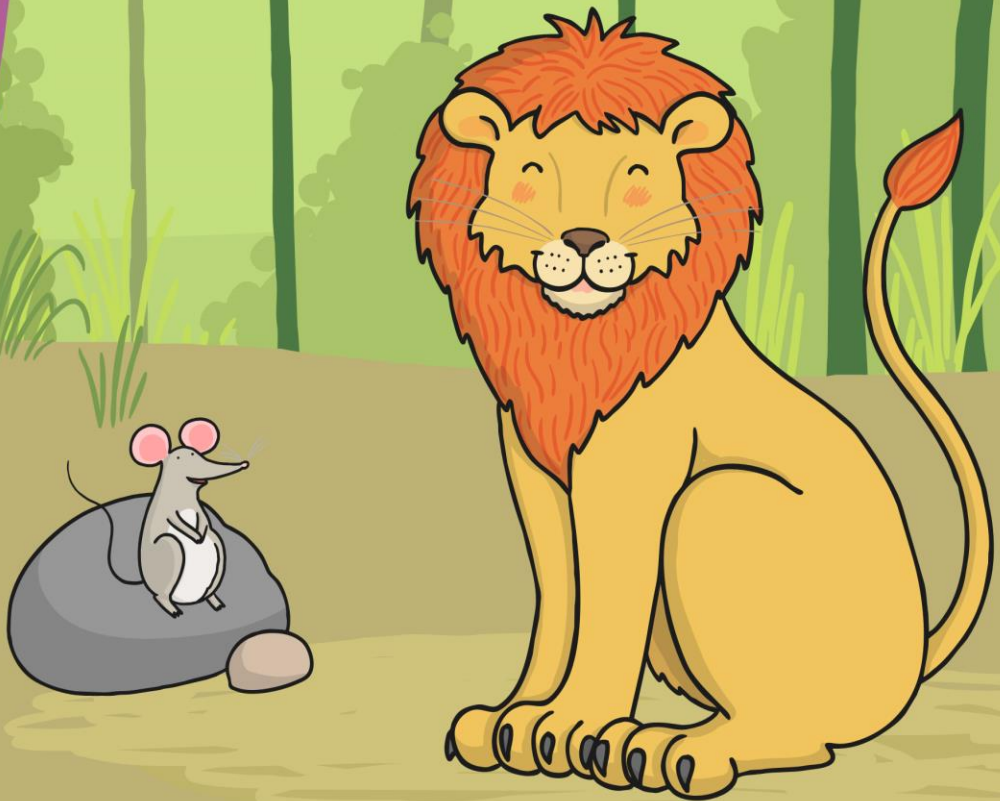


quickly found the lion struggling in the net.

Running to one of the ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted, and soon the lion was free.

"You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the mouse. "Now you can see that even a mouse

can help a lion."



A kindness is never wasted