



KIDS WORLD FUN



THE THREE COWS





Once, three cows lived in a green and fresh pasture near a forest: a white cow, a black cow and a reddish-brown cow. The cows were kind to each other. They used to graze in the meadow together and sleep near each other.

One day, a reddish-brown lion happened to take a stroll out of the forest onto the meadow. It was hungry and looking for a prey. On catching sight of the cows it became glad, but couldn't attack them, because they were together. So, the lion sat behind a boulder and patiently waited till the cows would separate from each other.

However, the cows were too clever to separate from each other. They knew that if they were together, no predator could attack them. The lion lay in ambush nearby for two or three days. But the cows continued to remain together, and wouldn't separate from each other. The lion became impatient. It thought of a plan. It went towards the cows, greeted them and said, "How are you my friends? Are you fine? I have been busy lately, so could not come and visit you. Today I made up my mind to pay you a visit."

The reddish-brown cow said, "Sir, your coming has really pleased us and brightened our pasture." Both the white and the black cows were troubled by what their friend, the reddish-brown cow said, and were grieved at its thoughtlessness. They said to each other, "Why does the reddish-brown cow believe what the lion says?"

Doesn't it know that lions seek other animals only to prey on them?"

As the days passed by, the reddish-brown cow became more and more attached to the lion. The black cow and the white cow advised it against a friendship with the lion, but their efforts were in vain.

One day, the lion said to the reddish-brown cow, "You know that the color of our bodies is dark and that the color of the body of the white cow is light.





You also know that light color is the opposite of the dark color. It will be very good if I eat the white cow, so that there will be no difference among us any longer and we will be able to live together well."

The reddish-brown cow accepted the lion's argument and started talking to the black cow to keep it busy, so that the lion could eat the white cow. The white cow was left alone and was killed, while the black and the reddish-brown cows were busy in idle talk.

Two or three days passed since the lion devoured the white cow. It became hungry again. It called the reddish-brown cow. The cow answered: "Yes sir!"

The lion said, "The color of my body and the color of your body are both reddish-brown, and black does not go with our color. It will be very good if I eat the black cow, so that in this forest we all will be of the same color." The reddish-brown cow accepted this argument and moved away from the black cow.

The lion attacked and devoured the black cow soon. And as for the reddish-brown cow, it was so filled with joy that it didn't know what to do. It roamed and grazed and said to itself, "It is only me who has the color of the lion."

A few days passed later, the lion was hungry again. It roared and said, "O the reddish-brown cow! Where are you?" The reddish-brown cow, shaking with fear, went forward and said, "Yes sir!"

The lion said: "Today it is your turn. Get yourself ready, I am going to eat you."

The reddish-brown cow, with great fear and horror, said, "Why sir, I am your friend. I did whatever you asked me to do. Still why do you want to eat me?"

The lion roared and said, "I have no friends. How is it possible that a lion makes friendship with a cow?"

No matter how much the reddish-brown cow begged and entreated, the lion didn't accept its words. Finally the cow said, "Mr. Lion, please allow me to cry out three times before you eat me."

The lion said, "Ok. Quickly, quickly!"

The reddish-brown cow cried out, "I was eaten the very day the white cow was eaten. I was eaten the very day the black cow was eaten. I was eaten the very day I made friends with the lion."

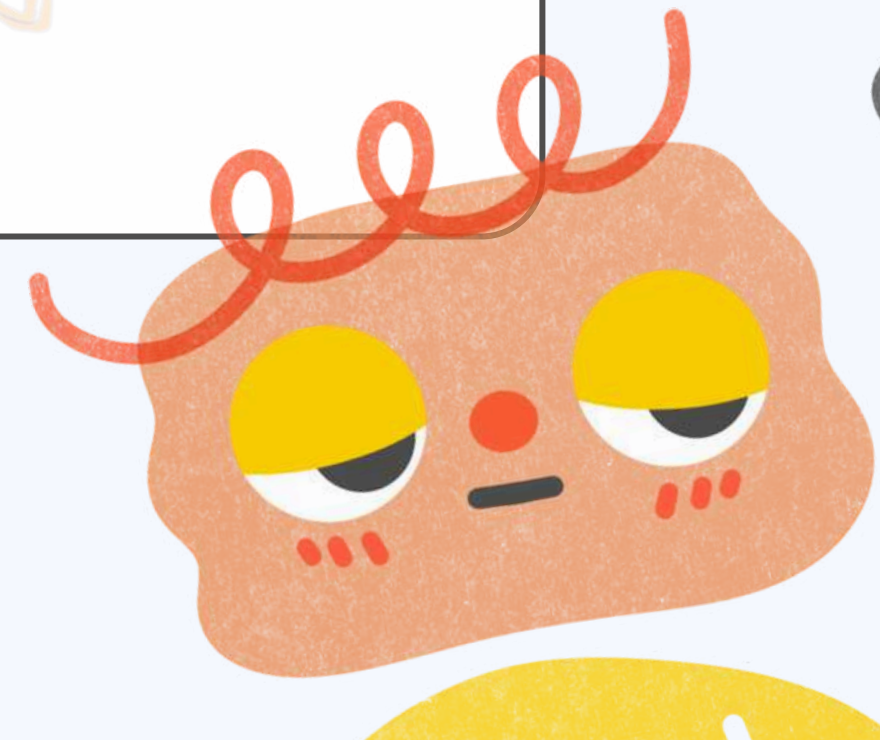
The lion devoured the reddish-brown cow very quickly. Then it said to itself: "I have finished my job in this forest. Now I had better go to other forests."





MORAL OF THE STORY:

ANY GROUP WITHOUT UNITY WILL EASILY BE
DESTROYED.



TAKEAWAY FROM THE STORY

TAKEAWAY FOR CLASS

1,2,3

The three cows were best friends, but one of them trusted the lion who tricked it into danger. The story teaches us that we should not trust someone who might harm our friends or us, even if they seem friendly at first. Always stick together and take care of each other.

TAKEAWAY FOR CLASS

4,5,6

The story shows that friendship is important, but we must be careful who we trust. The reddish-brown cow trusted the lion, which led to its own harm and the harm of others. True friends look out for each other, and it's wise to be cautious when someone with bad intentions tries to come between us.

TAKEAWAY FOR CLASS

7,8,9

The story of the three cows illustrates the danger of misplaced trust and the importance of remaining loyal to those who have shown care and kindness. The reddish-brown cow's blind trust in the lion caused the downfall of all its friends. It is a lesson in recognizing when someone's intentions are not genuine and understanding that true friendship involves mutual respect and care, not manipulation.



3 FUN FACTS :

1. Lions are the only cats that live in groups called prides.
2. A lion's roar can be heard up to 5 miles away!
3. Lions spend most of the day resting or sleeping – up to 20 hours a day!



QUIZ TIME!

QUIZ FOR CLASS 1,2,3

1. Why did the lion want to eat the cows?
2. What did the reddish-brown cow do that caused the white cow to be eaten?
3. What lesson did the reddish-brown cow learn at the end of the story?

QUIZ FOR CLASS 4,5,6

1. How did the lion trick the reddish-brown cow into believing it was a friend?
2. What did the reddish-brown cow do after the white cow was eaten?
3. Why is it important to be careful about who we trust, as shown in this story?

QUIZ FOR CLASS 7,8,9

1. What does the story teach us about trusting others, especially those who have harmed others in the past?
2. How did the lion manipulate the reddish-brown cow to get what it wanted?
3. What could the reddish-brown cow have done differently to avoid its fate?





THANKS FOR READING!

THE END!

