

Panchatantra Stories - 7

The Crow and the Pitcher

Once upon a time, there lived a crow in a jungle. One summer afternoon, he was wandering in search of water to quench his thirst. When he was flying over a village, he saw a pitcher



lying in front of a house. The crow could see from the top that there was some water in it. He sat on the rim of the pitcher and bent down his beak to reach the water, but couldn't succeed. The water level was too low in the pitcher. The crow did not have the courage in him to fly anymore. He thought for a while and suddenly a bright idea struck him. He looked around and found a pebble. He picked up the pebble in his beak and dropped it into the pitcher.

As soon as the pebble was dropped in the pitcher, the water came up a little. The crow dropped more and more pebbles in the pitcher till the water level was high enough for him to reach.

The thirsty crow then drank the water to his heart's content and flew away. That is why it is said that efforts done with sincerity certainly meet success.

Moral: In a pinch a good use of our wits may help us out.

The Monkey and the Two Cats

Once upon a time two cats were walking together in a small village. One of the cats saw a big piece of bread and shouted. The other cat jumped upon and picked the bread.

The first cat said, "I am the one who saw the bread, so I should have it."

The other cat replied, "So what? I picked it. The bread is mine."

The argument continued for a long time without any solution. Finally, they both decided to go to some third person to give a good judgement about this problem. They went to the monkey who lived near to their homes and told him the bread and their fight.

The monkey said, "Don't fight. I will share the bread equally among you both". Saying this, the monkey split the bread into two parts. One of that had more bread than the other.

The monkey shook his head and said, "Ah.. ah..!! one is bigger than the other". He took some bread from the bigger one and ate the bread. Now the other part looked bigger. So this time he ate some bread from the bigger part. Now the other one appeared bigger and the monkey ate some from this bigger part.



Thus he went on eating from one part to the other and finally the monkey ate all the bread. The two cats became very sad. They couldn't eat the bread because of the fight between them.

Moral: When friends fight, bad people will make advantage of that.

Vishun Stotra:

**Shuklambharadharam Vishnum Shashivarnam Chaturbhujam,
Prasanna Vadanm Dhyayet Sarva Vignopa Shantaye**

Rama Mantra:

**Sri Rama Rama Rameti, Rame Rame Manorame
Sahasranama tattulyam, Rama Nama Varanane**

Durga Stotra:

**Om Sarva Mangala Maangalye Shive Sarvaartha Saadhike
Sharanye Triyambake Gauri, Naaraayani Namostute**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfKdcmpprVY>

Ganesh Sloka:

**Vakra Tunda Mahaa Kaaya
Suryakoti Samaprabha
Nirvighnam Kurume Deva
Sarvakaaryeshu Sarvadaa**

Guru Stotra

Gurur Brahmaa Gurur Vishnu
Gurur Devo Maheshwarah
Guruh Saakshaat Parabrahma
Tasmai Shree Gurave Namah

Saraswati Stotra

*Saraswathi Namasthubyam
Varade Kamaroopini
Vidyarambham Karishyami
Siddhir Bhavatum Sada*

Hanuman Mantra:

Manojavam Maarutatulyavegam
Jitendriyam Buddhimataam Varistham
Vaataatmajam Vaanarayoothamukhyam
Sriramadootam Sirasa Namami

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QiSqpM2V2A>

Morning Prayers:

Karaagre Vasate Lakshmi
Kara Madhye Saraswathi
Kara Moole Sthita Gauri
Prabahate Kara Darshanam

Gange cha Yamune chaiva Godavari Saraswati,
Narmade Sindhu Kaveri jalesmin sannidhim kuru

Coloring Exercise:

