

THE KING OF FROGS

Write your own story with an important moral lesson.

Ask your child:

What will your story teach and how will it teach a good moral lesson?

Show your child how to write a story. Write the story together following these steps:

1. Begin your story

Who is in the story?

Where does the story take place?

When does the story take place?

2. What happens in the story?

3. How does the story end?

4. What moral does the story teach?



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Once upon a time, there was a beautiful lake called Frog Lake. Thousands of frogs lived on the lake. There were big frogs, little frogs, brown and green and yellow frogs. They had plenty of flies to eat. They all lived together with water to swim in and grass and bushes to hide in during the midday heat.

The frogs had everything they wished for except for one thing. They wanted a wise and powerful king to rule them. Who was going to be their king? They could not decide so they asked the Sun for help. So they sang to the rising Sun.

They sang:

*O mighty Sun,
Your praise we sing,
Please grant our wish,
Give us a king!*

'Ha ha ha!' laughed the Sun. 'Frogs don't need a king!'

But the frogs sang and sang until the Sun grew tired of it. He took a piece of wood from his ever-burning fire and tossed it into the lake.

'There is your king!' shouted Sun.

The frogs all jumped into the water and swam to the wood.

'Welcome King of Frogs!' called the frogs. 'Show us what you can do.'

The frogs shouted and yelled, yelled and shouted all through the night but the wood was silent and didn't even move. The frogs all began to climb onto the piece of wood to make it move. But it stayed still.

'King of Frogs, say something! Show us how wise you are! King of Frogs, do something! Show us how powerful you are!' shouted the frogs. But the wood was silent. The frogs wanted a king that spoke and moved. So again, they asked the Sun for help.

They sang:

*O mighty Sun,
Your praise we sing,
Please grant our wish,
Give us a different king!*



So Sun got angry, grabbed a flying stork and tossed it into the lake.

'There is your king!' shouted Sun.

'Welcome King of Frogs!' the frogs whispered in tired voices. 'Show us what you can do.' They were happy to see that the new king was moving.

But then a terrible thing happened. Suddenly the stork began pecking at the frogs and swallowing them one by one. The frightened frogs hid under the water.

The frogs wanted a king that didn't eat them. So again, they asked the Sun for help.

They sang:

*O mighty Sun,
Your praise we sing,
Please grant our wish,
Take back this king!*



But the Sun couldn't hear the frogs because now they were under the water. Meanwhile the stork got fatter and fatter. He put his long beak into the lake again and again to swallow frog after frog.

But one day the stork put his beak in the water and swallowed... not a frog... but the piece of wood! It was the old King of Frogs. It got stuck in his throat! He tried to fly away but he was too fat from eating all the frogs. So he sank to the bottom of the lake.

Now there was no king.

*The frogs sang:
O mighty Sun,
Your praise we sing,
You granted our wish,
And took back
that king!*

And after that the frogs lived happily on the lake and after a few summers there were new frogs that knew nothing of the past. They had everything they wished for except for one thing. Now can you tell the rest of the story?



Ask your child:

- Did you enjoy the story?
- What did you like about it?
- What did the story teach us?

Talk about the moral of the story and the life lesson it teaches us.

People should be very careful about the leader they choose to rule over them.

People should not make the same mistakes from one generation to the next.



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