

# THE LION & THE MOUSE

## AND OTHER STORIES

Activities for children ages 3-8  
by WonderSpark Puppets

### Pre-Show Discussion

ROAR!

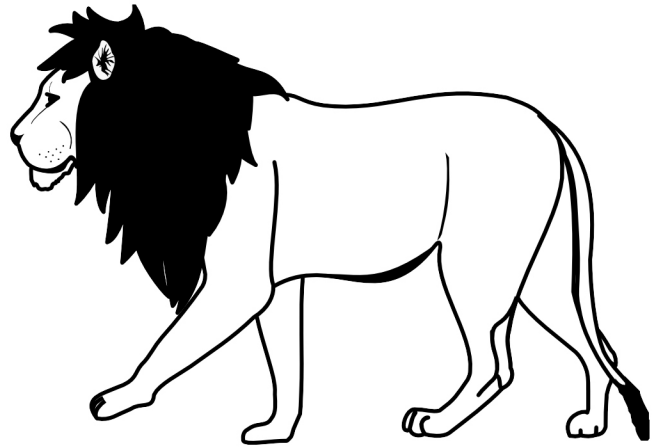
What sound does a lion make? What sound does a mouse make?  
What about a tortoise - or a hare?

BIG AND SMALL

There are big and small animals in the jungle.  
What animals are big? What animals are small?

PUPPET SHOWS

Have you seen a puppet show before?  
What happens during a performance?  
What should the audience do and not do?



### Pre-Show Activity

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

*Activity Requirements: paper, crayons or markers*  
*15-20 minutes*

The first story takes place in the jungle, where the lion and mouse live. What does the jungle look like? Who else lives there? Think of another animal that lives in the jungle and give them a name. What do they do all day? Who are their friends?

Draw or discuss what you think the jungle looks like, and what other animals live there - including your own special animal.

THE NEW KID

*Activity Requirements: paper, crayons or markers*  
*15-20 minutes*

You have thought up your own jungle, and the animals that live there. Now imagine what happens when a new animal comes to the jungle. WHY are they moving there? WHO do they run into? WHAT will happen next? Make sure your story has a BEGINNING, MIDDLE, and END.

Write your story down or draw a picture that you can describe to someone.

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#### POP QUIZ!

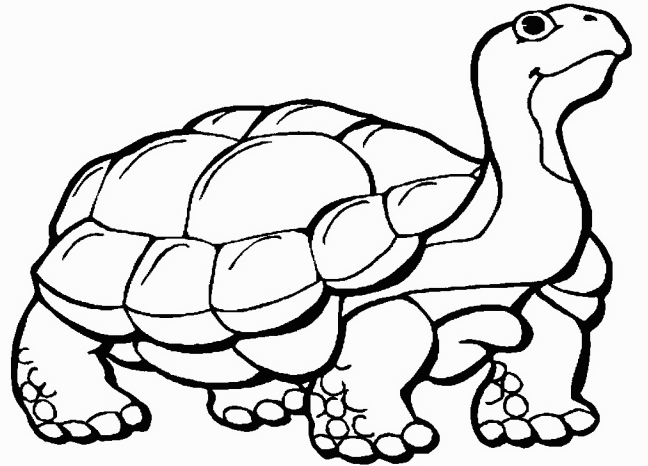
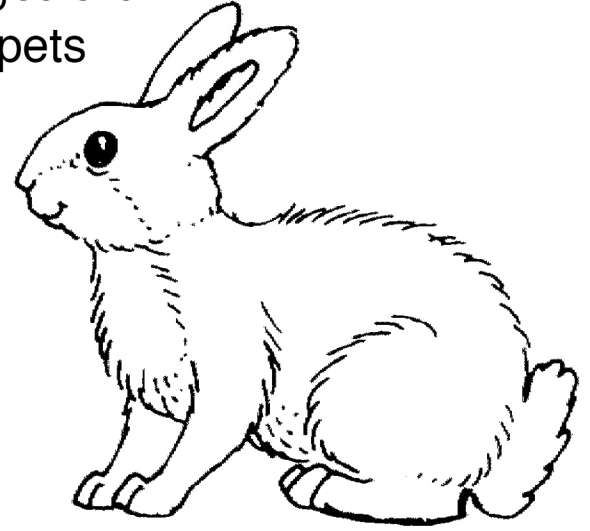
- Who won the race?
- Who saved the Lion from the net?
- Did the tortoise eat a big breakfast?
- What animals are now friends?

#### BIG AND SMALL

The Mouse saves the Lion, even though the Mouse is small.  
What are some things that only small animals can do?

#### PREPARATION

The tortoise wins the race because they were prepared.  
What do you do every morning to get prepared for the day?



### Post-Show Activities

#### ANOTHER RACE

*Activity Requirements: paper, crayons or markers.*  
*15-20 minutes*

The Hare lost the race, but they're not done racing! The Hare decides to race against a different animal. What animal should they race against? Is it a fast or slow animal? What does this animal do to be prepared?

Create a story about a new race between the Hare and the new animal. What happens first? What happens during the race? Who will win? Think of a story that has a BEGINNING, MIDDLE, and END.

Draw or discuss your own original ideas for the race, and then share it with your group.

#### ANIMALS NEED HELP

*Activity Requirements: variety of art materials*  
*15-20 minutes*

The Lion and the Mouse teamed up to go help some animals. They immediately found an animal who needed their help! What animal needs help, and why do they need help? How do the Lion and Mouse help them? What does the animal say? Think of a story that has a BEGINNING, MIDDLE, and END.

Draw or discuss a scene showing what happens, and share it with your group.