

Saint Francis And The Wolf

Saint Francis was the son of a rich merchant. He lived in Assisi (Italy) Francis was a kind person. He looked after the sick and helped the poor people.

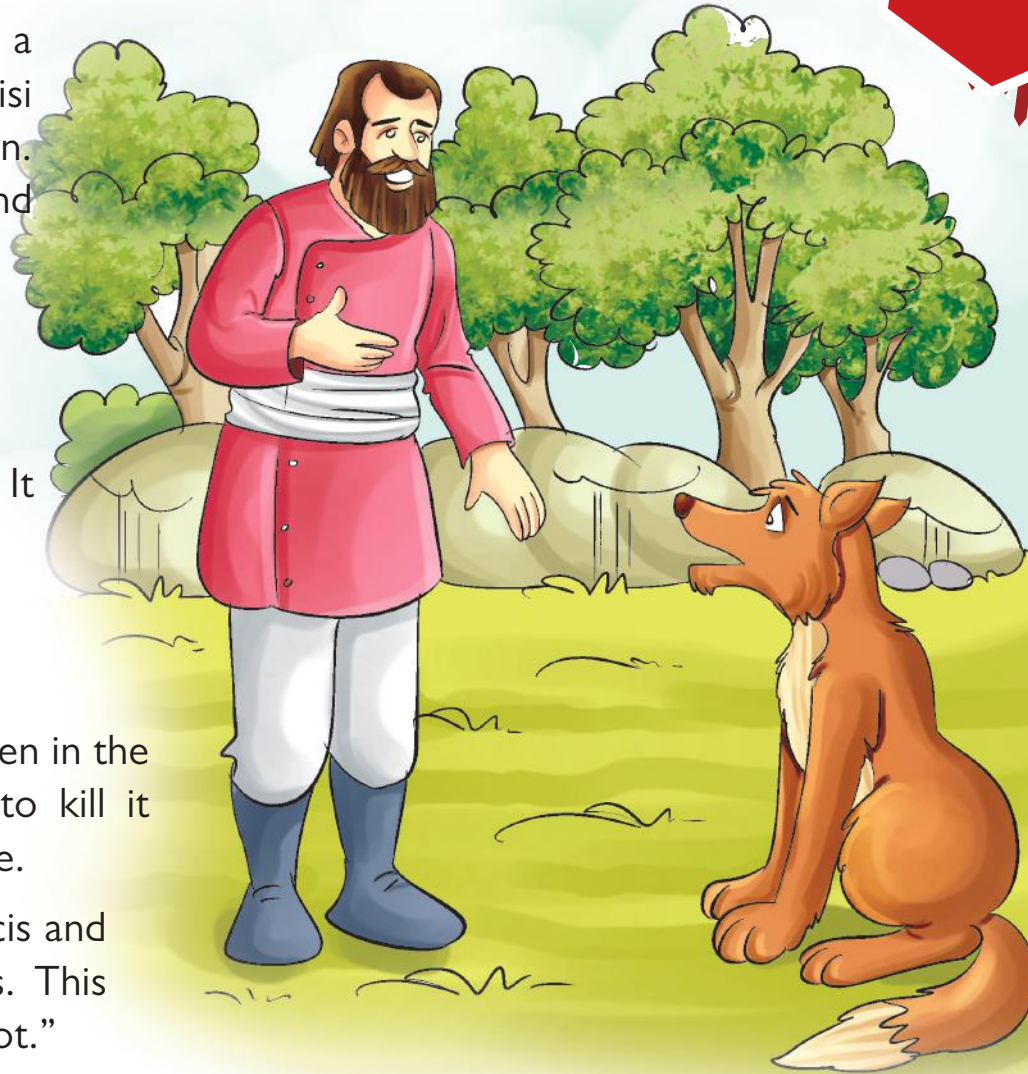
One day, Saint Francis was passing through a village called Gubbio. There was a savage wolf living near it. It would kill the hens, the ducks and the sheep of the villagers. All the people of the village were very frightened of it. Once the wolf **attacked** two men in the village. The villagers wanted to kill it but the wolf **escaped** everytime.

The villagers ran to Saint Francis and said, “Brother, please help us. This wicked wolf is troubling us a lot.”

Saint Francis said, “Good people, don’t be afraid. I’ll do something to help you.”

Then the Saint went into the forest near the village. He went alone. He did not take a knife, an axe or a stick with him.

He found the wolf in a cave. He spoke lovingly to it, “Brother Wolf, you have done many wrong and **cruel** actions. You have troubled the villagers of Gubbio for a long time. You have killed thier hens, ducks and sheep. You have even



attacked the people there. It is bad you to do so. I know that hunger has made you do all these wrong actions. If I ask the villagers to give you some food everyday, will you stop attacking them and killing their animals?"

The wolf looked at Saint Francis. It lifted a paw and put it in the Saint's hand. The Saint held it. Then he put it gently on the ground and *patted* it on its head. Then

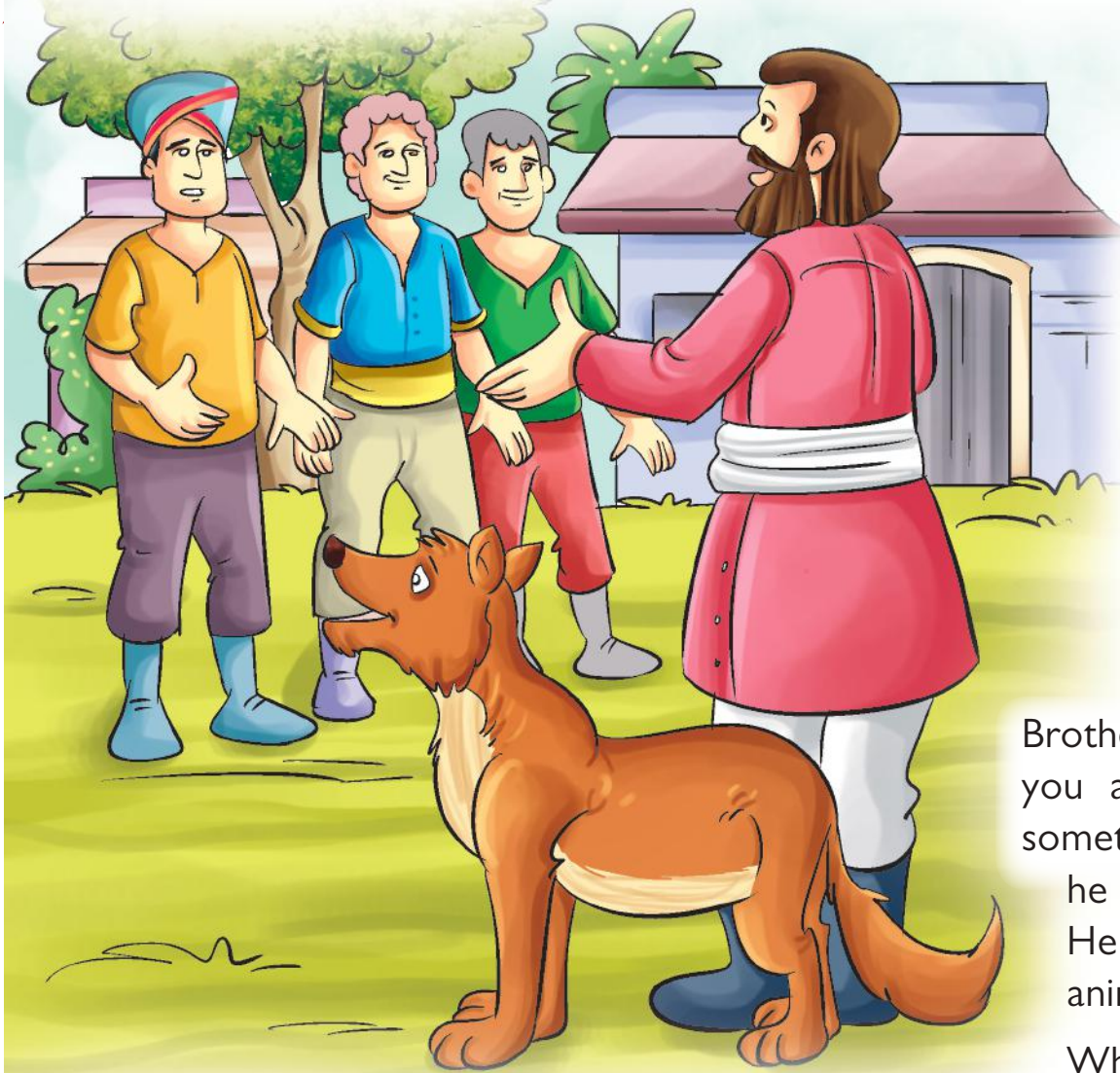
Saint Francis walked down from the forest to the village. The wolf walked slowly behind him.

When the villagers saw them, they were frightened and ran away.

Saint Francis called out to them, "Don't run away. Don't be afraid. Now, Brother Wolf will not trouble you again. If you give him something to eat everyday, he will never attack you. He will never kill your animals."

When they heard the calm words of Saint Francis, the people of village were not frightened any more. They came out of their houses. The terrible wolf had become Brother Wolf. He lived in the village for a long time. Everybody loved him and played with him. They gave him food everyday. The wolf was very happy.

Saint Francis had changed the savage wolf into a kind animal by showing him love and kindness.



Word Treasure

attacked : tried to kill

cruel : something which causes pain

escaped : ran away

patted : give a push lovingly



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

- Saint Francis was the son of a rich _____.
a. farmer b. landlord c. merchant
- He found the _____ in a cave.
a. lion b. tiger c. wolf
- They came out of their :
a. caves b. class c. houses
- _____ walked slowly behind the Saint Francis.
a. A villager b. A wolf c. A merchant
- The people of village _____ him and played him.
a. hate b. anger c. loved

B. Who said the following dialogues to whom :

- Don't afraid, Now, Brother wolf will not trouble you again.
- This wicked wolf is troubling us a lot.
- You have done many wrong and cruel actions.
- He will never kill your animals.

C. Match the column 'A' with column 'B' to make suitable statements :

Column 'A'

- The wolf
- Give him something
- The dangerous way
- You have attacked

Column 'B'

- was now brother wolf.
- their hens, duck and sheep.
- lifted his paw
- to eat everyday

D. Answer the following questions :

1. Who was Saint Francis?
2. Where was he born?
3. Why were did the villagers afraid of wolf?
4. What does this story teach?
5. What did the Saint Francis say to all the villagers ?

Fun with Words

E. Choose the word with the correct spelling in each set. Then write it in the blank :

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|-------------|----------|-------|
| 1. writting | writing | _____ |
| 2. pencil | pensil | _____ |
| 3. frend | friend | _____ |
| 4. gardener | gardner | _____ |
| 5. elefant | elephant | _____ |

Essential Grammar

F. Fill in the blanks with 'was' or 'were' and the verb given in help box. Add -ing to the verb :

weep, bark, sit, comb, tease, afraid, tease, sit, chase

1. The puppies were **barking** for food.
2. The girl _____ her hair.
3. The monkey _____ the tiger.
4. The old people _____ on benches in the park.
5. The dog _____ the cat this morning.
6. The little boy _____ in the room.
7. The villager _____ to see the wolf.
8. The girls _____ on the bench.

Essential Writing

G. Complete the 'thank you' note the villagers wrote to Saint Francis after saved them from the savage wolf. Use the phrases given below to fill in the blanks :

attack our people
 kill and eat our animals
 saving us from the savage wolf
 the dreaded wolf has become
 Dear Brother Francis

for visiting our village
 please come tomorrow evening
 stepping out of our houses

We want to thank you _____ and _____. It used to
 _____ and _____. We were afraid of _____.
 Our life become very difficult. Because of you _____ our friend.
 _____ to our chief's house for dinner we are organizing in your honour.
 Sincerely
 The people of Gubbio

Essential Speaking

F. Each word in column A rhymes with a word in Column B. Say all the words. Then write the correct rhyming word in front of each word in column A :

Column A

1. water _____
2. grow _____
3. tight _____
4. veil _____
5. coo _____
6. learn _____

Column B

- a. moo
- b. burn
- c. crow
- d. sale
- e. write
- f. daughter

Use this table to decode the animals' names :

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O

16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

23	15	12	6	
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