

THE REAL STORY OF THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

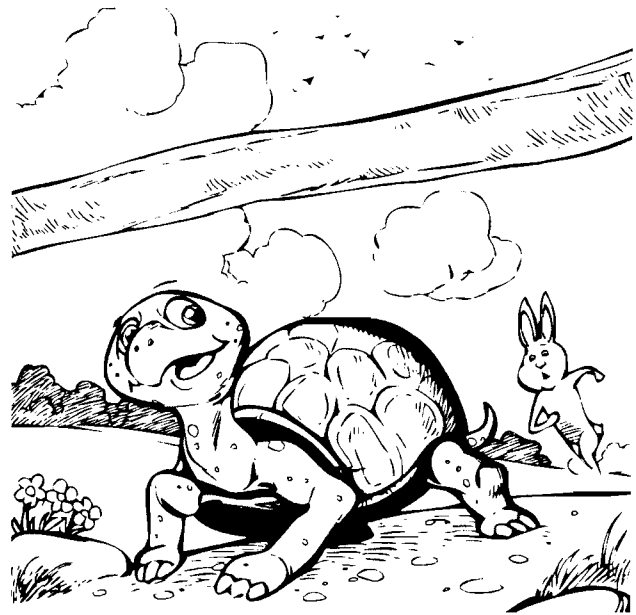
Was the Hare overconfident or was he just being a good friend?

Characters: Forest Animals (as many as desired) Hare, Tortoise, Fox, Narrator

Forest Animals: (chanting)
Pokey tortoise! Pokey tortoise!
Can't see where he's going without his glasses. Slowpoke! Slowpoke! He moves slower than spilled molasses.

Tortoise: I am not *always* slow. I could win a race with Hare if I *wanted* to.

Fox: Beat Hare in a race? Nobody can beat Hare in a race.



Forest Animals: Tortoise brags, Tortoise brags. But in a race, Tortoise lags!

Narrator: Hare overheard the animals teasing Tortoise and felt sorry for the poor fellow. Since Hare knew HE could run faster than anyone, he didn't have to prove it. So he decided to challenge Tortoise to a race and let the poor fellow win. Maybe then the teasing would stop.

Hare: You say you could beat me in a race? I am so fast that no one can beat me. If you think you can, why don't you try? Here is the starting line. We will race down the road, around the bend and past the cabbage field to the bottom of the hill.

Fox: Get Ready, Get set, GO!

Hare: I will fly like a rocket down the road, around the bend and out of sight before Tortoise takes his first step. Then I'll settle down for a nap.

Tortoise: I'm afraid I did too much talking. Now all I can do is keep on walking.

Forest Animals: Did you hear Tortoise brag? As a racer he's a drag!