

Autobiography Writing Topics

SCIENCE, ASTRONOMY, AND SPACE EXPLORATION TOPICS

1. The Autobiography of an Aeroplane
2. The Autobiography of an Alien
3. The Autobiography of an Asteroid
4. The Autobiography of a Black Hole
5. The Autobiography of the Earth
6. The Autobiography of an Extra-terrestrial Life Form
7. The Autobiography of the Milky Way Galaxy
8. The Autobiography of the International Space Station
9. The Autobiography of ISRO
10. The Autobiography of the Planet Jupiter
11. The Autobiography of the Moon
12. The Autobiography of Pluto
13. The Autobiography of the Sun
14. The Autobiography of the BrahMos Missile
15. The Autobiography of Time
16. The Autobiography of the Voyager Spacecraft
17. The Autobiography of a Wormhole

ANIMALS TOPICS

18. The Autobiography of a Horse
19. The Autobiography of a St. Bernard Dog
20. The Autobiography of a Sheep Dog
21. The Autobiography of an Elephant
22. The Autobiography of a Camel
23. The Autobiography of a Donkey
24. The Autobiography of a Tiger
25. The Autobiography of a Crocodile
26. The Autobiography of a Cobra
27. The Autobiography of a Buffalo
28. The Autobiography of a Pariah Dog
29. The Autobiography of a Cat
30. The Autobiography of a Dinosaur
31. The Autobiography of a Giraffe
32. The Autobiography of a Jaguar
33. The Autobiography of a Mongoose
34. The Autobiography of a Caged Monkey

BIRDS, INSECTS AND OTHER CREATURES TOPICS

35. The Autobiography of a Bee
36. The Autobiography of an Ant
37. The Autobiography of a Hawk
38. The Autobiography of a Fish (Salmon)
39. The Autobiography of a Spider
40. The Autobiography of a Seagull
41. The Autobiography of a Kingfisher
42. The Autobiography of a Caterpillar and Butterfly
43. The Autobiography of a Crow
44. The Autobiography of an Owl
45. The Autobiography of a Parrot
46. The Autobiography of a Cockroach
47. The Autobiography of an Earthworm
48. The Autobiography of a Mosquito
49. The Autobiography of a Peacock
50. The Autobiography of a Scorpion
51. The Autobiography of a Woodpecker

INANIMATE OBJECTS TOPICS

52. The Autobiography of a Watch
53. The Autobiography of a Computer
54. The Autobiography of a Robot
55. The Autobiography of a Motor-car
56. The Autobiography of a Steamship
57. The Autobiography of a Tractor
58. The Autobiography of a Child's Toy
59. The Autobiography of a Rifle
60. The Autobiography of a Television
61. The Autobiography of a Book
62. The Autobiography of a Ceiling Fan
63. The Autobiography of a Laptop
64. The Autobiography of a Mobile
65. The Autobiography of a Painting
66. The Autobiography of a Pen
67. The Autobiography of a School Bag
68. The Autobiography of an Umbrella

ENVIRONMENT, LANDSCAPES AND LANDMARKS TOPICS

69. The Autobiography of a Rose Tree
70. The Autobiography of a River
71. The Autobiography of a House
72. The Autobiography of a Piece of Coal
73. The Autobiography of a Coconut Tree
74. The Autobiography of a Banyan Tree
75. The Autobiography of a Super Market
76. The Autobiography of an Airport
77. The Autobiography of a Stadium
78. The Autobiography of a Brook
79. The Autobiography of a Jail
80. The Autobiography of a Mountain
81. The Autobiography of a Pond
82. The Autobiography of a Pothole
83. The Autobiography of a School
84. The Autobiography of Water
85. The Autobiography of Wind

CONTEMPORARY AND NICHE TOPICS

86. The Autobiography of a Euro
87. The Autobiography of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus
88. The Autobiography of the Corona Virus
89. The Autobiography of the Gateway of India
90. The Autobiography of the Mahad Bridge
91. The Autobiography of the Pamban Bridge
92. The Autobiography of the Panshet Dam
93. The Autobiography of the Samjhauta Express
94. The Autobiography of the Suez Canal
95. The Autobiography of the Taj Mahal
96. The Autobiography of the Thar Desert
97. The Autobiography of the Inchcape Rock
98. The Autobiography of the Shaniwar Wada
99. The Autobiography of the Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
100. The Autobiography of the Titanic
101. The Autobiography of the Town of Dhanushkodi

EXAM POPULAR TOPICS

102. The Autobiography of an Apple Tree
103. The Autobiography of a Travelling Bag

104. The Autobiography of a Clock
105. The Autobiography of a Coin
106. The Autobiography of a Chair
107. The Autobiography of a Christmas Tree
108. The Autobiography of a Dress
109. The Autobiography of an Eraser
110. The Autobiography of an Eagle
111. The Autobiography of an Empty Classroom
112. The Autobiography of an English Textbook
113. The Autobiography of a Stock
114. The Autobiography of a Flag
115. The Autobiography of a Fish
116. The Autobiography of a Great Indian Bustard
117. The Autobiography of a Guitar
118. The Autobiography of a Ground
119. The Autobiography of a Hundred Rupee Note
120. The Autobiography of a Cycle
121. The Autobiography of Ganga River
122. The Autobiography of Howrah Bridge
123. The Autobiography of a Lion
124. The Autobiography of a Broken Bicycle
125. The Autobiography of a Pencil
126. The Autobiography of a Question Paper
127. The Autobiography of a Uniform
128. The Autobiography of Water

EXTRA TOPICS

129. The Autobiography of Qutub Minar
130. The Autobiography of a Brown Buffalo
131. The Autobiography of Black Hawk
132. The Autobiography of Death
133. The Autobiography of Eve
134. The Autobiography of Planet Mars
135. The Autobiography of Coat
136. The Autobiography of Mumbai Pune Expressway
137. The Autobiography of Bandra Worli Sea-link
138. The Autobiography of a Metropolitan City
139. The Autobiography of Deccan Queen Express
140. The Autobiography of Wagah Border
141. The Autobiography of the State of Kashmir

142. The Autobiography of a Wind Turbine
143. The Autobiography of a Nuclear bomb
144. The Autobiography of Kabul Airport
145. The Autobiography of Dharavi
146. The Autobiography of an Old Age Home
147. The Autobiography of Kedarnath
148. The Autobiography of Mumbai Local
149. The Autobiography of Petrol
150. The Autobiography of PSLV

Essay Topics

1. Old Custom
2. The Kangaroo
3. School Games
4. Fairy Tales
5. Space Travel
6. The Pleasures of Reading
7. Popular Superstitions
8. The Use and Abuse of Leisure
9. Life in a large City : its Advantages and Disadvantages
10. Advertising: its Uses and Abuses
11. The Book you like Best
12. Travel as a part of Education
13. My Role Model
14. The Best Way of Spending Holidays
15. The Telephone
16. The Cell Phone
17. The Pager
18. The Narmada
19. Traffic Jams
20. Your Favourite Hobbies
21. Counselling in Schools
22. The Importance of the Study of Geography
23. No Man is a Judge of his own Merits
24. Safety First
25. The Use and Abuse of Strikes
26. Scouting for Boys
27. The Uses of Paper
28. India in the new millennium
29. Hijacking of an Aeroplane
30. My greatest wish
31. The influence of Cable Television Network in India
32. The Cyber Revolution
33. Nuclear disarmament
34. A Metro Rail Station
35. A Wet Day
36. The Uses of Rubber
37. A Visit to a Place of Historic Interest

38. India in 2020
39. Should boys learn to cook?
40. Is life for us better than it was for our forefathers?
41. The Olympic Games
42. Is life in the city preferable to life in the country?
43. Street hawkers
44. Should games be compulsory for schoolboys?
45. An important day in my life
46. How you hope to continue your education when you leave school
47. What do you think is the most enjoyable month of the year? Say why you think so
48. "Playing the game"
49. Examination day
50. Good manners
51. How to keep fit
52. The conquest of the air
53. Ghosts and ghost stories
54. An Excursion
55. The dream I should like to have
56. Milk
57. My greatest wish
58. Fresh air
59. Pocket money
60. My country
61. Aeroplanes
62. The care of the teeth
63. Our duty to the backward communities in our country
64. Some desirable improvements in your home town
65. An English dictionary
66. Walking tours
67. The influence of the cinema
68. Electricity in the service of man
69. The Influence of Television on our Lives
70. The value and purpose of a school debating society
71. The housing of the working classes
72. "The man who will succeed in life is he who can adapt himself easily."
73. Some wonders of modern science
74. The educational possibilities of "broadcasting."
75. "Gluttony kills more than a sword."
76. The fascination of a great city.

Story Writing from an Outline

1. The Salt Merchant and His Donkey

Salt merchant . . . had a donkey who carried heavy loads of salt on its back . . . donkey had to cross a stream to transport the salt to other villages . . . once the donkey slipped in water . . . salt dissolved in water . . . load became lighter . . . donkey felt happy . . . repeated the process of falling in water every day to lessen the burden . . . merchant suspected the donkey's evil intentions . . . planned to teach it a lesson . . . loaded cotton on donkey's back . . . as donkey fell in water cotton became heavy . . . donkey repented his actions . . . Moral.

2. The Frogs Who Desired a King

Frogs tired of self-governing . . . asked Jupiter to give them a king . . . Jupiter threw them a log and said that should be their king . . . frogs terrified . . . later encouraged by its stillness . . . disrespect for such a king . . . asked Jupiter to give them a better king . . . Jupiter threw a crane . . . Frogs admired its beauty . . . but, the crane ate every frog . . . Moral

3. The Crows and the Mean Snake

Crows lived on a tree . . . a snake lived in the hollow of the tree . . . it used to eat up the crow's young ones . . . crows worried . . . went to a witty jackal . . . did as jackal suggested . . . stole a necklace of a queen . . . dropped it into the snake's hole . . . the queen's men traced it . . . dug into the hole . . . snake killed . . . Moral.

4. The Lazy King

Lazy king . . . liked to eat and sleep all the time . . . became inactive . . . doctor called to cure him . . . minister of king met a Sadhu . . . Sadhu offered to cure the king . . . called the king to his hut on foot . . . king did as he was told . . . walked all the way to the hut . . . started sweating . . . Sadhu gave iron ball to the king and asked him to do exercise with it every day . . . king did as he was told . . . lost weight . . . got cured . . . Moral

5. Slow and Steady Wins the Race

A rabbit . . . proud of his fast speed . . . saw a slow tortoise . . . made fun of the his speed . . . the tortoise kept his peace . . . agreed to run a race with the rabbit . . . the rabbit shot off from the starting . . . tortoise not in sight . . . the rabbit fell asleep under a tree . . . tortoise moved on steadily . . . tortoise gradually crossed the rabbit . . . got far away from the rabbit . . . when the rabbit woke up it was too late to win . . . the tortoise won the race . . . Moral.

6. Where Love is, There is God Also

Martin . . . a cobbler . . . his son died . . . no interest in life . . . a religious man reminded that Martin couldn't judge God's ways . . . heard a voice . . . "Martin! Look out in the street tomorrow, for I shall come" . . . next morning an old man stood shivering in cold . . . Martin invited him inside . . . offered tea . . . no one came . . . next morning a poor woman stood with a baby in arms . . . Martin gave her his bed, food and cabbage soup . . . Martin kept on waiting but no one came . . . in a dream first saw the old man . . . then the woman with the child . . . Martin crossed himself . . . the Lord had really come to him . . . Moral.

7. God Sees the Truth, But Waits

In Vladimir lived a young merchant Aksyonof . . . going to Nizhny Fair . . . met a merchant at the inn . . . stayed in the adjoining rooms . . . next morning he was arrested . . . blood-stained dagger found . . . remained in prison for 26 years in Siberia . . . one day a new prisoner Makar came . . . from his talks and movements Aksyonof was sure that Makar killed the merchant . . . Makar dug a tunnel . . . asked Aksyonof to go out . . . the tunnel discovered . . . Aksyonof didn't tell anything about Makar's conspiracy . . . Makar came to Aksyonof at night . . . wept . . . confessed his guilt to the police . . . Aksyonof died before he could be released . . . Moral.

8. We'll See

Old farmer . . . has just one horse . . . horse dies . . . people feel sorry for the farmer . . . the farmer maintains his calm . . . says 'we'll see' . . . neighbours gift him a new horse . . . people think he is lucky . . . he says 'we'll see' . . . horse runs away . . . people say he is unlucky . . . he says 'we'll see' . . . horse returns with two more horses . . . people say he is lucky . . . he says 'we'll see' . . . his son rides the horse, falls and breaks his leg . . . people feel pity for him . . . farmer says 'we'll see' . . . army come to recruit young people . . . farmer's son spared . . . people say he is fortunate . . . farmer says 'we'll see' . . . Moral.

9. An Apple Tree

Apple tree in a house . . . small boy plays around it . . . grows up . . . has no time to play with the tree . . . tree feels sad . . . boy comes back after many years . . . asks tree to give him money for toys . . . tree asks boy to pick apples and sell them . . . boy is happy and goes . . . doesn't return for many years . . . tree sad . . . after few years boy comes again . . . tree becomes happy . . . boy asks for house to live in . . . tree tells him to cut wood from its branches and make a house . . . boy takes wood and again doesn't return for a few years . . . after many years comes back and asks for a place to rest . . . tree offers roots as a resting place . . . tree compared to parents . . . parents always ready to give . . . selfish children always ready to take.

10. The King and the Foolish Monkey

King . . . had a pet monkey . . . monkey was a fool . . . he was treated royally . . . was allowed to go wherever he liked . . . allowed entry in king's personal rooms . . . forbidden even for his confidential servants . . . one afternoon king tired . . . slept . . . monkey guarding the king . . . fly came in and sat on king's chest . . . monkey swayed but it didn't move . . . monkey angry . . . chased with a sword . . . fly sat on king's chest again . . . monkey furious . . . hit with his might . . . king's nose badly wounded . . . monkey thrown out of the palace . . . Moral.

11. Tenali Raman Story: The Roots of Rasgulla

A king . . . ruled Vijay Nagar . . . affluent merchant from Middle Eastern country came to see the city . . . the king happy . . . gave a room in his palace to live . . . the merchant enjoyed the culture, dance and food . . . ate various dishes and desserts every day . . . was served Rasgulla, the delicacy of the city and the king's favorite dish . . . the merchant loved it . . . thought it was a fruit . . . dreamed of becoming rich by selling the fruit in his country . . . asked for the roots of its plant . . . the chef confused . . . told the problem to the king . . . king also confused . . . asked his courtiers, "What is the root of Rasgulla?" . . . courtiers confused . . . Tenali Raman in the court . . . promised the king to bring the roots of Rasgulla the next day . . . king confused but agreed . . . all the courtiers astonished . . . the very next day, Tenali Raman brought sugarcane in the bowl . . . king pleased . . . the merchant ate sugarcane with enthusiasm . . . "Sugarcane is the root of Rasgulla" said Tenali Raman.

12. A Field of Gold

A servant of Akbar cleaning Akbar's room . . . breaks the king's favourite vase . . . terrified . . . takes the pieces and goes off . . . Akbar notices the missing vase . . . asks the servant about the vase . . . servant says, "I have taken it with me for better cleaning." . . . Akbar asks to bring the vase back . . . the servant tells king the truth . . . broken vase . . . Akbar punishes him for lying . . . tells this story in the court . . . all the courtiers justify king's decision . . . Birbal quiet . . . courtiers claim that they have never spoken lies . . . Birbal still quiet

. . . Akbar asks Birbal, "Have you ever spoken a lie?" . . . Birbal answers that he tells lies many a times . . . Akbar furious . . . removes Birbal from the court . . . Birbal plans of an idea . . . takes a golden stalk to the king and says if we sow this stalk, it will raise gold . . . king astonished . . . they go to the most fertile soil . . . Akbar orders Birbal to sow the stalk . . . Birbal tells that only people who have not told lies can sow the stalk to raise gold . . . Akbar asks his courtiers to sow the stalk . . . no one comes forward . . . Birbal suggests Akbar to sow the stalk . . . Akbar speechless . . . realizes his mistake . . . Moral.

13. A Bundle of Sticks

A farmer . . . had four sons . . . sons always fighting among themselves . . . father angry . . . planned to teach lesson . . . gave a bundle of sticks . . . asked to break the bundle into pieces . . . all failed . . . father opened the bundle . . . gave one stick to each . . . asked to break the stick . . . all succeeded . . . Moral.

14. The Fisherman and Jinn

A poor fisherman . . . used to cast his net only four times . . . one day, cast his net . . . found in it the carcass of an ass . . . second time came a jar full of mud and sand . . . third time came broken jars and pots . . . last time came a bottle with Solomon's seal . . . fisherman happy . . . could sell the seal for 10 gold coins . . . rose a cloud from the bottle . . . a Jinn appeared . . . threatened to kill the fisherman . . . the fisherman scared . . . pleaded that he had liberated him . . . Jinn stubborn . . . fisherman thought of a plan to get saved . . . asked how such a huge Jinn could enter the bottle . . . the Jinn entered the bottle to show . . . fisherman sealed bottle again . . . Jinn trapped . . . pleaded . . . fisherman took the bottle and threw it deep into the sea . . . Moral.

15. Dharmabuddhi and Paapbuddhi

Two friends, Dharmabuddhi and Paapbuddhi . . . live happily . . . Paapbuddhi naive person . . . convinces his friend to take him foreign to earn money . . . both go foreign lands and come back with lots of money . . . they hide the money in a forest and take some money . . . one night, Paapbuddhi takes away all the hidden money . . . blames Dharmabuddhi for stealing it . . . quarrel . . . a court case . . . judge decides that the God of the forest is the witness . . . Paapbuddhi scared . . . requests his father to be the God and blame Dharmabuddhi . . . father agrees . . . they go to the forest . . . father hidden in the hollow of a tree . . . says Dharmabuddhi is at fault . . . Dharmabuddhi suspicious . . . throws a burning stick in the big tree . . . father comes down burning . . . says Paapbuddhi is guilty . . . Paapbuddhi arrested . . . Moral.

16. The Larks in the Cornfield

A lark with her babies . . . lives in a cornfield . . . keeps careful look on the wheat and the farmer . . . always tells her children to keep an eye on the wheat and farmer while collecting food . . . wheat gets riped one day . . . farmer invites neighbours to reap it . . . lark's babies hear this and inform their mother . . . babies excited to get moved . . . lark says that they will not . . . days later, the wheat gets much riped . . . farmer calls relatives to reap the wheat . . . babies inform their mother . . . mother does not agree to move . . . days later, farmer decides to reap the wheat himself . . . babies inform their mother . . . mother moves her house readily . . . Moral.

17. Tom and His Aunt

A naïve boy, Tom . . . he goes every day to see his aunt . . . one day, aunt gives a piece of cake . . . Tom happy . . . holds the cake in his fist . . . all scrunched up . . . only a fistful of cream bits left . . . mom curious . . . Tom says it is cake . . . Mom teaches the way to carry cake . . . says it should be wrapped in leaves, put inside a hat and the hat be worn . . . Tom nods his head . . . next day . . . aunt gives a piece of butter . . . Tom carries it in his hat . . . scorching weather melts the butter . . . his shirt stinks . . . mom asks what it is . . . Tom answers it to be butter . . . Mom says butter should be cooled down and carried in a closed container . . . aunt gives a puppy, the next day . . . Tom cools the puppy and then carries it in a closed container . . . puppy dies . . . mom angry . . . asks what it is . . . a puppy . . . puppy to be carried with a string tied around the its neck and dragged. . . Tom nods . . . receives a bread from aunt the next day . . . Tom carries it with a string . . .

. mom asks what it is . . . a bread . . . mom annoyed . . . she will not tell how to carry a bread . . . mom warns Tom about the pies on their doorstep . . . warns to be careful while passing . . . Tom ruins pies while crossing

18. The Retiring Carpenter

A fine carpenter . . . decides to retire . . . employer requests a last favour . . . carpenter agrees . . . does it with no enthusiasm and finesse . . . no interest in work . . . employer gives the keys of the building to the carpenter. . . says the house is a gift to the carpenter . . . carpenter shocked . . . repents . . . Moral.

19. The Hen That Laid Golden Eggs

A poor farmer . . . has a hen . . . farmer hard-working . . . one day, hen lays a golden egg . . . farmer astonished . . . dances in joy . . . sells the egg . . . hen lays a golden egg daily . . . farmer becomes rich . . . wants to be richest . . . cuts it to get all golden eggs . . . finds no gold . . . farmer sad . . . becomes poor again . . . Moral.

20. Who Killed the Thief?

A king . . . a man comes and says his brother died . . . king calms and asks for details . . . man says he was a thief and died while carrying a theft . . . king objects that what happened is right . . . man pleads for justice . . . requests that criminal should be punished . . . king agrees . . . asks what exactly happened . . . man narrates . . . brother gone to a merchant's house to steal jewellery. . . made a hole . . . wall fell . . . died . . . king calls for the merchant . . . merchant says he is innocent . . . the bricklayer is at fault for not building strong wall . . . king asks for bricklayer . . . bricklayer declares he is innocent . . . blames a woman with jingling anklets . . . says she would go many a times . . . king asks for the woman . . . woman says a goldsmith was delaying her order . . . king confused . . . asks for the goldsmith . . . goldsmith says he had to complete the order of a merchant . . . the merchant was the father of the man who first came . . . no one at fault . . . king announces the thief is responsible for his own death.

21. The Water-Carrier Who Ruled India for a Day

Two kings, Humayun and Sher Shah . . . both enemies . . . Sher Shah vexed to see Humayun living happily . . . planned to kill Humayun at night . . . a battle took place at night . . . Humayun riding on horse to escape . . . fell in water . . . drowning . . . water-carrier saved the king's life . . . king impressed . . . insisted that the water-carrier should be king for one day . . . water-carrier ruled India . . . ordered to cut pieces of his bag and use them as a currency for the day . . . Moral.

22. The Monkey and the Crocodile

A wise monkey . . . lives on a big mango tree with other monkeys . . . one day, meets a crocodile . . . gives ripe mangoes to the crocodile . . . they become close friends . . . monkeys on the tree warned the monkey . . . monkey ignorant . . . crocodile takes some mangoes for his wife . . . wife loves them . . . they eat happily . . . but, the wife is wicked . . . one day, asks crocodile where does he get these mangoes . . . crocodile tells about his friendship . . . the wife wants to eat the monkey's heart . . . she invites monkey for dinner . . . crocodile doesn't cooperate . . . wife stubborn. . . crocodile agrees. . . invites monkey for lunch. . . monkey loves it . . . monkey on crocodile's back . . . in the middle of the river the crocodile discloses wife's plan . . . monkey scared . . . monkey tells that his heart is hanging on the tree . . . crocodile back to the tree . . . monkey climbs again . . . tricks the crocodile and laughs . . . says 'heart is inside me' . . . friendship ends . . . Moral.

23. The Pact with the Sun

A girl, Saeeda . . . her mom seriously ill . . . general doctor advises to stay indoors with windows closed and to not eat spicy food . . . mom follows all the advice . . . but does not get cured . . . long time passes . . . neighbours support . . . they all decide to consult a specialist, though expensive . . . mom sells her jewelleryes

and sees a specialist . . . specialist advises to stay outdoors in bright sun and to eat healthy . . . allows little spicy food . . . mom follows specialist . . . but, the weather bad for some days . . . does not get cured . . . Saeeda distressed . . . pleads the Sun to come out . . . Sun agrees . . . mom gets cured . . . Moral.

24. Life is an Echo

A father . . . takes his son for hiking . . . on a mountain . . . son falls . . . shouts . . . hears back his voice . . . curious . . . thinks that someone is making fun . . . calls his father to punish the stranger . . . father explains the echo of mountain . . . Moral.

25. The Honest Woodcutter

Poor woodcutter . . . one day, cutting trees in a forest . . . axe falls in the river . . . river deep . . . weeps . . . River Goddess appears . . . woodcutter tells his problem . . . Goddess brings a golden axe . . . woodcutter says it is not his . . . refuses to take . . . Goddess brings silver axe . . . woodcutter refuses . . . Goddess brings his iron axe . . . woodcutter agrees to take iron axe . . . Goddess pleased by honesty . . . gives woodcutter all axes . . . woodcutter happy . . . Moral.

26. Father's Love

A father, Darius . . . his son, Zubaid . . . Zubaid seriously ill . . . Darius in tension . . . called many doctors . . . Darius pleaded God to take his own life instead of his son . . . Zubaid improved . . . opened eyes . . . Darius fell ill . . . died . . . Moral.

27. The Lioness and the Young Jackal

A lion and lioness . . . lived together in a forest . . . lion brought food every evening . . . one day, found no food . . . saw a baby jackal . . . brought it alive . . . lioness did not agree to kill him . . . kept as her third son . . . the cubs and jackal played together . . . cubs saw an elephant, one day . . . ran after it . . . jackal stopped them and went home . . . cubs thought he was scared . . . made fun of his in front of father . . . jackal angry . . . rebuked . . . the lioness calmed him . . . explained that he should go with other jackals . . . the jackal went to mix up with other jackals . . . Moral.

28. The Little Red Hen

A little red hen . . . very hard working . . . chickens also dedicated . . . hen's friends, a mongoose, a dog and a cat . . . all of them very lazy . . . one day, hen found a few grains of wheat . . . wanted to plant it . . . friends refused to help . . . hen planted it herself . . . wheat ripe . . . friends refused to harvest . . . hen did it herself . . . friends again refused to carry the wheat to the miller to grind it . . . hen did it herself . . . hard work . . . friends lazily refused to bake the bread . . . the hen did herself . . . bread's smell pleasing . . . all friends wanted it . . . hen refused because they did not help her . . . she ate it with her children . . . Moral.

29. The Elephant and the Tailor

An elephant . . . always passes by a tailor's shop . . . tailor kind . . . gives food to the elephant every day . . . one day, tailor angry with a customer . . . in a bad temper . . . elephant passes . . . tailor pricks with a needle instead of giving food . . . elephant dissatisfied . . . fills his trunk with dirty water . . . throws it all around in the tailor's shop . . . tailor dirty and clothes spoiled . . . Moral.

30. God Coming Home

An elderly lady . . . God promises her that He would visit her . . . lady happy . . . cleans and polishes . . . waits for God on her sofa . . . someone at the door . . . lady dances in joy . . . sees a poor woman at the door . . . angry . . . does not show mercy . . . sends her off . . . someone at the door again . . . elderly lady opens and sees a poor beggar . . . sends him off again . . . lady eagerly waiting . . . again, the doorbell rings . . . lady

really happy . . . sees a poor child begging . . . sends him off angrily . . . finally sleeps . . . she sees God in her dreams . . . God says “I came to you three times today, but, you did not let me in.” lady stunned . . . Moral.

31. The Lion and the Rabbit

A forest . . . a lion in it . . . lion kills animals randomly . . . many animals killed . . . animals gather . . . decide to give the lion one or two animals per day to kill and eat . . . lion agrees . . . animals roam fearlessly . . . one day, a rabbit’s turn . . . rabbit scared . . . takes a very long time to approach lion . . . lion furious . . . rabbit says he met another bold lion while coming . . . lion curious and decides to kill the other lion, his enemy . . . rabbit narrates the lion to a well . . . lion peeps . . . jumps in the well . . . Moral.

32. The Loyal Mongoose

A farmer lived with his wife . . . had a baby . . . looking for a pet . . . farmer found a mongoose while returning home . . . carried it home . . . asked his wife whether to keep it as a pet . . . wife suspicious but agreed . . . baby and mongoose best friends . . . wife went out to bring vegetables one day . . . baby sleeping . . . farmer remembered some work left . . . saw the mongoose guarding the sleeping baby . . . went to his farm without tension . . . wife returned . . . mongoose came running to the door to welcome . . . wife saw the mongoose with mouth full of blood . . . terrified . . . rebuked, “You wicked creature! You killed my baby!” . . . thinking that mongoose killed the baby, she killed the mongoose . . . threw the bag full of vegetables . . . went inside . . . saw a dead snake . . . baby crying . . . understood that the mongoose had saved her baby’s life . . . repented . . . Moral.

33. The Tale of Two Birds

A mother bird . . . her two young ones . . . in a forest . . . mother bird killed in storm . . . young birds saved . . . separated from each-other . . . each found a home . . . one landed in a cave of robbers . . . second one reached a rishi’s ashram . . . grew up . . . king came to the forest for hunting . . . saw a deer . . . ran after it . . . tired . . . sat near a cave . . . amazed to hear a voice of a bird ordering to rob the king . . . it was the bird that landed near the cave . . . king ran away on his horse . . . reached a rishi’s ashram . . . heard another voice of bird welcoming politely . . . confused . . . asked rishi about the birds . . . rishi explained everything . . . one is by the company one keeps . . . Moral.

34. The Talkative Tortoise

A tortoise . . . talkative . . . has two friends, swans . . . close friends . . . their lake about to dry up . . . swans tell tortoise to grab a stick in mouth and they will hold the stick in hands and take away tortoise to another lake . . . but, they warn that the tortoise must not utter a word . . . tortoise agrees . . . they do as planned . . . people astonished to see the swans carrying tortoise . . . tortoise unable to shut his mouth . . . speaks out, “Shut up!” . . . falls . . . dies . . . Moral.

35. The Iron-Eating Rats

A merchant named Lakshman . . . in debt . . . had weighing scales made from solid iron . . . really precious . . . Lakshman left the scales with a friend, Nanduka and went abroad. . . Nanduka really greedy . . . Lakshman came back from abroad . . . Nanduka denied giving scales . . . “rats ate them” . . . Lakshman realized his friend’s greediness . . . kept quiet . . . said he wanted to bath in a nearby river . . . asked Nanduka to send his son to carry bathing things and look after clothes . . . Nanduka sent his son happily . . . Lakshman hid his son in cave...Nanduka asked for his son . . . “Falcon took him away” . . . Nanduka angry . . . quarrel . . . court case . . . Judge asked “How can falcon lift a boy” . . . Lakshman replied “in the same way as rats ate iron” . . . judge understood everything . . . gave verdict in Lakshman’s favour . . . Lakshman returned his son, he returned scales . . . Moral

36. A Wolf in a Sheepskin

A wolf . . . hungry . . . sees sheep . . . wants to eat them . . . finds a sheepskin . . . puts it on . . . goes among the sheep . . . naïve sheep think it as a sheep . . . wolf eats some sheep every day . . . lives happily . . . shepherd catches the wolf to eat it himself . . . wolf dead . . . Moral.

37. Androclus and the Lion

A slave in Carthage . . . cruel master . . . slave wants to get rid of his master . . . runs away into a forest . . . sleeps that night in a cave . . . sound sleep . . . waked up by terrible roar . . . sees lion coming into cave . . . terrified . . . but lion quite gentle . . . shows his wounded paw . . . slave takes out a big thorn . . . lion grateful and wags his tail happily . . . slave and lion live together as friends . . . slave not afraid of the lion . . . soldiers searching for the slave . . . slave is caught by his master . . . condemned by judge to be thrown to lions . . . thousands of on-lookers . . . people laughing . . . slave brought out . . . lion rushes to attack him . . . but when he sees slave, lies down and licks his feet . . . the same lion . . . people astonished . . . governor sends for the slave . . . hears his story . . . frees slave and gives him the lion . . . Moral.

38. The Nobleman, the Fisherman and the Porter

Rich nobleman . . . gives a grand feast . . . delicious food . . . but no fish . . . nobleman wishes to have at least one fish . . . his steward tells him a fisherman has brought a fine fish . . . nobleman tells him to pay him his price . . . steward says his price is a hundred lashes . . . nobleman confused . . . sends for fisherman . . . fisherman confirms steward's report . . . nobleman agrees . . . fisherman quietly receives fifty lashes . . . then asks to stop . . . says, he has a partner to whom he promised half the price . . . "Who is he?", asked nobleman . . . fisherman says it is porter . . . continues that the porter refused to let him in if he did not agree to pay the half price . . . porter brought in and given the other fifty lashes . . . guests enjoy joke . . . nobleman rewards the fisherman . . . Moral.

39. The Tiger, Jackal and the Brahmin

A Brahmin . . . travelling through deadly forest . . . comes across a tiger caught in a trap . . . tiger begs the Brahmin to open the cage . . . Brahmin in pity does so . . . tiger knocks him down . . . Brahmin pleads for his life and says the tiger is ungrateful . . . tiger agrees that he may appeal to three things against tiger . . . Brahmin first asks a pipal tree . . . tree says all men are ungrateful . . . tree gives them shade and they cut its branches . . . Brahmin next asks the road . . . the road says that in return for its services men trample on it with heavy boots . . . Brahmin then asks a buffalo . . . buffalo says her master beats her and makes her turn a Persian wheel . . . Brahmin in despair . . . consults a jackal . . . jackal asks how tiger got into cage . . . tiger jumps in to show the jackal . . . jackal shuts cage and walks away with Brahmin . . . Moral.

40. The Stone on the Road

A king . . . distressed because of his lazy people . . . wants to teach them a lesson . . . he puts a big stone in the middle of a road one night . . . next day king watches from side . . . sees merchants pass and go round it . . . an officer driving in his carriage does the same . . . a young soldier comes riding, does the same . . . all curse the stone and blame the government for not removing it . . . then, in the evening, a girl comes . . . girl tired by working . . . notices the stone . . . removes it out of the road . . . sees an iron box under the stone . . . on the iron box, it was marked, "For the man who moves away the stone" . . . girl curious . . . opens the box . . . inside a purse . . . the purse full of money . . . girl rejoices . . . the people ashamed.

41. Baghdad Merchant and the Camel-Driver

Baghdad merchant . . . has expensive silk . . . about to go with a caravan to Damascus . . . suddenly falls ill . . . entrusts his bales of silk to a camel-driver . . . says he will go to Damascus as soon as he gets well . . . will pay camel-driver when he arrives . . . camel-driver agrees . . . waits in Damascus with the silk . . . no sign of the merchant . . . camel-driver tired . . . sells the silk for a large sum . . . shaves his beard, dyes his hair and dresses in fine clothes . . . Baghdad merchant at last arrives . . . searches whole Damascus for camel-driver . . . one day recognizes him . . . camel-driver pretends to be a merchant of Samarkand . . . they quarrel . . . Baghdad merchant brings him before the judge . . . judge decides he can do nothing, as there are no

witnesses . . . camel-driver happy . . . leaves court . . . judge suddenly calls out "Camel-driver!" . . . he stops and turns round . . . judge puts him in prison, and makes him pay money to Baghdad merchant . . . Moral.

42. A Purse of a Hundred Pieces of Gold

A miser . . . loses a purse of a hundred pieces of gold . . . in great distress . . . goes to town crier for advice . . . crier says he must offer a reward . . . offers reward of ten pieces of gold . . . the crier announces this . . . a few days later a farmer finds the purse . . . comes to the miser and returns it . . . miser counts the money . . . a hundred pieces of gold . . . thanks the farmer . . . the farmer asks for the reward . . . miser says there were a hundred and ten pieces in the purse, so the farmer has already taken his reward of ten pieces . . . they quarrel . . . farmer appeals to the judge . . . the judge hears the case, and asks for the purse . . . sees that it only holds a hundred pieces . . . decides it cannot be the miser's purse . . . so gives the purse to farmer . . . the miser overreaches out of greed . . . has to walk without any gold . . . Moral.

43. The Old Pipal Tree

A young man . . . goes abroad for business . . . accompanied part way by an old man . . . young man asks old man to keep Rs. 100 for him till he returns . . . old man agrees quickly and takes money . . . they part under a big pipal tree . . . young man continues his journey . . . old man is a palm reader and so sits under the tree . . . young man returns after months . . . asks old man to give his money back . . . old man says he never gave him any to keep . . . young man angry . . . they quarrel . . . takes him before judge . . . judge sends young man to summon tree to court as a proof . . . a long time away . . . judge asks old man, "Why is it too long to summon the tree?" . . . old man says tree is long way off . . . judge sees that the old man knows which tree it is . . . when young man returns, judge gives verdict in his favour . . . Moral.

44. The Loyal Nurse

A son is born to a Rajah . . . the mother dies in childbirth . . . king needs a nurse . . . a young mother with a son is chosen as nurse . . . she nurses both babies together . . . enemies of the Rajah plot to kill his son . . . they bribe the guards and get into the palace . . . the nurse is warned just in time . . . nurse quickly changes the children's dresses . . . leaves her own child dressed as prince and flies with real prince . . . enemies enter room and kill the nurse's baby, thinking it is the prince . . . so prince is saved . . . Rajah offers nurse rewards . . . she refuses them . . . kills herself . . . Rajah grieved . . . erects splendid tomb for the faithful nurse . . . Moral.

45. The Snake Named Mandvisha

An old lazy snake . . . could move in various patterns . . . wanted to find a way of getting food easily . . . one day, found an idea . . . went and sat on a nearby lake . . . lake full of frogs . . . snake acting sad . . . one frog asked what happened . . . snake said that he had bitten a son of Brahmin while chasing a frog . . . father had cursed the snake to carry frogs on back . . . the frog heard the story . . . told it to other frogs . . . frogs told it to the king . . . king glad . . . sits on the snake with other frogs . . . snake happy . . . trick worked . . . moved in various patterns . . . frogs enjoyed . . . next day . . . the snake sluggish . . . frogs asked what happened . . . snake said he was hungry . . . the king of frogs offered some frogs to eat . . . snake happy . . . ate a few frogs every day . . . got his food without any effort . . . Moral.

46. The Barber of Baghdad

Ali . . . a barber in Baghdad . . . Hassan, a wood-seller . . . Wood scarce in Baghdad . . . Hassan brings a load of wood on a donkey to Ali for sale . . . they bargain about the price . . . at last Hassan offers all the wood on the donkey's back for nominal price . . . Ali agrees . . . Hassan unloads the wood and gives it to Ali . . . Ali claims donkey's wooden saddles . . . Hassan protests . . . quarrel . . . Ali seizes saddle and drives Hassan away with blows . . . Hassan appeals to Khalif . . . Khalif gives him advice . . . some days later Hassan goes to Ali's shop . . . asks Ali to shave him and a friend for so much . . . Ali agrees . . . shaves Hassan first . . . Hassan then tells that his friend is outside waiting . . . Hassan fetches in his donkey . . . Ali refuses to shave donkey . . . drives Hassan away . . . Hassan reports to Khalif . . . Khalif sends for Ali . . . forces him to fulfil his bargain . . .

Ali has to shave Hassan's friend, the donkey, before all the courtiers . . . great laughter, and shame for Ali . . . Moral.

47. King Solomon and the Bees

King Solomon . . . noted for his wisdom . . . Queen of Sheba hears of his fame . . . comes to visit him . . . impressed by his wealth, palace and grandeur . . . wants to test the king's power of solving puzzles . . . shows him two garlands of flowers . . . one is real, the other artificial . . . asks, "Which is the real and which is the artificial one?" . . . courtiers puzzled . . . both garlands identical . . . Solomon silent . . . Queen feels triumphant . . . Solomon orders windows to be opened . . . bees fly in from garden . . . they buzz about the Queen . . . all settle on garland in her right hand . . . Solomon says the flowers in right hand real, in left hand artificial . . . Queen impressed with his wisdom . . . courtiers stunned . . . Moral.

48. The Tiger and the Golden Bangle

A tiger in a forest . . . kills an Indian lady travelling through the jungle . . . as he eats her body, he notices her gold bangle . . . keeps it as he thinks it may be useful . . . later hides himself by a pool . . . traveller comes to pool, dusty and tired . . . strips and bathes in cool water . . . sees the tiger in bushes watching him . . . terrified . . . tiger greets him . . . with a mild voice, says that he is pious and spends time in prayer . . . as a sign of goodwill, offers the traveller the golden bangle . . . traveller's greed overcomes his fear . . . crossed pool to take bangle . . . tiger springs on him and kills him.

49. The Inchcape Rock

A pirate . . . becalms near rocky coast . . . pirate sees bell fastened to dangerous submerged rock . . . asks what it is . . . is told it was placed there to warn sailors in storms . . . thinks it is useless . . . rows across in boat to rock . . . cuts the chain and sinks the bell . . . wind rises and they sail away . . . years after . . . pirate returns with enormous wealth . . . entire ship covered with jewels, gold and pearls . . . sea covered with fog and storm rising . . . pirate does not know where he is . . . pirate motivates his sailors to go on sailing . . . pirate terrified . . . a terrible crash . . . ship strikes on the same rock . . . as they go down the pirate realizes his ship wrecked on the same rock . . . pirate wishes he had left the bell alone . . . repents . . . Moral.

50. Tit for Tat

A jackal . . . wants crabs on the other side of a river . . . wonders how to get across . . . tells camel that there is sugarcane the other side . . . camel happy . . . agrees to carry him across in return for the information . . . they cross . . . jackal finishes his meal . . . plays trick on camel . . . runs round the fields howling . . . villagers rush out . . . see camel in sugarcane . . . beat him with sticks . . . camel runs to river . . . jackal jumps on his back . . . while crossing, camel asks jackal why he played him such a trick . . . jackal says he always howls after a good meal . . . camel replies he always takes a bath after a good meal . . . rolls in the river . . . jackal nearly drowned . . . Moral

51. The Blind Lady and a Greedy Doctor

An old lady . . . becomes blind . . . calls in a doctor . . . agrees to pay large fee only if completely cured . . . but no fee if not cured . . . the doctor comes to the lady's house every day . . . doctor loves lady's furniture . . . gets jealous . . . covets of lady's furniture . . . delays the cure . . . every day takes away some of her furniture . . . at last, cures her . . . demands his fees . . . lady refuses to pay, saying the cure is not complete . . . doctor angry . . . brings a court case . . . judge asks lady why she will not pay . . . she says sight not properly restored . . . she cannot see all her furniture . . . judge gives verdict in her favour . . . Moral.

52. The Tale of the Many-Times-Killed Hunchback

A tailor in Baghdad . . . met a hunchback . . . invited him to his house . . . his wife served fish . . . a large piece of fish stuck in hunchback's throat . . . hunchback died . . . tailor scared . . . the dead body to a Jewish

physician . . . set the dead man against the wall . . . the physician struck against hunchback's body . . . physician thought that the sick man died with his blow . . . placed the dead body in the terrace of his neighbour . . . a steward and a Muslim . . . the steward thought a thief was hiding . . . struck with a mallet . . . thought he killed the hunchback . . . took the body to market place . . . placed the dead hunchback there . . . soon came a Christian clerk in intoxication . . . struck him . . . the watchman handed him over to the governor . . . he was to be hanged . . . when the rope was put around his neck, came running the Muslim steward . . . confessed . . . the rope was put in his neck . . . when the Muslim steward was to be hanged, came the Jewish physician running . . . confessed and the rope was put around his neck . . . in the end came the tailor . . . the unique case was presented before the king . . . pleased that so many honest and sincere people in his kingdom . . . set all of them free . . . Moral.

53. The Patient Little Girl

A village . . . terrible famine in it . . . people and children starving . . . rich man . . . started to give bread to children . . . long queues in front of the camps . . . the queues broken . . . children fighting for food . . . a little girl in the queue . . . stood there patiently . . . got the smallest loaf of bread . . . the rich man rewarded with two coins in the bread . . . girl went to return them . . . man impressed by her honesty . . . gave two more coins . . . girl happy . . . Moral.

54. The Pied Piper of Hamelin

A town in Germany . . . full of rats . . . people tired . . . mayor set a reward for the person who rids the town of the rats . . . a strange young man . . . man pied-dressed . . . offers to get the town rid of rats . . . mayor gives him a chance . . . says he would give the reward after disappearing the rats . . . man agrees . . . plays a beautiful tune the next morning . . . all the rats come out . . . run after him . . . man puts all of them in the river . . . rats disappear . . . but, the mayor refuses to reward . . . says such deal never happened . . . man angry . . . next noon, man plays his pipe . . . people laughing . . . but, children come out and dance in the tune . . . many children . . . parents force to come back, but in vain . . . man hid all the children in a cave . . . two children saved . . . told to the town everything . . . town repented . . . got children back . . . rewarded the man . . . Moral.

55. The Boy Who Cried "Wolf!"

A boy ordered to look after sheep by villagers . . . villagers told to shriek out if a wolf happened to come . . . boy agreed . . . grazed sheep . . . the whole time in the pasture . . . bored . . . decides to fool villagers by shouting, "Wolf!" . . . shouted . . . villagers rushed . . . fooled . . . boy played the same trick again . . . villagers fooled again . . . villagers angry . . . a wolf came . . . boy shouted, but in vain . . . no one came . . . Moral.

56. The Rabbit, the Whale and the Elephant

A rabbit . . . very wise . . . hears an elephant and a whale talking of becoming kings . . . blushes . . . requests elephant to get his dear cow out of mud by pulling a rope . . . rabbit grabs a strong rope and ties around elephants trunk . . . requests the whale to do the same . . . ties the same rope to the whale's tail . . . asks both to pull . . . both pull each other . . . rabbit laughs . . . rope breaks . . . both find each other pulling . . . quarrel . . . Moral.

57. The Cunning Fox and the Foolish Crow

A crow steals a piece of bread . . . sits on a tree to eat it . . . bread in his beak . . . a hungry fox sees the crow . . . wishes to eat the piece of bread . . . adulates the crow's voice . . . begs to sing once . . . the crow caws . . . piece of bread falls down . . . fox gulps it . . . foolish crow . . . Moral.

58. The Fox and the Goat

A fox . . . thirsty . . . searches for water . . . finds a well . . . peeps to drink water . . . falls . . . drowning . . . a goat comes . . . looks into the well . . . fox says he is enjoying the water . . . asks the goat to come in . . . goat jumps . . . the fox climbs up the goat and comes out . . . goat drowning . . . Moral.

59. The Stork and the Crab

An old stork . . . cannot catch fish . . . one day, struck with an idea . . . sat sadly near the lake . . . a crab asks about the matter . . . stork says a famine will occur and the lake will dry up . . . worried . . . says some soothsayers say so . . . all crabs and fish hear the news . . . stork responds that there is a way to escape . . . a lake nearby . . . all creature present there agree . . . creatures cannot get out of water . . . stork suggests, "I will carry some of you in my beak and quickly fly over the other lake. You all will reach safely." . . . fish and other animals agree . . . stork takes some fish . . . goes to a deserted place and eats them . . . takes the crab too . . . brings to the deserted place . . . reveals the truth . . . crab bites in stork's neck . . . stork dead . . . crab returns . . . Moral.

60. Shooting the Bird's Eye

Guru Dronacharya . . . saw Arjuna practising archery at night . . . impressed . . . next day, selected a tree in forest . . . placed a wooden bird on a bare branch . . . ordered the Pandavas to hit the bird in the eye . . . Yudhishthir stepped forward . . . "Can you see me?" asked Dronacharya . . . "Yes" replied Yudhishthir . . . Dronacharya asked him to put down the bow . . . next prince . . . Dronacharya asked the same question and got the same reply . . . each prince replied the same . . . asked to retire from the competition . . . finally came Arjuna . . . "Arjuna, do you see me?" asked Dronacharya . . . "I see only my target," said Arjuna . . . Arjuna hit the bird's eye . . . Moral.

61. The Foolish Stork and the Crab

A tree . . . lots of stork families in it . . . a snake in the hollow . . . eats away all the babies of storks . . . one day, a stork sees this and sits sadly near a lake . . . a crab asks about the matter . . . stork tells about the snake . . . crab seems to be sad . . . wicked . . . suggests to leave a piece of dead fish in the hollow . . . a mongoose will come running and will eat away the snake . . . stork agrees . . . does so . . . mongoose comes . . . eats the snake and storks . . . storks dead . . . crab happy . . . Moral.

62. Eklavya's Loyalty

Eklavya . . . adores Guru Dronacharya . . . perfect in archery . . . but, Guru Dronacharya refuses to teach him . . . loves Arjuna . . . Eklavya makes a statue of Dronacharya through mud and sand . . . practises archery in front of it . . . gets better . . . Dronacharya and Arjuna, once, walking past Eklavya's house . . . a dog barking . . . Eklavya hits in its mouth . . . Dog not killed but definitely harmed . . . Arjuna and Dronacharya surprised by archery . . . sees Eklavya . . . Dronacharya praises him . . . Dronacharya asks for gurudakshina . . . asks for Eklavya's thumb for giving knowledge . . . Dronacharya's evil intentions . . . Eklavya gives away his thumb . . . still practises archery . . . Moral.

63. How Squirrel Got Its Stripes

Lord Rama . . . his army building a bridge to cross the river to defeat Ravana . . . many moneys working . . . a little squirrel carrying pebbles to help Lord Rama . . . a monkey notices . . . makes fun . . . all monkeys laugh . . . one monkey pushes the squirrel . . . squirrel goes far away . . . falls right in the hands of Lord Rama . . . Rama caresses her . . . Rama explains the monkeys . . . monkeys ashamed . . . squirrel continues her work . . . Moral.

64. Birbal Identifies the Thief

A rich merchant . . . gifted a golden necklace to his wife . . . wife happy . . . necklace lost . . . both sad . . . went to Emperor Akbar . . . Akbar ordered Birbal to solve the case . . . Birbal grabbed some sticks . . . gave to

all the servants of the merchant . . . said the thief's stick will get longer by an inch till the next morning . . . next day, all the sticks same except one . . . one of them shorter by one inch . . . the thief had cut the stick by an inch to not get suspected . . . Birbal caught the thief . . . Moral.

65. The Talking Cave

An old lion . . . finds difficult to hunt food . . . one day, sees a cave . . . hides in cave awaiting his prey to enter . . . cave belongs to intelligent jackal . . . jackal returns . . . sees lion paws entering cave . . . suspects danger . . . an idea . . . shrieks out the name of the cave . . . gets no response . . . shrieks again . . . lion worries . . . thinks the cave talks but is afraid due to his presence . . . lion responses pretending to be the cave . . . jackal gets alerted . . . escapes . . . impatient and silly lion goes hungry again . . . Moral.

66. Mystery of the Stolen Purse

A rich man . . . had many servants . . . purse with lot of money is stolen from rich man's drawer . . . rich man files a complaint in the police station . . . all the servants called . . . stick of same length given to each . . . servants told that stick of the thief will grow by one inch overnight . . . the thief cuts his stick by one inch . . . he is easily caught the next day.

67. The Voyage of Da'ud

Da'ud inherited lots of wealth . . . became a spendthrift . . . wealth soon passed away . . . sold buildings and land . . . collected 3000 coins . . . bought goods and commodities . . . sea voyage . . . ship landed on an island . . . not an island but a huge sea fish . . . captain warned . . . many boarded the ship . . . Da'ud was left . . . saved . . . swam to the coast with a wooden plank . . . island full of sweet water and fruits . . . lived there for months . . . grew a beard . . . couldn't be recognised . . . one day saw a ship coming . . . the ship anchored . . . the captain didn't recognise Da'ud . . . but Da'ud recognised . . . got all his merchandise back . . . returned to his home town and family.

68. Sindbad the Porter

In Baghdad there lived a poor man . . . Sindbad the Porter . . . bore burdens for hire upon his head . . . tired . . . stopped to take rest in front of a palatial building . . . started singing . . . a young servant invited him . . . went inside . . . the master was sitting with nobles . . . a little paradise . . . good food, wine, flowers, music and beautiful girls . . . the master asked the Porter to sing . . . heard when he was singing outside . . . asked his name and place . . . the master told that his name was also Sindbad . . . he was called Sindbad of the sea . . . he took many voyages . . . struggled and earned money, name and fame . . . he appointed Sindbad the Porter as his personal assistant.

69. The Lilliputians

The boat capsized but I managed to survive. I walked on and on ... searched for men or houses..... completely exhausted.... collapsed... I woke up..... arms and legs found tied down.... thousands of strings.... heard noises around..... Forty tiny men.... climbed on me... each 3 inches tall.... didn't understand what they wanted... felt thousand needles pricking my hand.... shooting arrow... protected eyes..... soon the ladder came..... sent hundreds of men up to my face... I got milk and food..... my first day among the Lilliputians.

70. The False Diamonds

There lived a rich man in Varanasi. He had only one son who had turned ten . . . was looking good adviser for son before death. Collected all relatives . . . asked "Am I a wise and good man?" . . . they called him wisest and best man . . . man gave a diamond to each . . . one man didn't answer . . . rich man sought his opinion . . . "you are wise and good but there have been wiser and better persons than you," said the man . . . rich man

appointed him adviser . . . next day all relatives complained . . . diamonds given not real. "They were as false as your words," said the rich man."

71. The Dishonest Kazi

A man named Saif Ali . . . wife passed away . . . sad . . . his neighbour Kazi . . . offers him to go to Ajmer . . . Saif Ali gives his life savings to Kazi to keep it safe . . . returns back . . . finds stones instead of his money . . . goes to Akbar . . . Birbal decides to solve the mystery . . . tears his shirt and goes to the best tailor in town . . . Gopal . . . gets the shirt sewed . . . in the court . . . "Kazi is the thief," Birbal says . . . everyone shocked . . . Gopal says he has done work for Kazi . . . "Kazi tore the bag of money from the bottom, removed the savings, filled it with stones, and got it stitched by Gopal," Birbal says . . . Kazi arrested and Saif Ali gets his money . . . Moral.

72. Painter's Agony

Emperor Akbar . . . short-tempered . . . goes to his room and astonished to see the colour . . . furious . . . the painter scared . . . agrees to change the colour in one night . . . needs to drink paint if he makes a mistake . . . next day . . . frustrated by the purple colour . . . orders the painter to bring all his colours and drink paint . . . painter meets Birbal on the way . . . Birbal tells him an idea . . . he painter brings the colours and drinks paint . . . apologises for his mistake and agrees to change the colour of the room . . . next day . . . the painter makes a mistake again . . . has to drink paint . . . drinks paint normally . . . Akbar shocked . . . turns up the paint was juice of different colours . . . Birbal comes in and says the idea was his . . . Akbar forgives the painter for his mistake . . . Moral

73. The Shepherd's Treasure

A poor shepherd . . . very honest and humble . . . king wants to meet him . . . meets the shepherd disguised as a traveller . . . impressed by the shepherd's humility and hospitality . . . makes him the king of a small district . . . jealous governors . . . told the king to ask what the shepherd carries in his iron chest . . . "It must be the taxes," they say . . . king asks the shepherd what there is in the chest . . . old blanket . . . king shocked . . . governors ashamed . . . Moral

74. The Sun and the Wind

The sun and the wind good friends . . . the wind boasts of his superpower . . . both decide to try their strength on a traveller . . . need to remove the traveller's coat . . . tried their best . . . the wind failed . . . the sun succeeded . . . the wind ashamed . . . Moral.

75. The Oilman and the Butcher

Oil man and butcher come arguing at Birbal's house . . . Akbar also comes . . . both start explaining their problem . . . The oil man said, "The butcher called me out today and asked for milk. He gave me less money than the price but I agreed. He invited me to his house and took my bag of money away." . . . The butcher said, "While I was working, the oil man came to me and told me to take some of his oil for the lack of his business. I pitied him and took the oil. He washed his face at my house, but I saw him taking away my bag of money." . . . Birbal in deep thought . . . no clue . . . orders the servant to bring a container and water . . . throws the coins in the water . . . oil on the coins float in water . . . the butcher is thief . . . Moral.

76. The More You Give, the More You Get

Rich merchant Aggarwal . . . a thief enters his house . . . Aggarwal scared . . . befriends the thief . . . best friends . . . one day thief's birthday . . . Aggarwal gives lots of food and presents . . . fifty years pass . . . lives change . . . Aggarwal becomes poor . . . his birthday . . . the thief comes in . . . both have a great time . . . Aggarwal learns a lesson . . . Moral.

77. The Little Chick

Little chick . . . flies to Madrid to see the king . . . comes across brook that needs to push away the weed . . . the chick refuses to help . . . meets the fire . . . the fire needs the chick to fan him with his wings . . . chick refuses to help . . . meets the breeze . . . the breeze requested the chick to move leaves and twigs aside . . . the chick refuses . . . reaches the king . . . enters by the window . . . the cook catches the chick and puts it on the pan . . . the chick yells for help . . . the fire comes over the chick's feathers . . . the water drowns the chick . . . cooks notices the chick dirty . . . throws it outside of the window . . . chick gets caught by the breeze . . . the chick regrets his decisions . . . Moral.

78. The List of Fools

Akbar's court . . . Akbar wants to meet fools of his town . . . Birbal decides to look for fools . . . comes across a man carrying load while sitting on his donkey . . . Birbal glad to meet his first fool . . . says he will reward the man for his kindness . . . comes across two men arguing . . . asks what happened . . . they say one of them will make their tiger eat the other person's cow . . . Birbal confused . . . they say they will ask for a cow and a tiger when they get a boon . . . Birbal happy . . . decides to give them reward the next day . . . meets an old man looking for something . . . he says he has lost his ring . . . Birbal decides to help him . . . the ring had lost in the bushes but the man is searching near the light . . . Birbal finds another fool . . . next day in court, Birbal introduces Akbar to the fools . . . says the remnant two fools are Birbal and Akbar . . . everyone laughs.

79. Birbal's Stew

Akbar wonders if a poor man will do anything for money . . . Birbal answered that he will . . . Akbar told a poor Brahmin that he will get a reward if he spends a night in cold water . . . Brahmin agrees . . . spends the night in cold water . . . Akbar shocked . . . Brahmin says he looked at a lamp and prayed . . . Akbar accuses the Brahmin to get the warmth of lamp and does not give him his reward . . . Birbal worried . . . doesn't come at the court the next day . . . Akbar comes to see what had happened . . . Birbal seen cooking his rice . . . the pot of rice was far from the fire . . . Akbar understands his lesson . . . Moral.

80. The Gold in the Orchard

Poor farmer has an orchard . . . dies . . . but tells his sons about the pot of gold in the orchard . . . sons unable to find it . . . next year . . . orchard grows many fruits and vegetables . . . sons happy . . . sell the fruits and become rich . . . earn a pot of gold . . . understand what their father meant . . . Moral.

81. The Jealous Courtiers

An artist in a huge town . . . the king orders the artist to make a statue of him . . . artist makes a splendid statue . . . courtiers jealous . . . find flaws in the statue . . . the artist takes the statue and repairs it . . . next week represents the statue again . . . courtiers happy to see the mistakes corrected . . . the artist says he changed nothing and that the courtiers find faults due to jealousy . . . courtiers embarrassed . . . Moral.

82. The Gingerbread Man

Old man and woman have no son . . . make a gingerbread man . . . gingerbread man runs away . . . comes across a cow that wants to eat the gingerbread man . . . the gingerbread man runs away . . . comes across a horse that wants to eat the gingerbread man . . . runs away from the horse . . . comes across mowers that want to eat the gingerbread man . . . the gingerbread man runs away . . . meets a fox . . . reaches a river . . . the fox decides to help the gingerbread man cross the river . . . drowns the him . . . Moral.

83. A Bag of Rotten Potatoes

A boy named Tom . . . very complaining . . . teacher tired . . . gets an idea to teach Tom a lesson . . . tells him to keep a bag of rotten potatoes beside him . . . Tom does it . . . disgusted by the potatoes every time . . . learns his lesson . . . if you keep complaining, you will be never satisfied.

84. The Elves and the Shoemaker

A poor shoemaker . . . just had a piece of leather . . . decides to stitch shoes . . . but leaves the cloth on the table and goes to sleep . . . next day . . . shocked to see the shoes stitched finely . . . sells them and buys more leather . . . leaves the leather on the table and goes to sleep . . . shoes finely stitched the next morning . . . the cycle repeats . . . shoemaker decides to see who was behind the fine shoes . . . turns up it was two elves that stitch the shoes . . . stitches clothes for them . . . the elves take the clothes and go away.

85. Return from the Gallows

Akbar and his wife arguing over who is wiser, Birbal or Mansigh . . . Akbar decides to send both on a journey . . . the king of the other district was asked to punish both to death by Akbar . . . Birbal and Mansigh worried . . . Birbal gets an idea . . . next day both want to be the first to die . . . Birbal tells that the first person to die in the town will be king in his next life . . . the king confused . . . sends them back . . . Birbal is wiser.

86. The Ant and the Dove

One day an Ant was being carried away in a stream . . . A Dove sitting on a tree beside the stream saw it and cropped a leaf . . . the Ant climbed on it and was saved . . . Another day a hunter was aiming at the Dove with his gun . . . the Ant saw it and bit the hunter's toe . . . missed the aim . . . the Dove flew away.

87. The Country Mouse and the City Mouse

The Country Mouse and the City Mouse good friends . . . the City Mouse visits the Country Mouse . . . eats fruits and nuts . . . the Country Mouse visits the City Mouse . . . eats lots of royal cakes and jellies . . . the maid gets in . . . both run for their lives . . . the Country Mouse leaves saying that he better eat his nuts in peace . . . Moral.

88. How the Camel Got his Hump

A camel . . . just said "humph!" . . . the horse, dog and ox told the camel to work . . . camel said "Humph!" . . . they go to the Jinn . . . Jinn asks the camel to work . . . he says "Humph!" . . . Jinn puts a hump on his back . . . camel frustrated . . . works . . . Moral.

89. The Caring Cloud

Baby cloud rises from the sea . . . gets heavy . . . sees the people scorching from heat . . . pours down heavily . . . sacrifices her life for the people . . . people are thankful . . . Moral.

90. Raghu and Raj

Raghu and Raj were two friends and neighbours . . . Raghu had a servant named Ramu . . . The name of Raj's servant was Shammu . . . Both servants foolish . . . two friends debated . . . who is more foolish? . . . Ramu or Shammu? . . . decided to give a test . . . Raghu told Ramu "Run back to my house to find out if I am there or not" . . . Ramu rushed home . . . Raj told Shammu . . . Go to your room and find out if you are there or not." Ramu and Shammu returned . . . Ramu complained . . . wasted time . . . master could have phoned to find himself . . . Shammu reported . . . he was not in the room . . . nothing to choose between them.

91. The Lion and the Jackal

A lion . . . eats all the animals in the forest . . . jackals left . . . the jackal tells the lion another king exists . . . the jackal leads the lion to a well . . . says that the reflection of the well is the other lion . . . the lion jumps in . . . dies . . . the jackals win . . . Moral.

92. Prince Cherry

Old king . . . wished for his son to be a good person . . . a fairy gave the prince a ring that pricks him whenever he is not good . . . the prince was Prince Cherry . . . the ring does not prick Prince Cherry . . . but the good times pass . . . Prince Cherry returns from hunting . . . kicks his dog . . . frustrated . . . the rings pricks him so hard that his finger starts to bleed . . . this happens several times . . . Prince Cherry imprisons a girl . . . but the girl's father recues her . . . Prince Cherry summons the girl's father and orders to kill him . . . the ring pricks Prince Cherry hard . . . Prince Cherry removes the ring in frustration . . . the fairy appears . . . puts Prince Cherry in the forest as a punishment . . . Moral.

93. The Woman Who Desired Being Rich

A woman lives by selling eggs . . . is very ambitious . . . dreams of her selling the eggs . . . getting a lot of jewellery . . . buying a saree . . . and then her getting married . . . the eggs fall . . . her dream ruined . . . Moral.

94. Be Thankful For What You Have

Selfish Arjun . . . his birthday . . . the poor neighbours buy him a present from their savings . . . Arjun throws the present away . . . his father angry . . . kicks him out of the house to earn money . . . Arjun brings money from his friend . . . his father does not accept . . . Arjun steals money from a poor man . . . father does not accept it . . . earns money by helping a poor woman . . . father takes Arjun in . . . Arjun learns his lesson.

95. The Wise Priest

A priest with his servant . . . donates money to various countries . . . comes across a different country . . . no shop opens in the morning . . . the priest and his servant rest . . . about to leave in the evening . . . all doors open and children start going to school . . . they realize everything is very cheap . . . the priest leaves but the servant decides to stay . . . gets chubby . . . the king wants to punish someone . . . choses the servant . . . servant is punished to death . . . worried . . . remembers his priest . . . priest rushes to the country . . . says that the first person to die in the country will become king in his next life . . . second person to die becomes a minister . . . king shocked . . . kills himself . . . Moral.

96. The Ugly Duckling

An ugly duckling among good ducklings . . . is made fun of . . . gets removed out of the house . . . grows up alone . . . turns into the most beautiful swan . . . spends his life with swans . . . Moral.

97. Daughters of a King

King has two daughters . . . Meera and Avni . . . Meera goes out to earn money . . . meets a fairy . . . the fairy tells Meera to clean a hotel except for one room . . . Meera cleans the hotel and tells the fairy about it . . . the fairy opens the door of the room and turns up that it has many gold coins . . . Meera comes home happily . . . Avni envious . . . goes to earn some money . . . meets the fairy . . . the fairy tells her to clean the hotel except for one room . . . Avni cleans the hotel . . . At last, opens the door of the room . . . disgusted by horrific flies and insects . . . does not earn money . . . Moral.

98. Keep Your Word

A merchant . . . eats a fruit one day . . . throws the seed . . . Jinn appears . . . says that the merchant has killed his son . . . threatens to kill . . . merchant requests to go to bid everyone goodbye . . . the Jinn lets him go . . . the merchant returns after bidding everyone goodbye . . . the Jinn shocked . . . forgives the merchant for his honesty . . . Moral.

99. The Magical Sticks

Rich merchant . . . retires . . . saves his money in a box . . . money gets stolen . . . merchant goes to Akbar . . . Birbal decides to solve this . . . gives a stick of same length to all of the servants of the merchant. . . says that the stick of the thief will grow by one inch . . . next day . . . a servant has a stick shorter than others . . . gets caught . . . Moral.

100. The Tiger and the Monkey

Tiger . . . sits under a tree . . . monkey makes fun of the tiger . . . tiger does not listen . . . monkey continues . . . the tiger ignores . . . monkey ashamed and goes away . . . learns a lesson . . . Moral.

101. The Brahmin, Thief and the Demon

A poor Brahmin . . . gets a pair of calves from a rich merchant . . . is happy . . . a thief enters one day . . . sees a demon that wants to eat the Brahmin . . . both agree to help each other . . . start arguing who will do his job first . . . the Brahmin wakes up by the noise . . . Moral.

102. A Strange Letter

Akbar asks everyone what the best reign is . . . everyone answers that Akbar's reign is the best . . . but Birbal says Akbar's reign is good and there are some better reigns . . . Akbar removes Birbal from court . . . days pass . . . Akbar misses Birbal . . . goes to his home but sees that no one was there . . . an idea . . . sends a letter to every king saying, "The country's lake is going to marry. We invite your rivers to come to their wedding." . . . Gets a response from the Persian King . . . "Our rivers would be pleased to come. Tell your country's lakes to welcome us at the country's gate." . . . Akbar went to the Persian King and saw Birbal . . . Birbal came to Akbar's court back.

103. The Foolish Alligator

A jackal . . . is very fond of crabs . . . puts his hand in the river . . . an alligator has his paws in his jaws . . . the jackal worried . . . tells to take the old bulrush root . . . the alligator thinks he has made a mistake . . . lets the jackal go and regrets his actions . . . next week . . . the jackal confirms if there was alligator in the river . . . "I generally see the crabs sticking in the water, and they blow nice bubbles. Then I put my paw in and catch them. I wonder if I could see any little crabs today." . . . the alligator blows some bubbles . . . the jackal understands that the alligator was there . . . the jackal finds a garden full of wild fig trees . . . alligator frustrated . . . drags himself over the ground to the garden and makes a huge pile of figs under the biggest tree . . . he hides in the pile . . . the jackal notices the pile and understands that it is the alligator . . . says, "The little figs are the fat, ripe, juicy that drop off when the breeze blows. Then the wind blows them about on the ground, this way and that; the great heap of figs over there is so still that I think they must be all bad figs." . . . the alligator thinks he should make the figs roll about so that the jackal will think the wind moves them . . . makes the figs fly but his back shows through . . . jackal happy . . . the alligator reaches the jackal's house and goes in . . . the jackal saw the alligator's paws . . . puts the house on fire . . . alligator dies . . . Moral.

104. A Sharp courtier

Birbal . . . courtiers jealous of him . . . ask Akbar to let them test his wisdom . . . one courtier puts a question to him . . . how many crows in Agra . . . Birbal asks for a week to study the situation . . . every day seen on the terrace looking at the crows . . . after a week courtier asks him again . . . Birbal says as many crow as hairs in the courtier's head . . . Akbar laughs.

105. The Persian Trader

A king . . . welcomes a Persian trader in the court . . . Persian trader says a Hindustani trader stole his silk . . . king worried . . . tells a courtier to solve this mystery . . . the courtier asks for some time . . . king agrees . . . next day, the courtier tells that the Hindustani trader is the thief . . . says he went to him disguised as

someone else . . . the Hindustani trader was agreeing to reduce the price of the silk to a low cost so the silk does not belong to him . . . king impressed . . . punishes the Hindustani trader.

106. The Greedy Dog

A greedy dog . . . very egoistic . . . sees a delicious steak . . . grabs it and runs away . . . gets through the crowd . . . reaches a lake . . . sees his reflection . . . thinks that the other dog also has steak . . . goes to grab it . . . falls in the river . . . Moral.

107. The Three Greedy Friends

Three friends found a purse . . . while travelling . . . wanted to divide it . . . felt hungry . . . one bought poisoned food to kill the others and take the whole amount . . . The other killed the friend who bought food for them . . . they ate the food and died . . . the money was taken by a stranger . . . Moral.

108. The Small Caterpillar

A small caterpillar . . . always eating . . . meets a bumblebee . . . admires her wings . . . meets a bird . . . wants to fly . . . goes to sleep . . . dreams about flying and having wings . . . wakes up . . . is a butterfly . . . flies around . . . Moral.

109. The Clever Disciple

Three disciples going to become kings . . . priest teaches them the importance of work . . . takes a test . . . they have to cross a carpet with needles . . . first one goes on the needles suffering the pain . . . second one goes through the middle gaps of the needles . . . but third one swipes all the needles away and then walks . . . priest impressed by the third disciple . . . Moral.

110. Jealousy Is Never Good

A farmer owned a dog and an ass . . . the ass worked hard . . . the farmer looked after him well . . . the dog did no work but the farmer loved him more . . . ass became jealous . . . he thought if he behaved like the dog, the farmer would love him more . . . one day farmer eating lunch . . . wagging his tail, ass frolicked like a little dog . . . jumps at the farmer and tries to sit on his lap . . . farmer frightened . . . beats ass . . . Moral.

111. A Budding Painter in Athens

Budding painter in Athens . . . laymen always find mistakes with this painting . . . painter frustrated . . . puts one of his paintings in a square . . . asks people to cross the errors . . . astonished to find the painting full of crosses the next morning . . . decides to commit suicide . . . a wise man dissuades him . . . advises him to ask people to correct the errors in his painting . . . no one corrects anything . . . painter elated . . . takes his painting to an exhibition . . . wins many awards

112. It is all for the best

A king has a wise minister who has deep faith in god . . . often says, 'It is all for the best' . . . the king gets a boil on his thumb . . . the surgeon cuts the thumb . . . the minister says, " It is all for the best." . . . the king throws him in jail . . . the king goes to the forest for hunting . . . is caught by tribals . . . they decide to sacrifice him to their goddess . . . the cut fingers saves him . . . comes back and set the minister free . . . begs his pardon.

113. Little Girls Wiser than Men

Two little girls named Malasha and Akulka . . . Malasha is very young while Akulka is a little bit older . . . play in the dirty puddle . . . Malasha spoils Akulka's dress by the dirty water . . . Akulka's mother sees this . . .

grabs Malasha to strike her . . . Malahsha's mother comes running . . . they have a fight . . . Akulka clears her dress and starts playing with Malasha again . . . old woman sees this . . . scolds the mothers and the other people fighting while both were playing . . . Moral.

114. The Donkey, the Fox, and the Lion

A fox and a donkey were friends . . . come across a lion one day . . . the fox assures the lion to kill the donkey . . . makes a pit for the donkey . . . he falls in it . . . the fox crosses the lion as if nothing happened . . . the lion sees the donkey in the pit . . . kills the fox . . . and then kills the donkey . . . has a hearty meal.

115. The Leopard, the Jackal and the Crow

A lion . . . has three servants, crow, leopard and jackal . . . the crow spots an unusual creature coming towards them . . . it is a camel . . . the lion agrees to keep camel as a guest . . . the servants don't like this . . . make an evil plan . . . tiger comes after having a fight with an elephant . . . badly injured . . . crows is ready to sacrifice his life for the master . . . the jackal says he is bigger and must sacrifice his life . . . the leopard says the same . . . the camel also says the same . . . everyone agrees . . . the camel is killed . . . Moral.

116. The Clever Rabbit and the Wolves

The teacher squirrel teaching about wolves . . . wolves are the tricksters and we should not go near them . . . the rabbit does not pay attention . . . her mom is late to pick her up . . . the rabbit is sitting alone. . . a wolf reaches her . . . says that he is the mom's friend and was there to pick her up . . . the rabbit goes with the wolf . . . the teacher sees this . . . calls out the uncle elephant for help . . . wolf is immediately kicked out . . . the rabbit apologizes for not paying attention . . . learns a lesson.

117. The Pot and the Pan

Lived a noble and generous man . . . all his slaves adored him . . . the Devil was vexed . . . he got one of the slaves Aleb on his side . . . was to incite others against the master . . . master was showing rams and eves to his guests . . . special praise for a ram . . . priceless . . . Aleb played mischief . . . seized the left leg of the ram and snapped before the master . . . The Devil was happy at Aleb's conspiracy . . . The master looked heaven wards . . . "O Aleb, Aleb! Your master bade you anger me; but my master is stronger than yours. I am not angry with you." . . . The Devil grinding his teeth fell down from the tree.

118. The Story of Alyosha

Young Alyosha . . . weak and thin . . . father placed him with a merchant . . . did everything as required . . . never set eyes on his wages . . . his father grabbed all his wages . . . Cook Ustinia watched him . . . took interest in him . . . she was ready to marry Alyosha . . . But the master and his wife didn't want married servants . . . Alyosha's father forbade him . . . Alyosha consented . . . one day fell from the roof . . . priest was called . . . Alyosha thanked Ustinia for being kind to him . . . died.

119. A Grain as Big as a Hen's Egg

Children found a thing shaped like a grain . . . a traveller bought it from the children . . . sold to the king . . . asked wise men . . . it was a grain . . . when and how was it grown? Asked the king . . . an old farmer was called . . . he was on two crutches . . . weak and deaf . . . told he never sowed or reaped anything like that . . . old farmer's father was called . . . he walked with one crutch . . . told the same thing . . . the grandfather of the old farmer was called . . . he was healthy, walked freely . . . could hear clearly . . . told they sowed and reaped such grains . . . the king asked why his old grandson and son were so weak, miserable and unhealthy . . . the grand old man replied . . . in his old times all land was free . . . there was no money . . . men lived on their own labour . . . in his grandson's and son's time men started grabbing others' land . . . depended on others' labour . . . didn't live according to God's law and were miserable.

120. Our Present Shapes our Future

A country elects a new king every 10 years . . . an elephant would move around the streets looking for someone willing to be the king . . . kings sent to a distant island full of wild animals after their tenure . . . one young man comes forward to become king . . . he rules for 10 years . . . people are happy . . . he is sent to the island at the end of 10 years . . . boatman finds a palace on the island . . . the young man explains everything.

121. Hunting with the Lion

A lion had three followers: a fox, a wolf and a bear . . . all went a hunting . . . got only a stag . . . the kill was divided into four parts . . . the lion claimed the first part . . . as he was the king . . . the second part was due to him for his superior strength and bravery . . . the third part for his offspring . . . for the fourth part, he challenged each of them to fight and get it by defeating him.

122. The Wings of Hope

An orphan boy wants to fly . . . runs away from the orphanage . . . reaches a park . . . he meets a little crippled boy . . . he asks the crippled boy if he has ever wanted to fly . . . crippled boy says no . . . I would like to walk like other children, he added . . . they become friends . . . they played all sorts of games till evening . . . the crippled boy's father comes to take him home . . . orphan boy asks him to slide onto his back . . . he then runs across the grass as fast as he could . . . the crippled boy is so excited that he cries in excitement . . . "I am flying dad, I am flying."

123. The Narrow Stairway

A narrow stairway . . . two people want to pass through at the same time . . . neither wants to make way for the other . . . both ask the other person to go back . . . first man says he never makes way for a fool . . . second man says that he does.

124. The Field of Treasure

Old peasant . . . all his sons lazy . . . peasant dying . . . called all his sons . . . told them of a treasure hidden in the fields . . . to find it they must dig for it . . . then died . . . sons dug every bit of the land no treasure showed . . . corn a very fine crop . . . sons learnt the lesson . . . Moral

125. Count the Blessings, Not the Curses

A boy used to cry for new costly shoes . . . poor father . . . factory worker . . . meagre salary . . . couldn't afford . . . the boy cried a lot . . . left home . . . saw a beggar at the bus stop . . . he had no legs . . . realization happened . . . thanked God for giving him two legs . . . realized the love and care of his parents