

# THE OLD MAN AND HIS SON WITH THEIR DONKEY

Once, an old man and his son were taking their donkey to the market to sell it. They were walking behind it. They met an old woman on the way. She said that both the old man and his son were, fools. They had a donkey but did not mount it. The old man made his boy ride the donkey. He himself continued walking behind it. On the way, they came across a man. He saw the boy riding and the old man walking on foot. He said that the boy was selfish who had no kind feelings for his old father who was walking on foot. The boy got off the donkey. He asked his father to ride the donkey. The old man rode the donkey and the boy began to walk behind it. After a while, they came across a girl. She said that the father was very cruel who could feel no pity for his little boy on foot. The father asked his son to sit in front of him on the donkey. The boy obeyed his father. After sometime, they met a boy. He said that they were very cruel as they were riding a weak donkey. Now they should carry the tired donkey to undo the cruelty. Both the son and the father got down the donkey and decided to carry the donkey on their shoulders. They tied its legs with a rope and carried it on their shoulders. They had to cross a canal. The donkey was frightened. It tried to be free. In this tug of war, it fell into the canal and was drowned. When the old man and his son returned to their village empty-handed, they realized that it is almost impossible to please everyone.

## Possible Morals:

- ❖ You cannot please everyone.
- ❖ A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- ❖ There are as many opinions as people.

## Note:

If you want to increase the length of story than you can write these paragraphs

## Before the story write this paragraph.

The most hated word in this world is morality. The person who teaches morality is also hated and despised. It may be a pessimistic point of present situation. We do not like to learn good morals and manners when they are taught in dull and dry manners. Perhaps it was because of this, that centuries ago Mr. Aesop concocted some moral stories. These stories have been written in a very lively and interesting style. We read these stories and learn some moral lesson from them. But we do not have any impression of being moralized. The following story is also a similar one.

## At the end of the story write this paragraph.

Morals are like universal truths. Every person irrespective of his caste, creed, colour or country has a firm belief in them. Those who try to follow them in their lives avert many perils and problems. The above mentioned story also teaches us such a moral lesson that can help us avoid many unpleasant and bitter situations.