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# **THIRSTY CROW (Standard)**

It was a hot day of summer. The burning rays of the sun had dried up the pools and ponds all around. Life was crippled thoroughly. A crow felt very thirsty. He flew here and there in search of water to quench his raging thirst. But he could find no water anywhere. The unbearable thirst had parched his throat completely. He feared that he would die soon if he could not find water. Therefore, he did not cease his search. At 1ast he arrived at a garden. To his good luck, there was a pitcher placed near a cottage. He felt very happy. He sat at the mouth of the pitcher and looked into it. To his grief, the water in the pitcher was a bit low. He could not get it. He was utterly upset. By chance, he caught sight of a few pebbles lying nearby. Hi struck on a brilliant idea. He began to drop the pebbles into the pitcher one by one. The water began to rise slowly. He continued his labour till the water rose up to his reach. He drank water his fill and flew away happily.

#### **Possible Morals:**

- God helps those who help themselves.
- ❖ Necessity is the mother of invention.
- ❖ Where there is a will, there is a way.
- ❖ Try and you will find.
- ❖ He who seeks finds.
- ❖ No pains, no gains.
- Hard work never goes unrewarded.
- ❖ Despair is a sin.
- Fortune favors the brave.
- No work no food.

#### **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, odour or country has a firm belief in them. Those who try to follow them in their lives avert many perils and problems. The

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above mentioned story also teaches us such a moral lesson that can help us avoid many unpleasant and bitter situations.

