



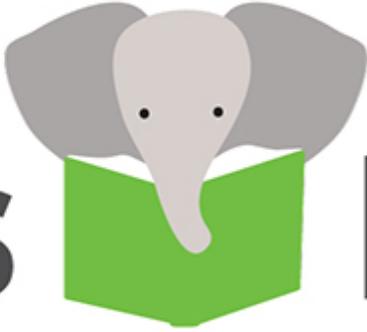
## **Little Fox's Lies**

Little Fox keeps telling one lie after the other. When he realizes his lies hurt his friends, can he earn back their trust with honesty?



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"Little Fox, why are you late today? Your two friends waited for you and just left," Aunty Rabbit asked Little Fox. "I'm not late, Aunty. School starts late today," Little Fox replied. "Why is that?" "Master Elephant, our teacher, has to go somewhere," Little Fox lied to Aunty Rabbit.





"Little Rabbit didn't tell me anything about this," Aunty Rabbit thought. "She has also left the carrot biscuits I made for her. I better send them to the school." "Here, Little Fox, can you give these biscuits to Little Rabbit?" Aunty Rabbit asked. "Yes of course, Aunty Rabbit. Give them to me," Little Fox said.



"I wonder if the carrot biscuits are tasty? I must eat one and see," Little Fox thought. He ate one biscuit. "Mmmm, these are yummy. I must eat another one." Little Fox ate another biscuit. By the time he reached school, Little Fox had eaten all the biscuits.



"We left for school without you because you were late again. I hope you're not angry," Little Rabbit said. "Not at all. I was studying all night again. That's why I was late," Little Fox lied.



No matter how hard I try, I always end up lying, Little Fox thought.



Not a single carrot biscuit is left for Little Rabbit. What will she eat for lunch? Little Fox wondered.



Their lunch break started and they all sat together to eat. "Oh no, I left my lunch at home," Little Rabbit said. "Let's all share and eat," Little Bear suggested. Little Fox remembered that he ate Little Rabbit's lunch. He realized his friend was hungry as a result of his actions. He felt very ashamed and left the table.



"Where did Little Fox go?" Little Bear asked Little Rabbit. "There he is," Little Rabbit pointed to a tree nearby. They went over to Little Fox.





"Little Fox, are you feeling sick?" Little Rabbit asked. "Why are you crying? Did we do something wrong?" Little Bear asked. Little Fox was touched by his friends' concern and he felt even worse. He started crying harder. "No no, you guys did nothing wrong. I'm the one who did something I shouldn't have," Little Fox sobbed.



"We all make mistakes," Little Rabbit said. "Maybe talking about it will help. What did you do?" "Yes, you can talk to us about what happened," Little Bear said. "I'm afraid you won't like me after I tell you what I did," Little Fox gulped. "Aunty Rabbit gave me a pack of carrot biscuits when I was on my way to school. She asked me to give them to Little Rabbit but I ate them all." "Please tell me you forgive me? I will never do anything like this again," Little Fox asked.



"Why did you wait so long to tell us the truth?" Little Bear asked. He was a bit angry. "I felt bad for lying to you two. You're my friends and I know lying is not the way to show you I care for you. I wanted to tell you the truth this morning, but I was too scared to say anything," Little Fox explained through tears. "Little Fox, I am upset that you ate my lunch. I would've happily shared it with you. But I forgive you," Little Rabbit said.



"I am glad you told us the truth. But remember, when you lie because you are afraid to speak the truth, people lose trust in you," Little Bear said. "You are right. To be true to myself and my friends I need to take responsibility for my actions. I promise to try harder next time." Little Fox said, wiping his eyes. Little Rabbit and Little Bear offered their hands to Little Fox to stand up. Little Fox was really happy that he told the truth and apologized.

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