

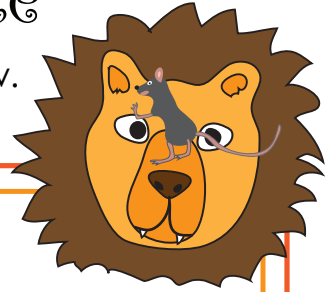
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**Answer Key**

# The Lion and the Mouse Fable

Directions: Read the fable and write the moral below.



## The Lion and the Mouse

by Aesop

A Lion lay asleep in the tall grass, when a tiny gray Mouse came through the grass and accidentally bumped into the Lion's nose. The Lion, angry to be woken from his nap, placed his huge paw on the Mouse to eat her.

"Don't eat me!" begged the Mouse. "Please let me go and some day I will repay you."

The Lion did not think that a little Mouse could ever help a huge Lion, but he laughed at the idea and let the Mouse go.

A few days later, the Lion was caught in the ropes of a hunter's net. Unable to free himself, he began to roar angrily. The Mouse followed the voice and found the Lion stuck in the net. She grabbed one of the big ropes around him, and chewed it until it broke. The Lion was free!

**What do you think is the moral of the story? Why?**

**Answers may vary; students may think the moral is to be kind, or that even the smallest creature can help someone in need.**

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