

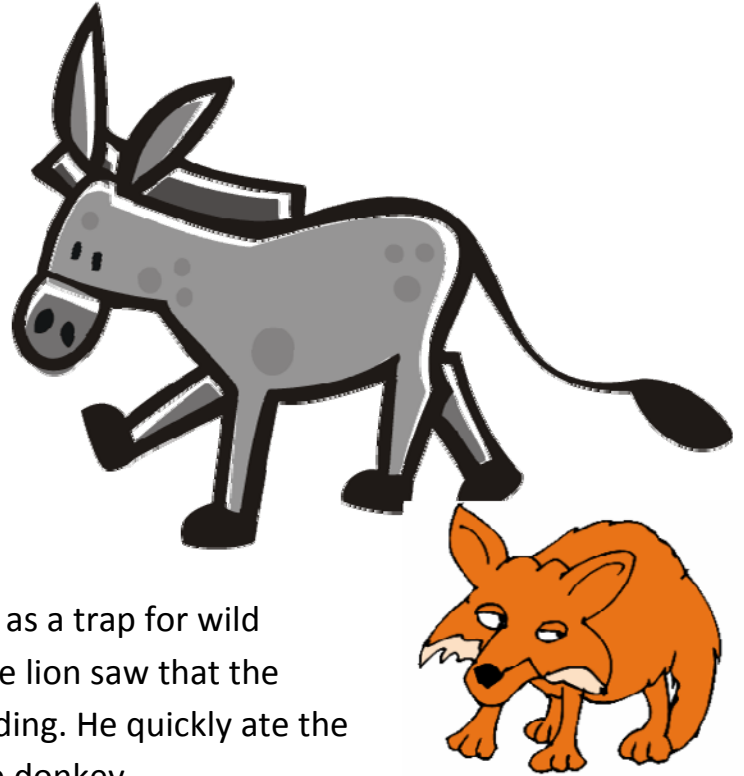
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The Donkey, the Fox and the Lion

A donkey and a fox decided to be friends and partners, and headed out into the forest to find food together. Before long, they saw a lion coming. They were both very frightened. But the fox, hoping to save himself, walked up to the lion and whispered in his ear.

“I’ll help you get the donkey, if you let me get away safely.”

The lion agreed. So the fox and the donkey went on their way, with the lion following stealthily behind them. Soon, the fox had led the donkey to a hidden pit, left by some long-ago hunter as a trap for wild animals, and the donkey fell in. When the lion saw that the donkey was in the pit, he came out of hiding. He quickly ate the fox first, then he took his time eating the donkey.



Aesop’s Fables

Many different countries tell fables. A fable is a short story that teaches a lesson.

This fable is believed to have been first told by **Aesop**, a slave and a storyteller who lived in ancient Greece thousands of years ago.



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Directions: Answer the questions below.

1. Which of these animals was being dishonest? Circle all that apply.



2. Write the lines from the story that support your answer to #1.

3. What lesson do you think this story teaches?

