

Story 3: The Goat Family and the Wolf



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The Story:

Once upon a time there was a mother goat who lived with her 7 children. This goat loved her children very much. One day the goat was going out to find food for her children. She said to them: “Children, I am going to the forest to get food. Do not object and listen to me well. Never open the door to anyone but me. The wolf wants to eat you.” She kissed her children and went out.

The wolf was always waiting for the mother goat to leave. He loved goat meat. When the mother goat left, he went to their hut and knocked on the door:

“Hello, my babies! Your mother is here. Open the door, I have food for you.”

The baby goats were very smart and recognized the wolf's voice.

“You bad wolf! You can't fool us. Go away!” they said. The wolf tried to imitate the goat's voice and after some practice he came back to the hut. This time he said loudly, “Hello, my cubs! Mommy is here! Come on, open the door, quickly.”

The baby goats looked carefully through the hole in the door. Seeing the wolf's feet, they said, “No, we won't open! We recognize you. Your feet are different from our mother's. Her feet are white in color, not yours.”



Then the wolf immediately went to the shoemaker and asked him to cover his feet with flour. The shoemaker was surprised by the wolf's request. But because he was afraid of the wolf, he did what he said. So, the wolf's feet became white.

The wolf returned to the hut and knocked on the door, "Hello, my kids, it's me, open the door now!" he said, imitating the mother goat's voice. The baby goats looked through the hole in the door and saw white feet. They opened the door. Seeing the wolf, the baby goats started running everywhere to save their lives. Some hid under the bed, some behind the curtains. But the cunning wolf ate them all. Only one baby goat survived, hiding inside the big clock of the house. The wolf couldn't find him.

After a while the mother goat came home and was surprised to find the door open. When she entered the house, she was overwhelmed by what she saw. The whole house was turned upside down and none of her babies were there. Crying bitterly, she said, "Oh my babies! What happened to all of you? Why did you open the door to a stranger? The wolf has won the battle. I have lost my cubs!"

Meanwhile, the baby goat hiding in the clock spoke: "Mom! Can you hear me? Take me out of the clock." The mother goat took her baby out of the clock and kissed it many times. The baby told its mother everything that happened.

Then they heard a wolf snoring somewhere around. The mother goat said, "The wolf must be around here somewhere. Bring me the long scissors." The baby goat brought the scissors. The snoring was coming from the garden. They went to the garden and found the wolf sleeping. The mother goat slowly approached the wolf and cut open his belly. She found her babies alive and took them out one by one. She hugged and kissed her children. Then she told her children to find stones and bring them. They brought the stones and put them in the wolf's stomach. Then the mother goat sewed up the wolf's belly. Then the mother and her cubs went back to their hut. After a while the wolf woke up and felt thirsty. He got up and went to the well to drink water. Because there were stones in his stomach, he could not keep his balance and fell into the well with a great noise.

Story Moral: *"Children need to listen to their parents and shouldn't let strangers in or trust them"*