

BEDTIME STORIES for CURIOUS MINDS



AGES 3-7
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A Note to Parents & Young Readers

- Reading aloud with children nurtures empathy, expands vocabulary, and sparks imagination.
- Each tale in this collection is carefully crafted with timeless values: courage, kindness, and clever problem-solving.
- Take time to pause after each story and discuss the 'Think & Talk' questions together.
- Printed with clear, generous typography for effortless shared bedtime reading.

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The Little Cloud That Wanted to Glow

High up in the twilight sky lived a fluffy little cloud named Nimbo.

While the evening stars began to twinkle like diamonds, Nimbo sighed softly.

'Look at how bright the stars shine!' whispered Nimbo to his mother. 'I wish I could glow too.'

Mother Cloud smiled warmly. 'Patience, little one. The stars glow with fire, but you carry the silver moonlight.'

Just then, the full moon rose behind the mountains, casting radiant silver beams straight through Nimbo's soft mist.

From the Earth below, children pointed up in delight: 'Look at that beautiful shining silver cloud!'

Nimbo smiled happily, feeling warm from the inside out, and drifted into a gentle, peaceful sleep under the starry lullaby.

MORAL OF THE STORY:

"Every creation has its own unique time and way to shine brightly."

Barnaby The Star-Gazing Sloth

In the heart of the Costa Rican rainforest, all the monkeys and toucans were in a tremendous hurry.

'Hurry! Hurry!' chattered the monkeys. 'We have to climb ten trees before sundown!'

Sitting comfortably on a sturdy cedar branch was Barnaby, the gentlest three-toed sloth.

Barnaby took one slow bite of a crisp green leaf and looked up through the forest canopy.

When the night arrived, the hurried monkeys were so exhausted they fell fast asleep.

Barnaby, calm and rested, watched shooting stars streak across the sapphire sky, making a wish for peaceful dreams for all his jungle friends.

MORAL OF THE STORY:

"Slowing down allows us to appreciate the true wonders of the world."

The Whispering Pines & The Firefly Lantern

Lila the baby squirrel lost her way while collecting pine nuts in the Great Whispering Woods.

The sun began to dip below the horizon, and the shadows grew long and cold.

'Oh dear,' whispered Lila, a tear forming in her eye. 'How will I find my oak tree nest?'

Suddenly, a friendly yellow glow flickered before her. It was Pip, a cheery little firefly.

'Follow my light, little friend,' buzz-whispered Pip. With gentle flashes, Pip illuminated the path all the way back to Mother Squirrel's waiting paws.

Lila thanked Pip with a joyful heart, knowing that kindness always lights the way home.

MORAL OF THE STORY:

"Even the smallest light can guide someone safely home."

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