

LGG 1 - The Shady Kangaroo

Celtic music plays and old man hobbles onstage with a cane and seats himself on one of the boxes centre stage. He clears his throat and begins:

Man Welcome my children! Today I am going to tell you a tale about a joey kangaroo. It is called The Shady Kangaroo.

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Man Once there was a very small baby joey born from a beautiful dark brown kangaroo who lived in a hot, dry desert. Baby Joey only had 30 days with her mama before she was born into the harsh world of the desert. Now Joey was incredibly small and because she was so tiny, Joey could not survive in the desert alone and so she crawled into her mama's pouch for safe keeping. Many days passed and Joey grew bigger and bigger until one day she could no longer fit in her mama's lovely, safe pouch. It was time for Joey to go out on her own.

Joey spent many days and nights alone in the hot, dry desert wondering if she would be able to one day grow to be as big and strong as her mama and have her own baby to protect in the shade of her pouch. As Joey was sitting in the bright, hot sun, a very small lizard came up to her. "Excuse me ma'am. It is so very hot and dry and I have lost my way back to my rock. I cannot seem to find any shade to sit in to take a break. Can I rest in the shade you are giving?" Joey was surprised to see the lizard wanting a break from the sun but she agreed and together the lizard and Joey sat in the heat with the lizard resting in the shade her body provided.

Many moments passed before a small yellow and green bird hopped over to them. "Excuse me friends. The sun is so hot and dry today and I am having trouble flying back to my home to rest in the shade. Is there any way I can sit with you and relax in the shadow you are giving?" Joey was still providing shade for the lizard and so she agreed. One more, friend wouldn't hurt. As the trio were sitting together, a small brown rabbit hopped very slowly over to them. She also was seeking shade from the hot sun which Joey gladly gave her. Not long after, a koala joined them.

As time passed and Joey grew bigger and bigger, many, many animals followed the crowd to the shade that Joey was giving off to have shelter and comfort from the elements. While she was not caring for a joey of her own, she learned to use her growing body to create a wonderful shadow from the sun for weary animals to rest. Joey had grown so much since she was born that she could give many, many animals the help they needed. As a baby kangaroo, Joey was in fact smaller than all of these creatures. But as a grown kangaroo, Joey had become the largest of all the creatures and could provide safety from the sun to whoever asked her for help.

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Mark 4:30-32 ...Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.

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LGG 2 - The Great Food Chain

Celtic music plays and old man hobbles onstage with a cane and seats himself on one of the boxes centre stage. He clears his throat and begins:

Man Gather 'round my friends! Welcome back! Today I am going to share a story about an eagle and the mice. It is called The Great Food Chain.

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Man Once upon a time, a very long time ago, there was a deep, dark forest with a kingdom full of many different creatures. While many of the creatures lived quite harmoniously, it was a small group of eagles who reigned supreme over all the forest and its inhabitants. They were gracious rulers who listened to the other animals problems, and tried their best to keep the peace.

However, over time, the kingdom became rife with troubles and squabbles. Now you all know what the "food chain" is right? Well in the past, the animals in the forest were a part of the food chain without conflict; the smaller ones being eaten by the larger, such as the eagles. Well over time the eagles became corrupt, spending much of their free time terrorizing the smaller creatures. One particular group was the mice. The mice were easy to catch and a quick snack for the large bird of prey. The mice numbers quickly dwindled as they became a game for the eagles.

During this period, one family of eagles gave birth to a young, but fierce baby eagle. This eagle was different from the rest because he liked to explore the forest and his family's kingdom, making friends with a variety of different animals. His closest friends were, strangely enough, the mice. He learned that his mice friends were strong and mighty in their own ways that was different from what his eagle family had told him. He spend many days, learning from and playing with his new mice friends.

But the other eagles did not like him associating with their prey and disrupting their corrupt food chain. The eagle spent many days in trouble with his family, locked up, away from his mice friends. However, he did not let this stop him; he continued to show his unconditional love for his mice friends by playing with them, talking with them, and learning all about how the food chain used to be before his time.

It was through his love for all creatures, especially the mice who the eagle leaders loved to eat, that the eagle understood his place in the forest kingdom. By showing his family that the mice, the "lowest" animals in the forest, were just as important as the rulers, he brought balance to the kingdom. You see, the eagle loved his kingdom so much that he had worked long and hard to make the different animal groups appreciate and accept each other. This eagle realized that he was not a part of his world to choose one group over another. He was simply there to save the corrupt system his ancestors has started through his own loving actions.

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John 3:14-17 ...For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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LGG 3 - The Gathering of the Logs

Celtic music plays and old man hobbles onstage with a cane and seats himself on one of the boxes centre stage. He clears his throat and begins:

Man Why hello my lovely people! Today I am going to tell you a tale about a beaver and a rainbow fish. It is called The Gathering of the Logs.

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Man Once upon a time, there was a swift, flowing river that ran through a rough and rocky valley. The valley was full of big, ancient trees and was home to many animals. In this valley lived a wise old beaver. He had come to the valley after travelling for many miles because his old home was destroyed by a large earthquake. The beaver left behind all he knew to find a new place to live in peace.

When the beaver first arrived in the valley, he immediately began searching for trees that he could cut down to make his home. However, the trees in the valley were far bigger and stronger than any that he was used to. Because of this, it took him many, many days to get the number of logs he needed for a dam to be built. Once he had enough, he dragged each one down to the river one by one.

While the valley was full of many animals, the beaver saw no other beavers that lived there. So he set out, swimming day and night to bring his logs out into the river alone. While he worked very hard to build his new home, the swift and flowing river was too rough for him to keep the logs in place. The force of the river pulled the logs away from the dam and because there were no other beavers to help him, his home fell apart. But because he was a wise old beaver, he persevered, continuing to build his dam even though through the river kept taking it away piece by piece.

One day, a rainbow fish that lived in the valley was swimming downstream when she came across the beaver's dam in the river. What a mess! While the beaver had not asked anyone for help, the smart rainbow fish could tell he was having trouble. She watched the beaver struggle for a little while longer before she decided she needed to help. The rainbow fish swam off to find more of her fish friends to help the old beaver.

Together, a large group of rainbow fish gathered the logs that the beaver had lost downstream and they pushed with all their might against the current, back to the dam. The beaver was surprised to see the logs coming back towards his dam and he didn't know what to say. He had not asked the fish for help and yet, the fish knew his worries and struggles. Together, the rainbow fish and her friends helped build the wise old beaver the strongest dam he had ever lived in.

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Romans 8:18-27 ...The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit...

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LGG 4 - The Diabolical Escape

Celtic music plays and old man hobbles onstage with a cane and seats himself on one of the boxes centre stage. He clears his throat and begins:

Man Welcome wonderful humans! I have tale to share with you about a seal and a chimpanzee. It is called The Diabolical Escape.

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Man Once upon a time, there was a slippery, spotted seal who lived on a rock in a wondrous place. When she was tired, she would curl up on her rock and sunbathe. When she was too warm, she would slip off her rock into the nice cool water around her and go for a swim. When she was hungry, fish would rain down from the sky from a mysterious place. While this place was all the seal knew and understood, there was something about it that left her wanting more than just her safe, secure world.

One day, she went out exploring, swimming around until she came across dirt and grass at the water's edge. Intrigued, the seal clambered ashore only to find herself confronted with a strange barrier. There was nowhere for her to go except back to her home where she could sunbathe on her rock, swim in her water, and eat her fish that rained down from the sky. Day in and day out, the same monotonous tasks consumed her.

Until...a rain began. While she has experienced rain before, this rain was unlike any other, pounding down and washing all of the dirt and grass away from the water's edge. Intrigued, the seal swam through the muddy, torrential downpour to the strange barrier to see that the dirt was washing away and creating a gap beneath the wall. The seal peered through the wall where she saw a whole world on the other side; beyond the one that she already knew. Astonished, she used her tail and fins to help deepen the hole under the barrier that the heavy rains had already started. After her hard work, she was able to squeeze her wide body underneath the wall and escape to the other side.

As she straightened up, the seal slithered forward to find herself face-to-face with an odd looking creature behind another barrier: a chimpanzee. While she had never seen this type of animal before, something in her heart knew that while she was free, this other animal was not. "Please," said the chimpanzee, "I want to have freedom too! How did you escape? How can I be saved like you?" The seal slithered forward to inspect the barrier. "Trust in me. The rains have freed me from all that I knew and I'm sure I can also use the mud to set you free".

The seal again used her tail to help move the mud from under the chimpanzee's wall. After digging for a long time, the hole under the cage was big enough to free the chimpanzee. Together the two animals went through the rain, to a freedom they didn't know was even possible, past a sign that read "Magnetic Hill Zoo".

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Act 16: 16-35 ...Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God...Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken ...“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

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LGG 5 - The Luscious Omnivore

Celtic music plays and old man hobbles onstage with a cane and seats himself on one of the boxes centre stage. He clears his throat and begins:

Man Welcome my beautiful friends! Today I am going to tell you a story about a skunk and a crocodile. It is called The Luscious Omnivore.

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Man Once upon a time, there was a greedy crocodile who lived in a muddy, soupy, swamp. It was filled with many wild-eyed fish and little creepy, crawly swimmers. The crocodile had lived in the swamp his whole entire life but it was never quite enough for him. Day in and out, the crocodile would swim the length of the swamp. Back and forth. Back and forth. Feasting on all the creatures that were smaller than himself. Because he was the biggest animal there, he could eat whomever he pleased.

Yet over time, the crocodile grew tired of eating the same old fish and hunting all the little creepy crawlies. So he began to venture out of the swamp and into the forest where he feasted upon bigger game. Now come crocodiles are known to eat land animals but this crocodile had lived and ate in the swamp his whole life; he didn't need land animals to survive. He was greedy and always searching for new and tasty animals to munch on.

One day, the crocodile came across an interesting land animal he had never seen before. It was a beautiful black and white with luscious fur and a broad behind that he knew would be meaty and delicious. He approached it sneakily and slithered up behind it as it was munching on some grass. Suddenly, the creature arched his back and raised its tail. The crocodile stopped. The creature stopped, then turned to face him. "What are you doing? Don't you know I'm a skunk? I can spray you with a mist so bad, it will make your eyes water all the way back to your swamp." The crocodile paused. "I-I didn't know that. I just thought you would be a delicious meal to EAT," he said menacingly. "Why are you so far from your home, why don't you eat the food you have in the swamp? There is more than enough there for you to survive off."

The crocodile stopped to think. Why was he hunting this smelly land animal when the fish back home were so juicy and tasty? Was he bored? He didn't need to be out on the land. "Mr. Crocodile," said the skunk, "Eating animals like me will do you no good. I am small, but dangerous to predators like you. You have a swamp full of many wild-eyed fish and little creepy, crawly swimmers. You can eat them until your heart's content. All that you need to survive is already provided for you. There is no need to try to satisfy yourself with more than you need because your heart is already full and your stomach is happy in the swamp."

You see, the skunk was content eating what the earth already provided for him. He could eat grass, roots, and other vegetations. But if he could not get any of this, the earth also provided him with worms, snakes, and other small creatures. But he did not seek to eat anything more than his stomach needed. He did not have to prey on animals he did not need. And so the crocodile understood the skunk's ways and he lurked back to the swamp where he lived happy, learning to appreciate the food he already had.

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Isaiah 55 Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

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