

Tales of Nasreddin Hodja

A Path Beyond the Tree

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In this book, elements from more than one of Nasreddin Hodja's stories have been combined to make a single story.

NASREDDIN HODJA



When we hear his name, we immediately think of a long white beard, a big turban, a flowing robe and a smiling face. Then a big smile spreads across our own faces.

He is full of witty remarks and he has something clever to say in every situation.

We laugh when we think of his stories.

Nasreddin Hodja was born almost 800 years ago in the 13th century, in what is today the city of Konya in Turkey and lived much of his life in a place called Akşehir.

WHAT WE WILL LEARN

When we read this book we will:

- Develop our imaginations.
- Learn about some events and terms that are related to nature.
- Develop our understandings of pictures and landscape portraits.
- Improve our vocabulary and our control of the language that we use.
- Reinforce our knowledge about interpersonal relationships
- Make connections between different events; follow the flow of a story.
- Reinforce the rules that we know about good manners and how to behave properly.
- Learn to carry out the things that we are responsible for.
- Learn the parts of the day and how to use their names properly.

And last but not least, we will get to meet Nasreddin Hodja!

CONCEPTS:

When we read this book we will learn concepts such as:

- Numbers (1-10)
 - Colors
 - Seasons
 - Mealtimes
- Terms about nature (Rainbow, rain, cloud)
- Animals (sheep, bird, squirrel)
 - Fast – Slow
 - Long – Short
 - Old – New
 - Hot – Cold

One April morning, Nasreddin Hodja woke up to the sound of birds. It was a sound he hadn't heard in a long time. He opened his bedroom window right away. His room lit up. He leaned out the window, took a deep breath and looked all around. It was clear that spring had come.



The cold birds and the animals that had been hiding in their nests slowly started to come out. The cozy sunlight was warming everything up. The trees that had lost their leaves in the winter had begun to turn green again. The flowers were blooming.



Nasreddin Hodja loved spring most of all of the four seasons. He wanted to enjoy this beautiful weather. He ate breakfast, put on his favorite clothes and went outside. And of course his donkey, Tracker, came with him too.



He and Tracker headed for the lake together. On the way they saw a few cats playing, tiny little sheep and a bird with bright green wings. All of the animals were very merry.



Nasreddin Hodja and Tracker kept going on their way. As they got close to the lake they began to hear a ruckus. They picked up the pace. Before long Nasreddin Hodja understood what was happening. A man had fallen in the lake and the others were trying to save him.

