

The Parrot and the Turkey

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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:

- Improve our vocabulary and our control of the language that we use. (Master, apprentice, fishing rod, gown, razor)
- Learn terms that refer to nature and the names of animals.
- Learn what is necessary to be courteous in our social lives and how to do these things ourselves.
- Learn to understand sequences of events.
- Understand the relationship between the causes and effects of things that happen.
- Learn to not lose our patience when we are met with negative behavior.
- Learn the importance of being helpful in family life.
- Learn the colors of fruits and in which seasons fruits grow.
- Learn about activities such as fishing and flying kites.
- Learn to connect words to pictures and understand visual landscapes.

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

CONCEPTS:

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

- Colors
- Seasons
- Fruits and vegetables
- Animals
- Numbers 1-10
- Concepts about nature (wind, hills, lakes)
- Hot, cold, warm, cool
- Before – After
- To be tired – To rest

One beautiful summer morning, Nasreddin Hodja woke up to the sound of children playing outside. He wondered why there were children were out so early in the morning. He opened the window. All the children in the neighborhood had kites in their hands and were running towards the lake.



It cheered Nasreddin Hodja up to see children so happy. He said to his wife,

“Let’s have our breakfast in the yard today.”

“Alright, but there are a few things missing. It would be wonderful if you could go to the market while I prepare breakfast.” She said to Nasreddin Hodja.

“Okay. I’ll get some fresh air, too.” He said and set off for the market.



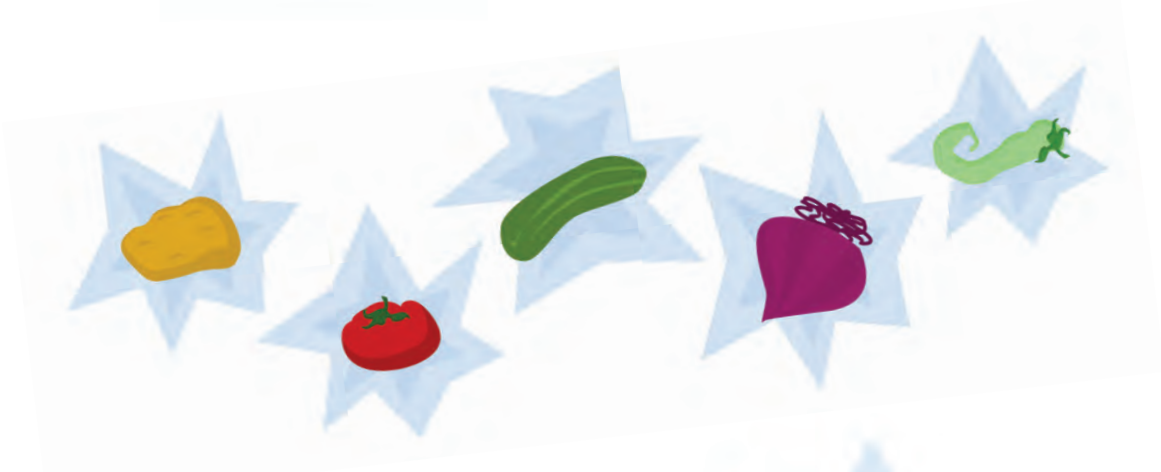
The weather was beautiful. The sun was slowly rising. It was gradually getting warmer. Nasreddin Hodja started to sweat.

Then he saw a fountain. He ran to the fountain and drank lots and lots of water to cool off.





Then he entered the market. He went strolling passed the stands to find the vegetables that his wife had asked for.



He got tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, potatoes, and onions. Then he stopped by the greenery stand and got lettuce and parsley.



When he went to pay for what he had gathered, the fragrant smell of peaches came to his nose. He walked straight to the stand that the smell was coming from. There were all types of summer fruits at that stand, and he got a pound of peaches.

