

What if it works?

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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.
- Develop our reading abilities.
- 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.
- Improve our ability to investigate something that has happened.
- 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 how to be apologize when we have made a mistake.
- 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:

- Numbers 1-10
- Sequence concepts: before – after, early – late.
 - Colors
 - Narrow - Wide
 - Problem - Solution
 - Morning - Evening
 - Bottom - Top
 - Hungry - Full
 - Dirty - Clean
 - Benefit - Loss

One beautiful summer morning, Nasreddin Hodja went out in his field and worked until noon. The weather was beautiful. He decided that when he was finished he would go home on the route that passed by the lake. The grass was bright green, the water bright blue, the birds were singing, "tweet tweet!"



The Hodja sat on the shore of the lake. He realized he was hungry. He had some food with him to eat while he was working that his wife had prepared. He took the food out of the bag. There was a pot of yogurt to go with the other food. Nasreddin Hodja ate until he was full.



Then he took some of the yogurt from the pot and poured it into the lake. A man passing by saw him and said,

“What’s this, Nasreddin Hodja? Why are you pouring the yogurt in the lake?”



The Hodja grinned at the man and said,
"I'm brewing the lake, can't you see?"
The man laughed and said,
"Really, Hodja? Have you ever seen someone brew a
lake?"

"Don't say that, my neighbor," Nasreddin
Hodja said. Then he added,
"What if it works?"



The man laughed and continued on his way. Then Nasreddin Hodja gathered up his things and headed for home. That night Nasreddin Hodja and his wife went to sleep early. In the middle of the night, Nasreddin Hodja woke up to a tapping sound.

