

Eat Up, My Robe!

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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.
- Guess what the text says based on the illustrations.
- 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.
- Learn to make a plan for the things you want to do in the day
- Learn the importance of knowing what time it is.
- 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 to be apologize when we have made a mistake.
- Learn to understand how all plants have their own special environment.
- Learn to accept that no matter how much a person knows, they'll never know everything.

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

CONCEPTS:

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

- Big – Small
- Morning – Evening
- Rich – Poor
- Early – Late
- Near – Far
- Sad – Happy
- To be tired – To rest
- Slow – Fast
- Young – Old
- Place names (city, neighborhood, street)

Nasreddin Hodja left his house one morning at sunrise. He set out for his farm. The weather was very beautiful. While he was looking around, he saw a walnut tree on the side of the road. He wanted to sleep a little under the tree. "It's still early, I'll rest here a little. I'll go to the farm later." He thought.



He propped his bag up under his head like a pillow and lay down under the tree. Just as he was about to fall asleep, he saw pumpkins on the ground. First he looked at the giant pumpkins on the ground, then at the little walnuts in the walnut tree.



He said to himself, "Oh God, no one can question your creation, but with such a thin vine you've made an enormous pumpkin, and with a thick tree you've made a tiny walnut. What's that about?" He drifted off to sleep as he thought about this.





When he was right
in the best part of his
sleep, a walnut fell on

Nasreddin Hodja's head with a "pat."

Nasreddin Hodja woke up
to the bump. When he
was trying to figure out
what had happened,
another walnut fell on
his arm.



Rubbing his head and his shoulder, the things that he had been thinking before he fell asleep came back to his mind: "God, you know best. What if there were pumpkins in place of these walnuts in the trees? Where would I be then?" He said to himself.

