



Tales of Nasreddin Hodja



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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 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 to understand sequences of events.
- Improve our ability to investigate something that has happened.
- Understand the relationship between cause and effect.
- Learn what a nice time we can have at home with our families.
- Learn the importance of keeping our promises
- Learn the importance of being helpful in family life.
- Learn different ways to solve problems
- Learn to accept that no matter how much a person knows, they'll never know everything.

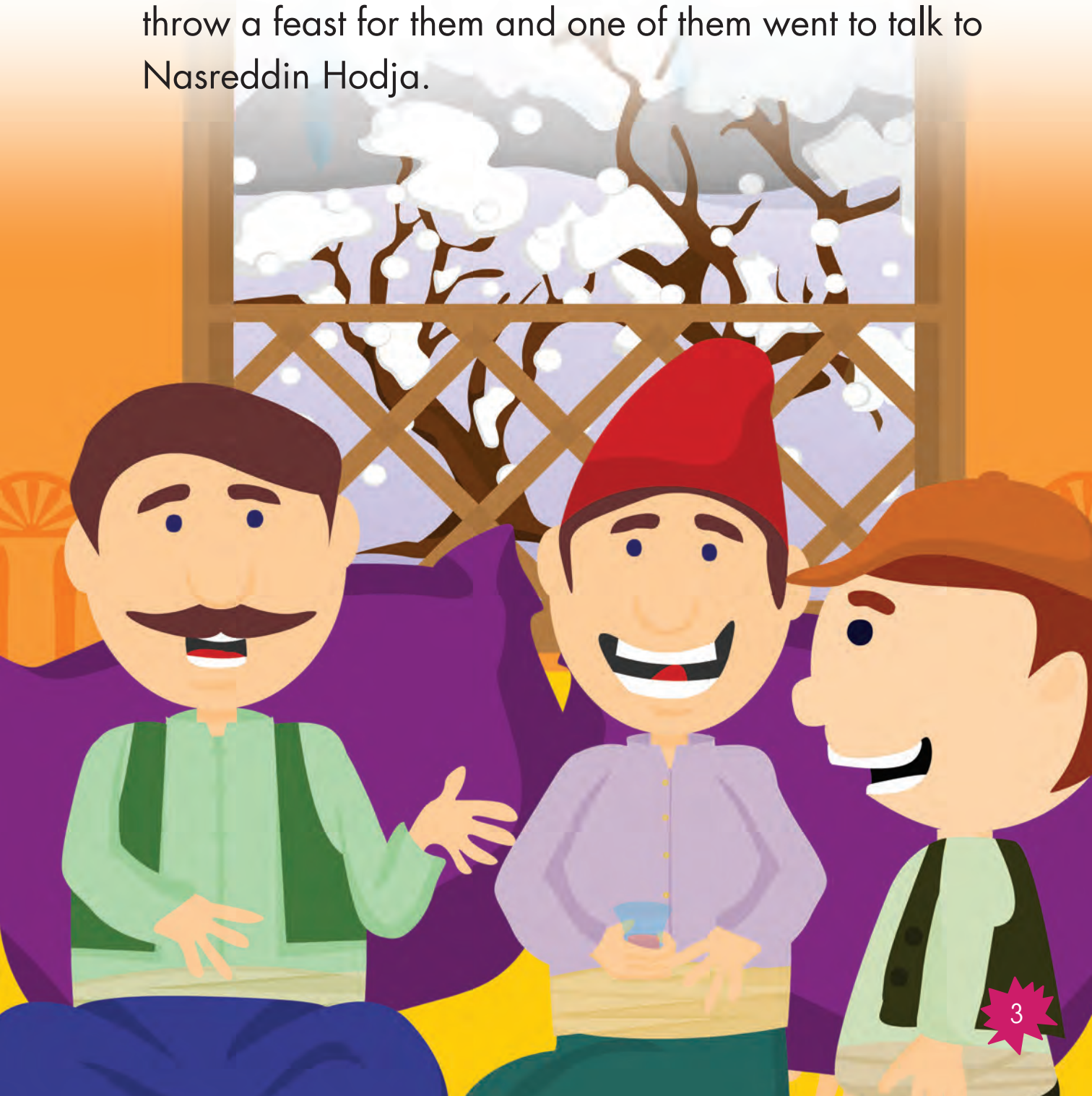
And last but not least, we will get to meet Nasreddin Hodja!

CONCEPTS:

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

- The season of winter
- Natural events (snow, storms)
 - Hot - Cold
 - Night - Day
- Winning - Losing
- Salty - Sweet
- Happy - Sad
- Full - Empty
- To be hot - To be cold

It was a cold and snowy winter day. There was pure-white snow everywhere. Nasreddin Hodja's friends were sitting down together. While they were talking, they decided that Nasreddin Hodja should throw a feast for them and one of them went to talk to Nasreddin Hodja.



The man stopped Nasreddin Hodja just as he was going into his house. The man said,

"Dear teacher, my friends and I made a bet. One group said that you would do something, while the other said that you wouldn't."

Nasreddin asked curiously,
"Well, what was it?"



The man answered,
“Hodja, tonight you are going to wait in the town square until morning. If you can stay there until the grey light of dawn touches the sky, then we will see how brave and tough you are. But if you can’t wait that long, then you have to throw us a feast.”





Nasreddin Hodja thought for a long time. Then he gave his answer,

"It won't be easy in this snowy winter, but okay!"



The man went and told his friends that Nasreddin Hodja had accepted the terms of the bet. They all went and gathered around Nasreddin Hodja.



But when they went they made the terms even more difficult. They said,

“Dear teacher, when you go, you can’t make a small fire or anything to keep you warm.”

To this too Nasreddin Hodja said, “I accept.”

Everyone waited excitedly for night to fall. When night came, Nasreddin Hodja went to the town square.

