

# The Dog and the bone: Storytelling tips and Learning tools

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## **Before narration:**

Introduce this story as a folktale from India about a greedy dog.

## **Storytelling:**

- This story can be told with a flannel board:  
The story will have three scenes:
  - Scene 1: Dog walks happily with bone in mouth
  - Scene 2: Dog growls angrily at reflection
  - Scene 3: Sad dog walks away after losing the bone
- a) Print the dog figures from the illustrations, cut and stick on felt paper to make flannel board figures
- b) Prepare the scenery-some trees and a blue strip for the river and stick them on the board
- c) Use the dog picture from each scene to explain the story replacing the happy dog with the angry dog, and the angry dog with the sad dog as the story proceeds
- Towards the end, ask the kids-"Guess what happened when the dog started barking?"  
Appreciate responses you get. Then conclude by revealing the ending in the story
- Use facial gestures to show the happy dog (when he gets his bone), the angry dog (looking at his reflection), and the sad dog (after losing his bone)
- Bark a 'woof' now and then to keep the kids attentive. Ask them to 'woof' along once in a while

## **After narration:**

- Ask the children to describe the dog
- This story can be used to introduce children to the concept of reflection
- Younger kids can be asked to count the number of flowers and birds as a counting exercise
- There is a sense of justice in this story when greediness is punished-the dog stole a bone and also wanted the bone from the dog in the water, and in the end lost the bone he had. Start a discussion with the children on whether they think it was fair for the dog to be punished

## **Reading Comprehension:**

Ask the children:

- 1) What does "bolted" mean?
- 2) What creates reflections in nature?
- 3) Identify the synonym for the word 'dog' in the story

## **Answer Key**

- 1) Ran quickly
- 2) Light
- 3) Canine