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Aesop

Many years ago there was a slave boy named Aesop. His master's name was Iadmon. They lived on the Greek island of Samos.

Aesop was a very smart boy. He made up stories about animals. The stories taught lessons. People came from all over to listen to Aesop tell his clever tales.

Iadmon loved the young slave boy. He was also very proud of him. One day he decided to give Aesop his freedom.

Aesop travelled to Sardis. His fame spread. Soon King Croesus invited Aesop to court. He wanted to hear Aesop's wonderful fables.

Even when he was old, Aesop continued to tell his wise fables. After his death his fame lived on. Today, people still learn Aesop's fables.



The Goose with the Golden Eggs

There was a poor farmer who owned a goose. Every day the goose laid an egg. Early one morning the farmer went to the nest of his goose. He was surprised. He found an egg of pure gold in the nest.

The farmer ran into the house shouting with joy. He showed his wife the golden egg. They were both excited and happy.

Every day after that the goose laid a golden egg. The farmer grew rich. He also grew greedy. He was not content to get one golden egg each day.

He began to think. The farmer thought of a wicked plan. He said to himself, "I will kill the goose and get the eggs all at once." The farmer cut her open and found no eggs at all.

Moral: The greedy often lose everything.

Words to know:

surprised

shouting

wicked

pure

excited

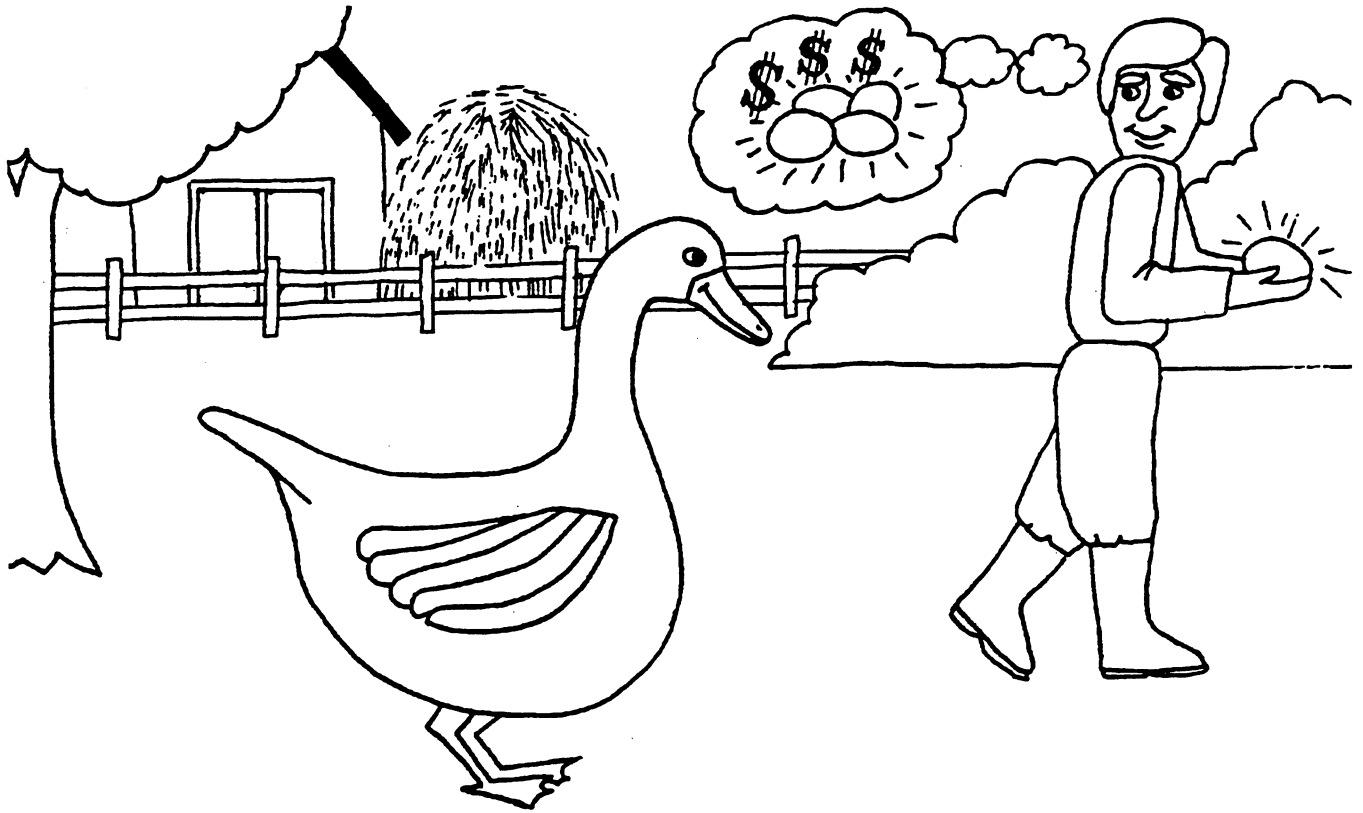
golden

greedy

joy

content

Enrichment Activities: Aesop's Fables



Write a sentence about the picture. Color the picture.

Nouns name things. Add some things to the farm. Write the name of each thing you draw.

