

First Grade Play
Les Lion and the Three Mice
Based on the Aesop fable
Adapted from
“The Lion and the Mouse”
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Reader 1: In the forest lived Les Lion.

Les Lion: Yawn! Yawn!

Reader 1:said Les Lion.

Les Lion: I am so sleepy, I need to rest. I think I will take a nap in the woods.

Reader 2: At home were the three mice, Moe, Larry, and Curly.

Reader 3: “Growl! Growl!” sounded Moe Mouse’s stomach.

Reader 4: “Growl! Growl!” sounded Larry Mouse’s stomach.

Reader 5: “Growl! Growl!” sounded Curly Mouse’s stomach.

Reader 6: Moe Mouse went for a walk in the woods. She looked for seeds to eat.

Reader 7: Larry and Curly mouse followed Moe Mouse to look for food too.

Les Lion: Snore! Snore!

Reader 8:snored Les Lion. He went to sleep in the woods. He rested his head on his paws.

Reader 9: “Rustle, Rustle!” Ugh, Oh! It was Harry and Barry Hunter in the brush in the woods.

Harry Hunter: We are so late. We need a big cat for the zoo. If we don’t we will not get rich.

Barry Hunter: I think we should go on a lion hunt right now.

Reader 10: Harry and Barry Hunter went on a hunt in the woods. They looked for a big cat to trap.

Reader 11: “Snee-Snore! Snee-Snore!” Les the Lion was in a deep sleep.

Reader 12: Moe, Larry, and Curly Mouse walked around, scratched, and ate.

Reader 13: All of a sudden Moe Mouse hit a bump.

Moe Mouse: Oh! What a big bump in the road? It feels funny.

Reader 14: And with that, Moe Mouse squeezed it as hard as she could. It was NOT a bump!

Les Lion: Hey, what are you doing to my nose, little mouse? Stop that! And stop that right now!

Reader 15: And with that, Les Lion let out a big roar.

Les Lion: ROAR!

Reader 16: The sound was so loud it scared Moe, Larry, and Curly Mouse. They froze in their spot. They could not run away.

Moe Mouse: I am so sorry, great lion. I thought your nose was a bump on the road.

Larry Mouse: She did not mean to hurt you!

Curly Mouse: She might be clumsy but she is not mean.

Les Lion: What? A little thing like you hurt a great big cat like me? I think not!

Reader 1: But Les took his paw and rubbed his nose anyway. Then he stuck out his paw to trap Moe, Larry, and Curly Mouse.

Les Lion: I could hurt you now. I could take my paw and crush all three of you!

Larry Mouse: I know, great one. But please do not hurt us. Please spare us we will pay you back someday.

Les Lion: Ha! Ha! Ha! You help me? How could you little mice help great big me?

Curly Mouse: I'm not sure, great one. But we will, we will, we promise! I will help you someday.

Les Lion: You are so funny. You make me laugh. Okay! I will let you mice go. Be off with you!

Reader 2: This time the three mice were not frozen. This time they ran as fast as they could.

Reader 3: Les Lion was tired. He wanted to nap some more.

Reader 4: But Les did not know that Harry and Barry Hunter had heard the great roar. The hunters knew a big cat was nearby.

Reader 5: They came to the spot in the woods-the very spot-where Les was sleeping.

Harry Hunter: Just what we need-a big cat for the zoo.

Barry Hunter: And a sleeping big cat-all the better!

Reader 6: Harry got the big net ready.

Barry Hunter: Take this, big cat!

Reader 6: They threw the net around Les Lion.

Harry Hunter: Yes! Now we got you in our net.

Barry Hunter: Now you belong to us!

Reader 7: Poor Les the Lion. He was sleeping soundly. He didn't hear the hunters coming.

Reader 8: When he woke up he found himself trapped in the net.

Les Lion: H-E-L-P!!!!!! H-E-L-P!!!!!!

Reader 8: Les Lion cried for help. The three mice stopped running. They sat up and listened.

Reader 9: The cry sounded like Les Lion-the great one who just this night had let them go.

Reader 10: The three mice knew what they had to do. They had to help Les.

Reader 11: They started running-toward Les this time.

Reader 11: Harry and Barry Hunter had tied the lion with a rope. Then, happy with their catch, went to sleep in his tent.

Reader 12: Now Moe, Larry, and Curly Mouse could see Les Lion and the rope.

Moe Mouse: Oh, what can I do to help him? What? Oh, what?

Larry Mouse: We must do something for the great one.

Curly Mouse: We have to help Les Lion get out.

Reader 13: Just then, the mice knew what to do. They would chew on the rope and set Les free!

Les Lion: Who is there?

Larry Mouse: It is only us, great one. Moe, Larry and Curly Mouse. We are here to help you. We are here to set you free.

Reader 14: And with that, Moe, Larry, and Curly Mouse chewed and chewed and chewed. They were tired, but they did not stop. They kept trying to help.

Reader 15: Finally, the mice chewed all the way through the rope.

Les Lion: I can pull free now. Move, little ones.

Reader 15: Les pulled and pulled. The rope broke. He was free.

Les Lion: Thank you, little ones. I didn't believe you before. But you did help me. You set me free. Thank you!

Moe Mouse: Yes! You laughed at us.

Larry Mouse: But we paid you back, we did!

Curly Mouse: Hurry, now, let's go before the hunters hear us!

Reader 16: And with that, the four were off, big and small, through the woods. Big and small, kindness for all!

Everybody: A kind act is never wasted!