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The Old Lion and the Fox

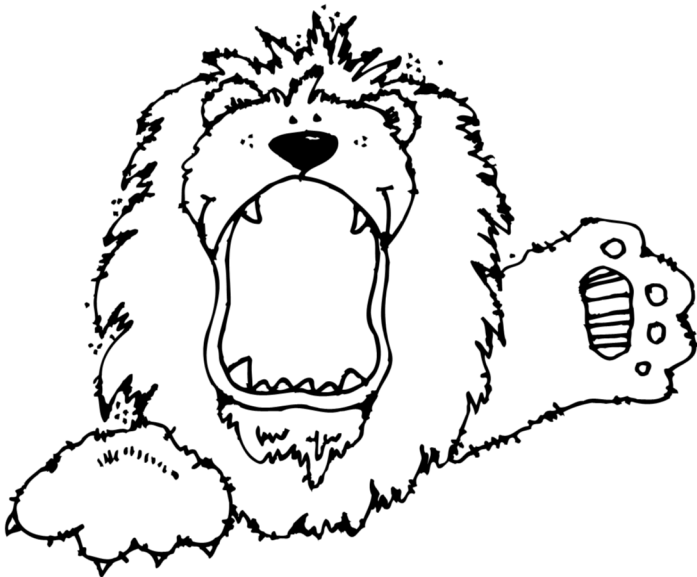
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An old lion, whose teeth and claws were so worn that it was not so easy for him to get food as in his younger days, pretended that he was sick. He took care to let all his neighbors know about it, and then lay down in his cave to wait for visitors. And when they came to offer him their sympathy, he ate them up one by one.

The fox came too, but he was very careful about it. Standing at a safe distance from the cave, he asked politely about the lion's health. The lion replied that he was very ill indeed, and asked the fox to step in for a moment. But the fox very wisely stayed outside, thanking the lion very kindly for the invitation.

"I should be glad to do as you ask," he said, "but I have noticed that there are many footprints leading into your cave and none coming out. Please tell me, how do your visitors find their way out again?"

When the lion did not answer, the fox turned and ran away to safety. He did not want to suffer the same fate as the others.





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1. To which character did a bad/good thing happen? _____

2. What bad/good thing happened to the character? _____

3. Why did the bad/good thing happen to the character? _____

4. What is the moral (lesson) of the story?

- a) Even an old lion is dangerous
- b) It is always best to be honest and kind
- c) Learn from the mistakes of others when you can

5. Highlight a sentence or sentences that help you identify the moral.

6. Write the moral of the story in your own words.
