English Version - SSSSB Story 106a: Benny the Monkey and the Magic Words [5-12 years]



Benny the Monkey had just joined the Forest Fun School. He was excited to make new friends.

One of his classmates was Coco the Parrot. Coco was funny and playful, but she had a habit of teasing everyone.

"Slowpoke Turtle!" "Clumsy Rabbit!" "Sleepy Bear!" She would squawk, making some animals laugh and others feel sad.

Benny did not like hearing hurtful words. However, he did not tease others back, nor did he tell Coco she was a bad parrot. Instead, he continued speaking kindly to everyone.

"Good morning, Turtle!" "Great jump, Rabbit!" "Thank you, Bear!" Every day, Benny used cheerful and gentle words.

One afternoon, Rabbit tripped and dropped his lunch. Coco was about to laugh and tease him.

Before she could speak, Benny quickly helped Rabbit pick up his lunch. "Are you okay?" he asked kindly. Rabbit smiled. "Thank you, Benny."

Coco watched quietly. Later, she saw that everyone enjoyed being around Benny. His kind words made others happy. That evening, Coco thought, *"Benny never teases anyone. Yet everyone likes him. Maybe kindness is stronger than teasing."*

The next day, Coco surprised everyone. "Good morning, Turtle!" "Nice drawing, Rabbit!" "Have a great day, Bear!"

The animals stared in amazement. Benny smiled. Coco flew over and said, "Benny, thank you. You showed me that kind words make friends happier than teasing ever can."

Benny replied, "We all make mistakes. We can always choose better words."

From that day on, Coco became known as the Kind Parrot, and the Forest Fun School became an even happier place.

Question: Do you use kind words when you speak to others – at home or at school ?

Heart-Work: Use only kind and encouraging words. Did your kindness make someone smile or behave differently? Share your experience with the class.