

SSSSB Story 026a: The Wise Crow and Cheerful Parrot [5-12 years]



Once upon a time, there was a clever crow who had a special talent: he could imitate human voices. One day, while flying through the sky, the crow noticed a parrot trapped inside a cage. The parrot looked sad and helpless. Feeling compassion, the crow decided to help.

The crow flew down and sat on the roof of the house where the cage was hanging. Then, using his special talent, he called out in a human voice: "Oh, Kancha! Set the parrot free. I have come to give you some wise advice. If you keep the bird trapped, you may spoil your good karma and affect your future success."

The owner of the house was shocked. He looked around but could not see anyone. Again, the mysterious voice echoed: "Oye Kancha! Free the parrot and do a good deed today!"

The man became frightened. Wondering if some divine messenger was speaking to him, he quickly opened the cage.

The parrot immediately flew out and soared high into the sky. He was overjoyed to be free.

"Thank you, dear crow brother," said the parrot gratefully. "You used your special talent to save my life. I will never forget your kindness." The crow smiled and replied, "Every talent is a gift. The best way to use a gift is to help others."

The parrot thought deeply about these words. "If the crow had not helped me, I might have remained in the cage for the rest of my life. Now I am free, and I must use my freedom to help others," He thought.

- From that day, the parrot began serving whenever he got the opportunity. Sometimes he did it in funny ways: He guided lost pigeons back to their flocks by whistling like a traffic policeman.
- He shared fruit with hungry birds, but often took a playful bite first and laughed, "Taste-Test, approved!"
- Once, he even pretended to be a talking alarm clock, shouting "Wake up, sleepyhead!" to a boy who was late for school.

The parrot's life became a joyful chain of kindness, all sparked by the crow's compassion.

Question and Heart-Work: Do you also use your talents to help others and do good things?