

All that glitters is not gold.

Better safe than sorry.

Experience is The Best Teacher.

Every Cloud has a silver lining.

Failures are the stepping stones to success.

Cheats never prosper.

1. Despite repeated falls, Lincoln never gave up and went on to become the President of the United States when he was 52 years old. Till that time, it was a life full of struggle for him.

Lincoln lost a lot of money in business at the age of 21. He was defeated in his attempt to become a Lawmaker when he was 22 years old. He tried his hand at business only to fail again at age 24. He faced the death of a very close friend when he was 26 followed by a mental breakdown the next year. He lost two very important political when he was 34 and 45 respectively.

Lincoln failed to become the Vice-President when he was 47 and lost a senatorial race when he was 49. Any other person would have just given up! But not Lincoln. He still kept trying and was elected as the President of USA when he was 52 years old.

2. Deepak was a very sad young man. Ever since his accident a few months earlier, he was confined to a wheelchair. His knee had been badly damaged and he required a number of surgeries to fix it. The doctors said that he would have to wait for another two months before he could attempt to walk. He was very low in confidence and angry that he was unable to run and play around like the others. He was not interested in even meeting his friends. He wanted to be left alone. Deepak's parents were very worried about him.

One day one of Deepak's class teachers, Mrs.Rajam, visited him and gifted him a set of chessboard. She also taught him the basic rules of the game and asked Deepak to play a few games every day.

Deepak forgot all about his health condition and practiced hard every day. His confidence levels went up as he slowly started winning prizes at all the local tournaments. He was soon his old cheerful self. He no longer felt sad or angry. For, if he had not been confined to a wheelchair, he would never have tried his hand at chess - thanks to his teacher.

3. Gokul and Nanda were two poor friends who lived in a small village. One day they decided to search for a job in the city. They earned a lot of money and decided to return to their village. However, Gokul was an evil man and plotted to steal his friend's money.

As they neared their village, Gokul told Nanda, "It is not safe to carry so much money. We will be robbed by thieves. Let's hide the money safely somewhere and take it later." Nanda trusted his friend and agreed. They hid the money under a tree and went home. A few days later Gokul returned, dug out all the money and quietly took it home.

When Nanda dug the pit, he found the money had gone! The matter was taken to court and the judges decided to visit the tree since it was the only witness. Meanwhile Gokul hatched a wicked plan. He requested his father to sit in the hollow of the tree and asked him to pretend to be the voice of the tree.

When the judges came and requested the tree to name the thief, the tree named Nanda as the culprit! But Nanda suspected this was a trick from Gokul so he took some sticks and set them fire in the bottom of the tree. As the fire spread it became hot and Gokul's father jumped out of the tree. The judges punished Gokul and his father for tricking his friend and Nanda got his hard-earned money back.

4. Once there was a farmer who had four sons. They were very lazy. They were not interested in doing any work and only wanted to enjoy life. The farmer tried his best to advise them but they did not listen, so he decided to teach them a lesson. One day he called them and informed them that a huge amount of treasure was hidden in their farmland and that he wanted them to find out where it was.

All the four sons were too excited to wait and started digging the farmland straight away. By the end of the week they had dug up the entire field but did not find any treasure. They were angry and tired. The farmer gently told them, "Since the field is so well dug why don't you sow some corn in it?" The lazy sons agreed to this and did as they were told.

A few weeks later it rained heavily and soon the farmland was filled with fully grown corn. The farmer called his sons and told them that they will find the treasure once they harvested the corn and sold it in the market. The sons sold the corn and came back with a bag full of money. They asked their father where they could find the treasure. The farmer pointed out to the money and told them. "This is the treasure that I was talking to you about. It was all along there in the soil. It just needed a bit of your hard work to bring it out. If you continue with your efforts this treasure will be forever yours."

5. Sharad was a fun-loving teenager who loved adventures and challenges. He especially liked riding his bike at a very fast speed. His teachers warned him several times, saying that he was becoming a bad example to other students who were trying to copy his dangerous driving. Sharad laughed and said that he was always in perfect control of his bike.

One day Sharad was dared to ride his bike on a single wheel by a few other students and he immediately took up the challenge. A few other students tried to stop him saying that it was too dangerous since the roads were not in good condition. Sharad refused to listen and got his bike out ready for the act.

Sharad was getting ready to begin his act when a few students noticed an oil spill on the road. They tried to shout a warning to Sharad but he was already speeding down the road. His bike skidded, sending Sharad flying across the road. As people ran across to help him, Sharad lay still in an unconscious state. He was rushed to hospital where the doctors pronounced that he had injured his spine so badly that he would never again be able to walk. It was a great blow to Sharad and everyone dear to him.

Sharad felt terribly depressed and sorry for himself. It was then that he realized that his foolishness in not observing safety warnings had cost him his future.

6. Once upon a time there were two friends - Anil and Sunil who were travelling by train from their village to the city. The first thing they wanted to buy was a wrist watch for both of them.

A very well-dressed young man overheard their conversation and politely asked if they would be interested in buying a couple of watches that he had. He said they were made of pure gold. He opened his bag, brought out two beautiful watches that were stunning to look at and sparkled in their gold straps.

Anil liked the watches so much that he immediately agreed to buy one. Sunil cautioned Anil not to make a hasty decision since they did not know for sure if the watch was made of gold. Anil ignored Sunil's objections and paid the stranger the huge sum he asked for and took the watch home.

A couple of days later the watch stopped ticking and when Anil took it to a watch repairer, he was told that the watch was not made of gold and that he had been cheated. Anil was shattered that he had lost his hard-earned money. He felt ashamed of his foolish act and for not listening to his friend.