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Every Child Deserves a Good Start

# Activity Sheets

Dear Parents,

We hope you've enjoyed the animated video of the re-telling of the Hare and Tortoise fable.

Included in this set of accompanying Activity Sheets are the English text version of the story, where you can read the story aloud to your child. A colouring sheet is also included.

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## Read-Aloud Activity

### **Hare and Tortoise: a tale re-told**

Once upon a time, there lived a Tortoise and a Hare. Hare was swift and speedy, while Tortoise was slow and steady.

One day, Tortoise and Hare decided to race each other.

And off they went!

Hop, hop, hop. Up, down, up. Over the hill, down the slope, Hare was way ahead of Tortoise. "Since I'm ahead, I'll take a little nap."

While Hare was resting, what was Tortoise doing?

Plod, plod, plod. Left, right, left. Over the hill, down the slope, Tortoise soon caught up, and went past Hare.

Hare woke up with a start! "I'll catch up with you!" he cried. Hop, hop, hop. Up, down, up. Over the hill, down the slope. "I'll win the race!" cried Hare. Very soon, Hare was far ahead of Tortoise.



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Then, the sky turned dark. Storm clouds gathered, and it began to rain.

Hare hated getting wet. "I can afford to wait, since I can easily catch up," he thought. So Hare waited, waited and waited. But there was no end to the rain. Water was everywhere.

While Hare was stuck, what did Tortoise do?

Tortoise went: Plod, plod, plod. Left, right, left. Over the hill, down the slope, Tortoise did not mind getting wet and plodded ahead.

"Help!" cried Hare. "Am I going to be here forever?"

And then, surprise, surprise! Who did Hare see?

Tortoise!

"Get on my back," said Tortoise. With his help, Hare was able to avoid the water.



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## Read-Aloud Activity

When Tortoise and Hare were about to reach the finish line, the rain stopped and the ground became dry.

Hare shouted, "The water is gone! The water is gone!"

Hare jumped off Tortoise's back, and hopped ahead.

Hop, hop, hop. Up, down, up. Over the hill, down the slope, "I'll win the race!" said Hare.

But just when he was about to reach the line, Hare stopped. He looked back. "Tortoise! Let's finish the race together!"

So Hare and Tortoise went:

Plod, plod, plod.

Hop, hop, hop.

Over the hill, down the slope, they both crossed the line together.

**The end.**



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## Discussion Activity

### **Talk about it!**

Suggested points for you to discuss with your child:

- How did Hare and Tortoise end up winning together?
- What was Tortoise able to do, that Hare could not?
- Why do you think it is important to help one another?
- Would you rather be Tortoise or Hare?



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## Colouring Activity

