

# Life Principle: CURIOSITY

## The Monkey and the Wedge – a [Panchatantra](#) Tale

Once there was a merchant who hired many carpenters and [masons](#) to build a temple in his garden. They would begin work in the morning, take a break for lunch, and return to work till evening.

One day some monkeys came by and observed the workers. One of the carpenters was half-way through sawing a huge log and, not wanting it to close up, he placed a [wedge](#) in between the edges before leaving for lunch.

When all the workers were gone, the monkeys came down and began jumping around and playing with the tools. One monkey was curious about the wedge in the log and placed himself in between the half-split log. He caught hold of the wedge and started pulling at it. Suddenly the wedge came out and the half-split log closed in catching the monkey in the gap causing him to be seriously hurt.

[The Monkey and the Wedge](#) - story with pictures

[Choice Monkey Curiosity Worksheet](#)

[Aesop Fable Learning Strategies](#)

[Choice LP Curiosity Worksheet](#)

### Brainstorm Questions

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

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When? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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What? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Critical Thinking Questions:

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Moral of the Story: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Life Principle Words**

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**Enriched Vocabulary:**

[masons](#)

[wedge](#)

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**Example of Friendship (Picture or 2-3 sentences)**

**CELEBRATIONS** - 8 Celebrations **GE CELEBRATIONS DVD**

**Lexicon**

**Word & Definition:**

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**Step the Word:**

**Synonym:**

**Illustration:**