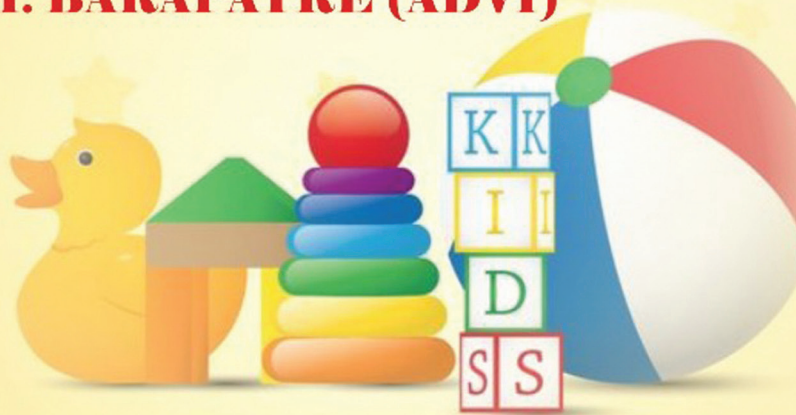


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# THE BLUE AND BROWN BIRDS

Once upon a time, a little beautiful blue bird lived with his family on a big banyan tree, and a brown bird also lived with his family on the same tree. The blue bird did not like the brown bird because he looked very ugly, but the brown bird was very kind in nature. One day the blue bird got his wings hurt while repairing his nest, so he was not able to fly and collect branches for the nest. Then he saw that brown bird was making one more nest, and the blue bird asked him, "Why are you making one more nest?" The brown bird replied, "I am making it for you, my dear friend, as you have got hurt in your wings". He also brought medicines and a bed with a soft mattress and pillow for the blue bird. Then the blue bird realised his mistakes. He asked his wife to collect food for the brown bird's family, and then, they decided to invite the brown bird's family for the dinner. The blue bird invited the brown bird's family for the dinner. Then they became best friends and helped each other whenever needed. After some time, the blue bird's wing got healed, and he used to fly along with the brown bird.

*Moral: Looks does not matter, but the behaviour does.*





# A BRAVE GIRL

Once upon a time, a little brave girl lived in a village with her mother and little brother. She was very clever and good in studies. Her father was killed by a lion in the nearby forest. She always followed the instructions of her mother. Daily she used to go to the forest to collect wooden logs for lighting fire. One day she went deep inside the forest and forgot her way back home. She got scared because it was getting dark. But she collected all her strength and courage and applied her mind. She lit dried wooden branches by rubbing firestones together. Suddenly, she heard the lion's roar. But she did not cry; she thought that if she would cry, then lion may attack her and she may die. She picked a large burning branch and said loudly, "Who are you? Come out". Then the lion quickly came out from the bushes. The lion was very big and it once again roared angrily.

She became very scared. But she knew that wild animals were scared of fire so she approached the lion with the burning wooden branch and said loudly, "You bad lion quickly go away from here; otherwise, I will kill you". Seeing the fire, the lion got scared and ran away from that forest and never came back. All the villagers praised and thanked the little girl for her bravery.

**Moral:** We should never cry in difficult situations; instead, we should find a way out of our difficulties.



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