**12 Stories That'll Change the Way You Perceive Life**

Short [**inspirational stories**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=27483) are great to read. The fantastic thing about them is that they’re extremely straightforward to follow and digest, and [**there’s always a moral to learn at the end of the story**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=25048). Whether they’re true or not is another thing all together, as many of them are legends from hundreds of years ago. However, the 12 short stories below are so inspirational and powerful that they will really get you thinking.

**1. The Group of Frogs**

[**A group of frogs**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=10313) were traveling through the forest when two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that there was no [**hope**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=15603) left for them.

However, the two frogs ignored their comrades and proceeded to try to jump out of the pit. However, despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up as they’d never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed of what the others were saying and he gave up, jumping even deeper to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the group of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and to just die.

He ignored them, and jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, “Did you not hear us?”

The frog explained to them that he was deaf, and that he thought they were[**encouraging**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=28798)him the entire time.

**Moral of the story:**People’s words can have a huge effect on the lives of others. Therefore, you should think about what you’re going to say before it comes out of your mouth – it might just be the difference between life and death.

**2. A Pound of Butter**

Once, there was a farmer who regularly sold butter to a baker. One day, the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the exact amount that he asked for. He found out that he wasn’t, so he took the farmer to court.

The judge asked the farmer if he uses any measure to weigh the butter. The farmer replied, “Your Honor, I’m primitive. I don’t have a proper measure, but I do have a scale.”

The judge replied, “Then how do you weigh [**the butter**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=26647)?”

The farmer replied; “Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day, when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it’s the baker.”

**Moral of the story:**In life, you get what you give. [**Don’t try to cheat others.**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=27870)

**3. The Obstacle in Our Path**

In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes, and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king’s wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and note from the King explain that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road.

**Moral of the story:**Every obstacle that we come across gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances, and while the lazy complain, others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, [**generosity**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=21335), and willingness to get things done.

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**4. The Butterfly**

Once upon a time, a man found a butterfly that was starting to hatch from its cocoon. He sat down and watched the butterfly for hours as it struggled to force itself through a tiny hole. Then, it suddenly stopped making progress and looked like it was stuck.

Therefore, the man decided to help [**the butterfly**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=23803) out. He took a pair of scissors and cut off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, although it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man thought nothing of it, and he sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. However, that never happened. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with small wings and a swollen body.

Despite the man’s kind heart, he didn’t understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle needed by the butterfly to get itself through the small hole were [**God’s way**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=20963) of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings to prepare itself for flying once it was free.

**Moral of the story:**Our struggles in life help to develop our strengths. Without struggles, we never grow and get stronger, so [**it’s important for us to tackle challenges on our own**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=27655), and not rely on help from others all the time.

**5. The Blind Girl**

There once was a blind woman who hated herself purely because she could not see. The only person she loved was her boyfriend, as he was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, then she would marry him.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her – now she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her loving boyfriend asked her, “now that you can see the world, will you marry me?”

The woman was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was [**blind**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/video.aspx?emailid=778)too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and wrote a short note to her saying: “Just take care of my eyes, dear.”

**Moral of the story:**When our circumstances change, so does our mind. Some people may not be able to see the way things were before, and might not be able to [**appreciate**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=22406)them.

**6. Box Full of Kisses**

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Some time ago, a man punished his young daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. [**Money**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=5910)was tight and he became angry when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas day and said, “This is for you, daddy.”

The man became embarrassed by his overreaction a few days before, but his rage continued when he saw that the box was empty. He yelled at her, “Don’t you know, when you give someone a gift, there’s supposed to be something inside?”

The little girl looked up at her dad with tears in her eyes and cried; “Oh, daddy, it’s not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They’re all for you, daddy.”

The father was devastated. He put his arms around his daughter, and[**begged for her forgiveness**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/video.aspx?emailid=26856).

A little while later, the girl died in an accident. Her father kept the gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was feeling down, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

**Moral of the story:**Love is the most precious gift in the world.

**7. An Old Man Lived in the Village**

Moral Stories 

An old man lived in the village. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was [**always in a bad mood**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=28857). The longer he lived, the viler he became and more poisonous were his words. People did their best to avoid him because his misfortune was contagious. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

But one day, when he turned eighty, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumor: “The old man is happy today, he doesn’t complain about anything, [**smiles**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=27636), and even his face is freshened up.”

The whole village gathered around the man and asked him, “What happened to you?”

The old man replied, “Nothing special. Eighty years I’ve been chasing happiness and it was useless. And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life. That’s why I’m happy now.”

**Moral of the story:**Don’t chase happiness. Enjoy your life.

**8. The Wise Man**

Moral Stories 

People visit [**a wise man**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=26061) complaining about the same problems over and over again. One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore.

The wise man smiled and said: “You can’t laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?”

**Moral of the story:**Worrying won’t solve your problems, it’ll just waste your time and energy.

**9. Having a Best Friend**

Moral Stories 

Two friends were walking through the desert. At one stage in their journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything he wrote in the sand, “Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to have a wash. The one who had been slapped got stuck in a mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he had recovered from his shock, he wrote on a stone, “Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who slapped and saved his best friend asked him, “After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write in stone, why?”

The other friend replied, “When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

**Moral of the story:**Don’t value the things you have in your life. [**Value those who you have in your life.**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=18938)

**10. The Greedy Lion**

Moral Stories 

It was an incredibly hot day and a lion was feeling very hungry.

He crawled out of his den and searched here and there, but he could only find a small hare. He caught the hare, but with some hesitation as he knew the hare wouldn’t fill him up.

As [**the lion**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/video.aspx?emailid=20544) was about to kill the hare, he spotted a deer coming his way and thought, “Instead of eating this small hare, let me eat that big deer.”

So he let the hare go and went after the deer, but it vanished in the forest. The lion now had nothing to eat as the hare was also long gone.

**Moral of the story:**A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

**11. Two Friends and the Bear**

Moral Stories 

Vijay and Raju were friends. One day while on holiday, exploring a forest, they saw a bear coming towards them.

Naturally, they were both frightened, so Raju, who knew how to climb trees, climbed one quickly. He didn’t spare a thought for his friend who had no idea how to climb.

Vijay thought for a moment. He had heard that animals don’t attack dead bodies, so he fell to the ground and held his breath. The bear sniffed him, thought he was dead, and went on its way.

Raju, after he had climbed down from the tree asked Vijay, “What did [**the bear**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/video.aspx?emailid=25692) whisper in your ears?”

Vijay replied, “The bear asked me to keep away from friends like you.”

**Moral of the story:**A friend in need is a friend indeed.

**12. The Fox and the Grapes**

Moral Stories 

One afternoon, [**a fox**](http://www.ba-bamail.com/content.aspx?emailid=15551) was walking through the forest and spotted a bunch of grapes hanging from a lofty branch.

“Just the thing to quench my thirst,” he thought.

Taking a couple of steps back, the fox jumped and just missed the hanging grapes. The fox tried again but still failed to reach them.

Finally, giving up, the fox turned his nose up and said, “They’re probably sour anyway,” and walked away.

**Moral of the story:**It’s easy to despise what you can't have.