

## **1. Kentucky Fried Chicken**

Once, there was an old man who was very poor. He lived in a small house and had an old car. When he was 65 years old, he decided he wanted to change his life. He thought about what he was good at. His friends liked his chicken recipe a lot. He thought this might help him start a new life.

He left Kentucky and traveled to many states to try to sell his recipe. He told restaurant owners that his chicken was very tasty. He gave them the recipe for free, and only asked for a small part of the money when they sold his chicken. Sounds like a good offer, right?

But most restaurants said NO. He was told no more than 1000 times! But he did not give up because he believed his chicken was special. After being told no 1009 times, he finally got his first YES.

With this one success, Colonel Harland Sanders changed how Americans eat chicken. Kentucky Fried Chicken, or KFC, was born.

Remember: Never give up and always believe in yourself!

## **2. The Obstacle in our Path**

There was once a very rich king. This king put a big rock in the middle of a road. Then he hid nearby to watch if anyone would try to move the rock.

The first people to come by were rich businessmen and nobles. Instead of moving the rock, they just walked around it. Some of them even complained loudly that the king did not take care of the roads. But no one tried to move the rock.

Then, a farmer came along. He was carrying a lot of vegetables in his arms. When he saw the rock, he did not walk around it like the others. Instead, he put down his vegetables and tried to move the rock to the side of the road. It was hard work, but he finally moved it.

After that, the farmer picked up his vegetables and was ready to leave. But then he saw a purse on the road where the rock had been. He opened the purse and found it full of gold coins and a note from the king. The note said the gold was a reward for moving the rock.

The king showed the farmer—and all of us—that every problem can be a chance to make things better.

### **3. The Elephant Rope**

A man was walking by some elephants when he suddenly stopped. He was surprised to see that these huge animals were tied with only a small rope on their front leg. There were no chains or cages. The elephants could easily run away, but they didn't.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked, "Why don't these elephants try to run away?"

The trainer said, "When the elephants are very young and small, we tie them with the same size rope. At that time, the rope is strong enough to hold them. But when they grow bigger, they believe they cannot break the rope. So, they never try to run away."

The man was shocked. The elephants could break free if they wanted, but because they thought they couldn't, they stayed where they were.

Like the elephants, many of us believe we cannot do something just because we failed once before.

Remember, failing is part of learning. We should never give up in life.

#### **4. The Miser and His Gold**

Once upon a time, there was a man who lived in a small town. He was very greedy. He saved all the money he earned and spent very little. He loved his gold more than anything else. So, he decided to bury all his gold in a secret place in his garden.

Every day, he would dig up the gold, count it, and then bury it again. One day, while he was counting his gold, a thief saw him. That night, the thief went into the garden, dug up the gold, and took it away. The man was very shocked. He started crying loudly.

His neighbor heard him and asked, "What happened? Why are you crying so loud?" The man said, "My gold was stolen!"

The neighbor said, "Why didn't you keep your gold inside the house? It would be easier to use when you want to buy something, and it would be harder for a thief to steal it."

The man answered, "Buy something? I never spend my money. I was never going to use the gold I saved." The neighbor shook his head and said, "If that's true, then you might as well have saved some stones. Your gold was not worth saving if you never used it."

This story teaches us that the real value of money is in how we use it to make life better or help others. Money is meant to be used, not just saved. Saving money without using it to do good doesn't really help anyone.