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Day F Moral Reading

The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A wolf found it very difficult to get close to the sheep because the shepherd and his dogs took good care of them. But one day the wolf found the skin of a sheep accidentally. It put the skin on and went with other sheep.

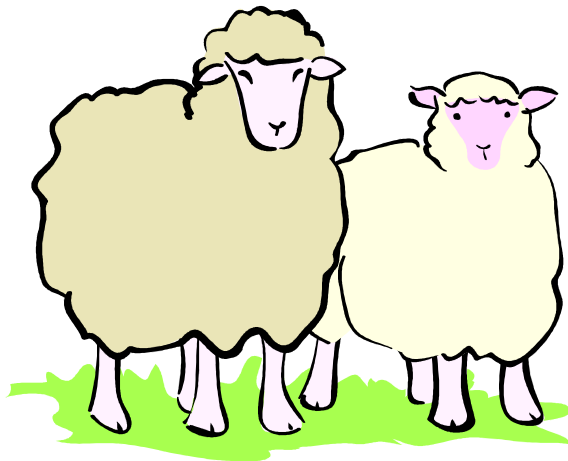
The sheep whose skin the wolf was wearing began to follow the wolf in the sheep's clothing.

So, leading the sheep a little apart, the wolf soon made a meal off her, and for some time he could cheat the sheep and enjoy meals.

Appearances are deceptive.
外表是不可靠的！

Vocabulary

wolf	n.	狼
difficult	adj.	困難；艱難
sheep	n.	綿羊
shepherd	n.	牧羊人
skin	n.	皮
clothing	n.	衣服
leading	v.	帶領
apart	adv.	離開
cheat	v.	欺騙
meals	n.	用餐



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Two neighbours came before Jupiter and prayed him to make their wishes come true. One of them was very greedy. The other one always liked to envy others. After knowing that, Jupiter was ready to punish them both. He told them that each might have whatever he wished for himself, but only on condition that his neighbour had twice as much. The greedy man wanted to have a room full of gold. But very soon all his joy was turned to grief when he found that his neighbour had two rooms full of expensive gold.

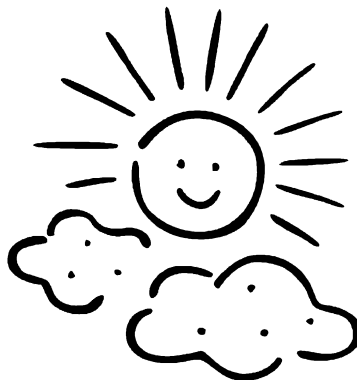
Then came the turn of the envious man who could not bear to think that his neighbour was happy at all. So he prayed that he might have one of his own eyes put out, by which means his peer would become totally blind.

Vices are their own punishment.

惡有惡報！

Vocabulary

neighbours	n.	鄰居
Jupiter	n.	古代羅馬的主神
pray	v.	禱告；祈禱
wishes	n.	願望
greedy	adj.	貪心的；貪婪的
envy	v.	妒忌
grief	n.	悲傷；憂傷
peer	n.	夥伴
blind	adj.	失明的



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Hercules

A man was once driving his cart of very heavy load along a very muddy road. At last he came to a part of the road where the wheels sank half-way into the mud. And the more the horses pulled, the deeper sank the wheels. So the driver threw down his whip, knelt down and prayed to Hercules.

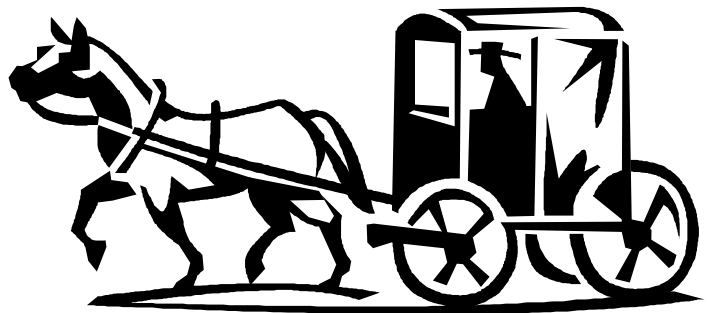
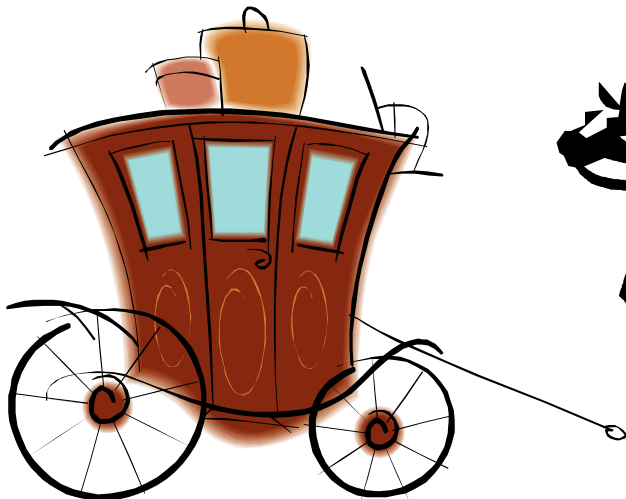
"Hercules, help me. I'm in trouble," said he. But Hercules stood in front of him, and said, "Don't sprawl there. Get up and put your shoulder to the wheel."

God helps those who help themselves.

天助自助者！

Vocabulary

muddy	adj.	泥濘的
sank	v.	下沈
mud	n.	泥
wheel	n.	車輪
whip	n.	鞭子
knelt down	v.	跪下
sprawl	v.	笨拙地爬行



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The Ant and the Grasshopper

On a hot day, a grasshopper was hopping about happily. An ant passed by, carrying a lot of heavy wheat.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the grasshopper, "instead of working hard in that way?"

"I am helping to keep food for the winter," said the ant, "and you should do the same."

"Why think about winter?" said the Grasshopper; "we have got enough food at present."

But the ant went on its way and continued its hard work. When the winter came, the grasshopper had no food and was very hungry. While it saw the ants distributing wheat from the stores they had collected in the summer every day, the Grasshopper knew:

It is best to prepare for the days of necessity.

未雨綢繆,才能防患於未然。

Vocabulary

ant	n.	螞蟻
grasshopper	n.	草蜢
hop	v.	蹦蹦跳；跳躍
wheat	n.	小麥
distributing	v.	分配
collect	v.	收集；採集

