

The Tortoise and the Ducks - Aesop's Fables

The Tortoise carries his house on his back and has short legs that hardly drag him along. He can never leave his home. He decided that he wanted to see the world, but there he was with a house on his back.

One day he met a pair of Ducks and told them all his trouble. "We can help you to see the world," said the Ducks. "Take hold of this stick with your teeth and we will carry you far up in the air where you can see the whole countryside. But keep quiet or you will be sorry."

The Tortoise was very happy indeed and [seized](#) the stick firmly with his teeth. The two Ducks took hold of it one at each end, and away they flew up into the sky. Just then a Crow flew by. He was very much [astonished](#) at the strange sight and cried: "This must surely be the King of Tortoises!"

"Why certainly——" began the Tortoise. But as he opened his mouth to say these foolish words he lost his hold on the stick, and down he fell to the ground, where he was dashed to pieces on a rock.

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[Why the Turtle Has a Cracked Shell - Native American Story](#)

[The Ducks and Turtle Venn Diagram](#) - compare different versions

[Choice Turtle Curiosity Worksheet](#)

[Choice Life Principle Worksheet](#)

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Brainstorm Questions

Who? _____

When? _____

Where? _____

What? _____

Why? _____

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Quote: _____

Life Principle Words

Enriched Vocabulary:

seized

astonished

Example of Friendship (Picture or 2-3 sentences)

Lexicon

Word & Definition:

Step the Word:

Synonym:

Illustration: