

(1)The lion and the mouse

A lion was asleep in the sun one day. A little mouse came out to play. The little mouse ran up the lion's neck and slid down his back. The lion caught him with a great big smack!

'I'm going to eat you!' the lion roared, his mouth open wide.

'No, no, please don't!' the little mouse cried. 'Be kind to me and one day I'll help you.'

'I'm a lion! You're a mouse! What can you do?' The lion laughed, very hard, and the mouse ran away.

But the mouse was out walking the very next day. He heard a big roar, and squeaked when he saw the king of the jungle tied to a tree. But the mouse had a plan to set him free. The mouse worked quickly and chewed through the rope.

The lion said, 'Oh little mouse, I had no hope. You were right, little mouse – thank you, I'm free. You're the best friend there ever could be!'

(2)The snowman

It was nearly Christmas. Katie woke up and found that the world was white and magical. 'Snow!' she shouted. 'Snow for Christmas!' She ran outside and danced in the snow.

Her brother Eddie came out too. They made a big round snowball and a small one. They put them together and made a huge snowman.

'Hello,' he said. 'It's Christmas. Would you like a present?'
'Yes, please!' they said.

The snowman waved his arms. Silver crystal snowflakes filled the sky. It was so beautiful.

'We must give you a present too,' said Katie. They gave the snowman a carrot for a nose, a scarf for his neck and a hat for his head.

'Happy Christmas!' they said.

The snow stopped and the sun came out. The snowman started to melt. 'Goodbye,' he said. 'Build me again next year!'