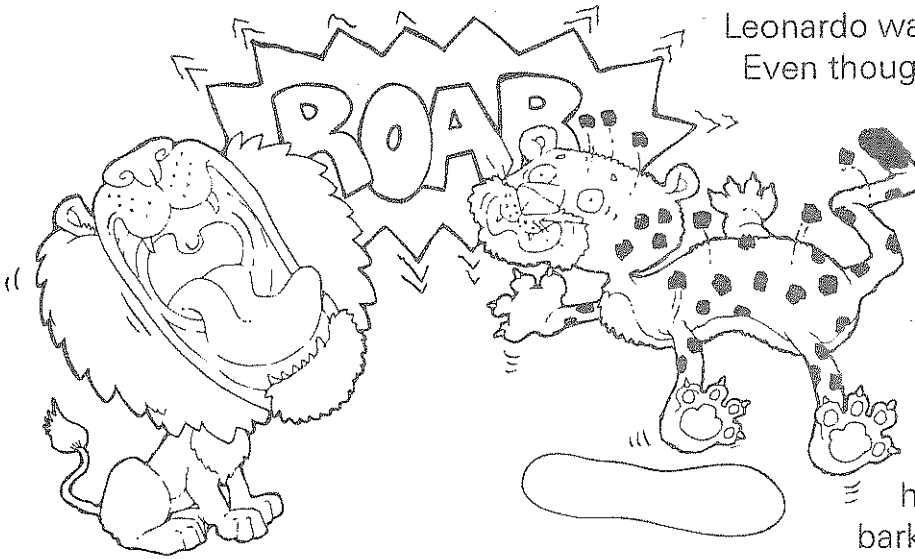


# Little One



Leonardo was a lion—a *little* lion. Even though he was fully grown, he wasn't much bigger than a cub. The other animals in the jungle were friendly to his face. But behind his back they all laughed.

'King of the jungle?' said the hyena. 'Dwarf of the jungle more like it.' Then he laughed his funny barking laugh.

'Yeah,' agreed the zebra. 'Pussycat of the jungle. Meow!'

Then they rolled on the ground, holding their sides and laughing until tears ran from their eyes.

Leonardo didn't mind. He quite enjoyed being small. And he was a friendly sort of lion, so he didn't have to be big like his father. He would rather play than hunt anyway.

One day, he was having a quiet snooze under a small bush, when he heard many running feet, coming towards him. He opened one eye. It was a stampede!

'What's up?' he asked the zebra as he ran past. 'Why is everyone running?'

'It's the leopard from the north,' the zebra panted. 'He's come here hunting. Run for your life!'

But Leonardo didn't run. He stood his ground, waiting for the leopard.

At last the leopard arrived. He was *huge*, with mean yellow eyes and long fangs that curved down from his jaw. He saw little Leonardo standing there, all alone.

'What are you doing, little one?' he asked. 'Why aren't you running like your friends?'

'Leonardo puffed up his chest. 'I don't need to run,' he said. 'While my father is away, *I'm* the King of the jungle!'

The leopard laughed, a hissing sound. 'You? King of the jungle? You look more like dinner to me.'

Leonardo took a deep breath. He opened his mouth wide—and he *R-O-A-R-E-D!* The trees shook with the mighty sound. The ground trembled. The leopard's spots jumped right off his fur and back on again! He took off, running as fast as he could, and didn't stop until he was home again. Even then, he hid up a tree for two whole days, too scared to come down!

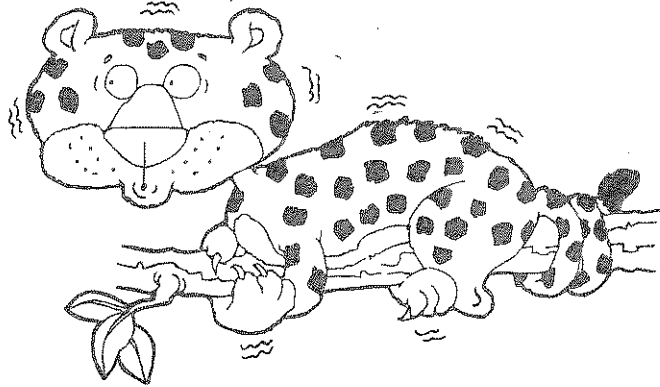
Strangely enough, Leonardo's friends never laughed about his size again!

**Moral:** *You can't judge a book by its cover.*

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**Level A**—Use one word or a short phrase to answer these questions.

1. Which one of the animals had a funny barking laugh? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Leonardo hadn't grown up yet. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why were the animals all running away? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What colour eyes did the leopard have? \_\_\_\_\_



**Level B**—Use brief sentences to answer these questions.

1. Why did the leopard think Leonardo looked more like dinner than the 'King of the jungle'?

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2. Why didn't Leonardo run away from the leopard? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why is this story called 'Little One'? \_\_\_\_\_

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What else could it be called? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What might have happened if Leonardo wasn't there? \_\_\_\_\_

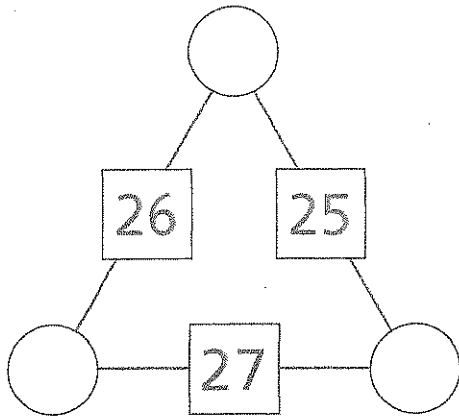
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**Level C**—Use full sentences to answer these on a separate piece of paper.

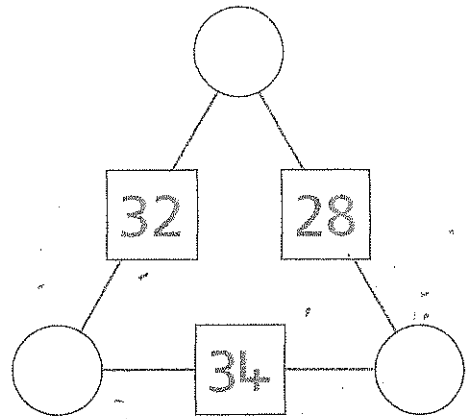
1. In your own words, explain what the moral of this story means.
2. Leonardo doesn't mind being small. What are some of the good points about being small?
3. What parts of this story make you feel that Leonardo is a *happy* little lion?
4. How will the other animals feel about Leonardo now?



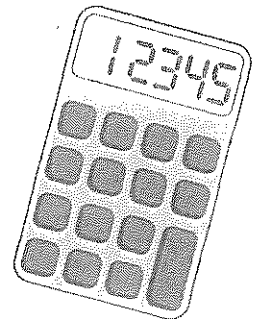
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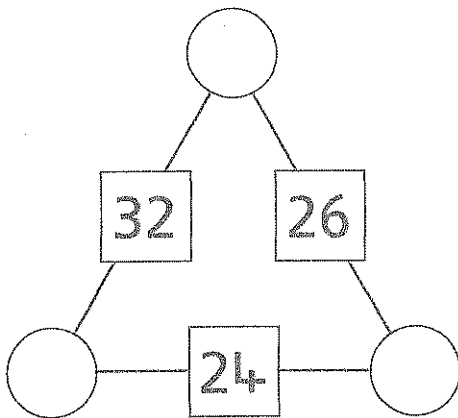
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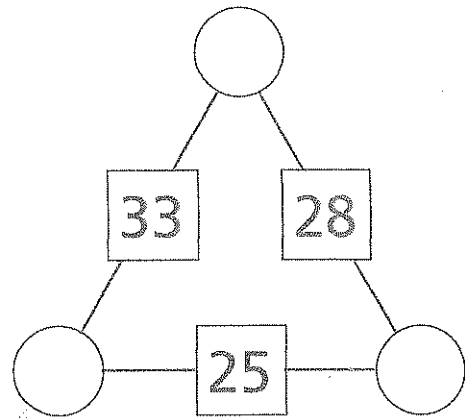
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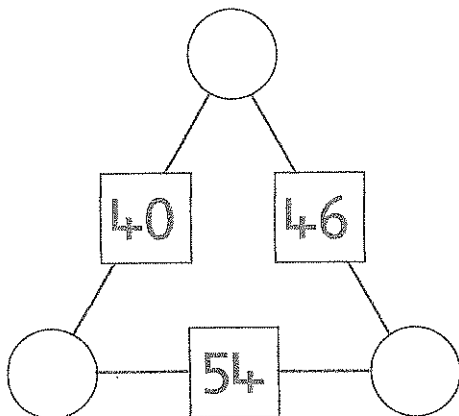
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