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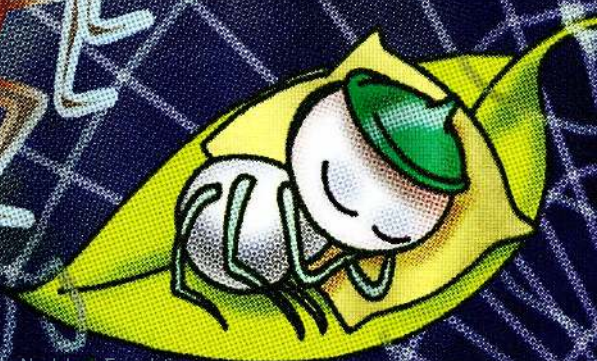
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Once there lived a spider family. They had a son, a lazy little spider. He ate the food given by his parents and sleeps all the days.

He never thought of doing any work. He does not know his talent. The poor parents advised him but nothing doing.

One day the parents decided to go far away leaving the little spider alone. It was dark in the night. The mother spider came to see her son. The little spider was fast asleep. The mother felt sorry and went back. They left their web and vanished into the darkness.



The little spider was fast asleep and got up late. He was hungry. As usual the little spider searched of his parents. They were not in their nest. He searched for his food. He was tired and hungry. He came out with angry.

"Mother! Mother! where are you? I am hungry. Give me my food". He shouted. None were there to answer his words. He ran here and there and found his parents missing. He cried and cried. He came out with weeping. He watched the environment. He began to walk.



On his way he met a honey bee. The honey bee moved with a music. The little spider tried to stop the bee. But the bee was very busy. The little spider stood in front of the bee and said "My dear friend! I am hungry, can you give me some food?".

The bee was very busy "Dear little fellow, do not disturb me. I am on my way to collect honey. Please go away". The bee ignored him and went away. Another honey bee came to the little spider and said "hai.. Little boy, what do you want"?



The little spider was happy and said "I am hungry, can you give me some food". He begged.

The honey bee was sad. "Hello friend!, do not beg. Earn your food. Look at me I am collecting honey every day. I enjoy with my parents".

The little spider was wandering and said "How can I earn?"

"If you work hard, You can earn your food". said the bee and left away. The little spider met many friends and got the same answers.

The little spider was angry. He looked for help. A mouse came towards him.

"Hello sir, I am hungry. May I get some food to eat?" Said the spider.

The little mouse smiled at him.

"Hello, My little lazy boy. Do not beg. You have talent. Use it."

"Talent? what is it.? I have not heard it? My parents never told about this". He was surprised to hear this.





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The mouse went on his way. The little spider ran after him. **“Sir, please wait. Please help me to get something to eat.”** said the spider.

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"How is he spinning the web.? From where it gets the thread? Please sir, tell me how it gets the stuff"?

"From its body. You too have it. Try and get it". The mouse went away.

The little spider was sad. The hunger chased the spider to find solution. He crawled and crushed his body.

What a surprise? He found a tiny fluid thressed out from his body. He placed the fluid on the wall. It was strong enough to bear his weight. He pasted the fluid on a spot and jumped to another spot.

"O.. Ho... What a surprise?"
The little spider shouted. He jumped on several spots and made a frame. He joined the threads.



He jumped from one corner to another. **"Wonderful"** he shouted loudly. He began to spin the web. In a short while he built his own web.

He ran from one end to another. He came round the web. He spread the web and rested at the center of the web. He found some insects were trapped and no way to escape.

"Hai.. at last I found my food. I never beg anybody. I can earn my food. I will help my parents. I have to find out my parents and support them. I never let them down" He shouted. He found his food. He was overjoyed.

He realized his talent. He began to work and learned to spin new webs. He taught his lazy friends to spin the web. He searched for his parents. The information spread all over.

The parent heard about their son's improvement. They were very happy. They came and saw their son's new web. They praised their little son.

The little spider welcomed his parent. He informed his friends to come and have a fun. His friends came. The new web of the little spider was in a corner of a pre - school.

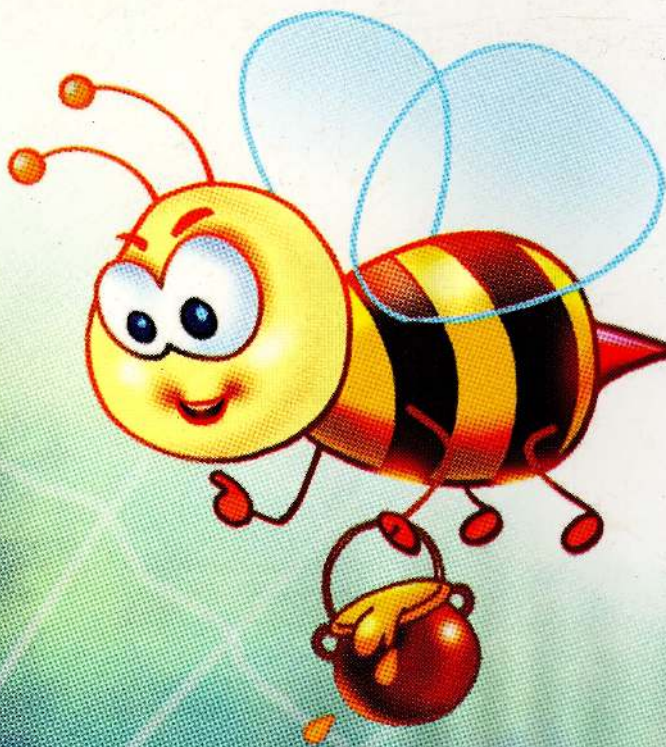




The pre-school children
watched carefully. They
sang the beautiful song of
William Blake.

When spider webs unite,
they can tie up a lion

Children if you know your
talent, you can win the
world. Try to understand
your talent.



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