The Blue Jackal

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THE STORY IN BRIEF

Chandra the jackal is chased by village dogs and tumbles into a barrel of blue dye. The forest animals take him for a king sent from the heavens, and Chandra enjoys the crown while keeping the other jackals far away. One moonlit night he cannot help howling along with a jackal pack, and the animals discover who he really is.

> **Moral:** Pretending to be something you are not may bring temporary success, but your true nature eventually reveals itself.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. How did Chandra become blue?
2. Why did the animals believe he had been sent from the heavens?
3. Why did Chandra send the other jackals away from the palace?
4. What happened when he heard the jackals howling?
5. Why did the animals stop trusting him?
6. Is it ever right to pretend to be someone else? What would you say to Chandra?

The questions run from what happened to why, and then to what you would do. Choose the ones that suit your group.

TRY THIS

Once Chandra is blue, he calls himself Neelambar, the name the animals know him by. Make a list of what they could have asked Neelambar before they believed him. Which question would have been hardest for Chandra to answer?

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