The Brahmin and the Mongoose

Ages 7 to 10 **Read aloud** about 3 min



THE STORY IN BRIEF

Somdev and Anaya raise an orphaned mongoose named Veer beside their baby son. When Somdev comes home to find a dark stain on Veer's mouth, he is afraid of the worst, but he stops to check the cradle before he decides anything. He finds his son safe and the trail of the cobra that Veer fought off, and he learns not to let a strong feeling decide before he knows the facts.

> **Moral:** A frightening first impression is not the whole truth; pause, examine the evidence, and understand before you act.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Who was Veer, and how did he spend his days?
2. What did Somdev see when he came back, and what did he think it meant?
3. What did he do before he made up his mind?
4. What clues showed what really happened?
5. Why might Veer have felt confused when Somdev called him?
6. What is one thing you can do when you feel a strong feeling before you know the facts?

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

TRY THIS

Play detective: write down what Somdev saw at the door, then what he found when he checked the cradle. What changed?

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