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# Strong and True

## Guide to Story/Character Themes

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## **Honesty**

*Why the Deer Has  
Antlers  
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Wolf*

## **Humility**

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Antlers  
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## **Industry**

*All about Crabs*

## **Integrity**

*Eyvind's Goat*

## **Justice**

*The Bell of Atri*

## **Kindness**

*Little Sunshine  
Lee and the Bird*

## **Patriotism**

*The First Thanks-  
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More about the  
Pilgrims*



## **Persistence**

*The First Thanks-  
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## **Reputation**

*The Boy Who Cried  
Wolf*



## **Self-Discipline**

*David, the Shepherd Boy*

## **Selflessness**

*Two Good Men*

*The Selfish Dog in the  
Manger*

*Lee and the Bird*

## **Sharing**

*The First Thanks-  
giving*

## **Thankfulness**

*David, the Shepherd  
Boy*

*The First Thanksgiving*

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## **Wisdom**

*The Wise Frog*

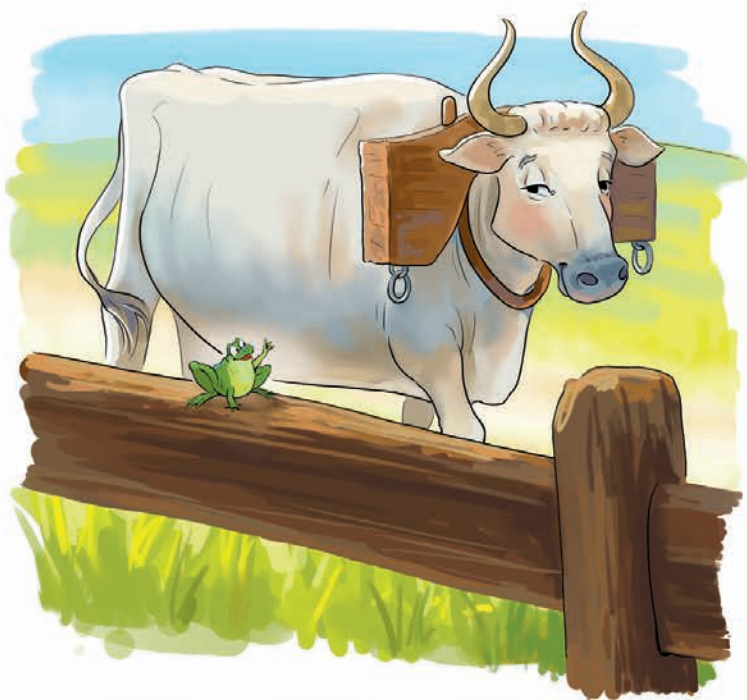






## Words to Watch For

mountain    moment    important



## The Wise Frog

One day, a little frog hopped to his father who sat by the edge of a pond.

“Father, I have just seen the biggest animal in the world!” said the little frog. “It was as big as a mountain, and it had horns on its head.”

“Son,” said the little frog’s father, “that was Farmer White’s ox.

He is pulling the plow to get the ground ready for crops to grow.”

“Father,” asked the little frog, “how can I be as strong as he is?”

“Why do you ask?” said the father frog.

The little frog thought for a moment before he answered. “I want to do an important job like he does.”

“Son,” said the father frog, “Farmer White has an important job for you to do. He wants you to catch flies for him.”

*“Catching flies is not an important job,”* the little frog thought to himself.

“It is exactly what Farmer White needs you to do,” said the father frog. Does the ox eat flies?”

“No,” answered the little frog.

“If we didn’t eat flies, Farmer White would have too many flies. Our job, as small as it may seem, is just as important to Farmer White as pulling a plow.”



Just then, a big fly buzzed past the little frog. With one jump and one gulp, the little frog had helped Farmer White not have too many flies.

### **Think About It**

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1. Why did the little frog want to be as strong as the ox?
2. Did the frog already have an important job? What was it?



*2 Corinthians 10:12*

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“But they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”



## Words to Practice

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### ure in pure

cure	surely	purely
secure	enduring	treasure

### ture in pasture

capture	lecture	future
rapture	moisture	culture
nature	picture	furniture
fracture	creature	adventure

A **pasture** is a field.

**Capture** means to catch.