



The Monkey

Curiosity

The route to the market place was long and tiresome. The animals travelled the pathway every week and every week they complained about how long and tiresome it was. Monkey stopped at the beginning of yet another journey and asked a passing giraffe, "Why do we always go this way? Can we not find another way?"

Giraffe replied, "We always go this way. It is the way we go," and with that, he walked away, not really giving Monkey's curiosity any respect.

Monkey went a little further and came across a family of bears. "Bear, aren't you tired?" Monkey asked.

Bear replied, "We always go this way. It is the way we go," and with that, he walked away, not really giving Monkey's curiosity any respect.

Monkey went a little further and came across a crocodile edging his way towards the pathway, fresh from a dip in the lake. "Crocodile!" Monkey called, "Aren't you tired? The journey is so long."

Crocodile replied, "We always go this way. It is the way we go," and with that, she crawled away, not really giving Monkey's curiosity any respect.

This didn't bother Monkey too much though, he remembered his friend Tortoise has shown him that determination can get you what you want – so he set off to find another way!

Monkey looked for different pathways and made a connection to a journey that he had taken before – he noticed this was a quicker way to the market place and so had found a shortcut! Monkey decided to share his news with the other animals on the journey. He could show them all the shorter route and together they would have an easier journey to the market place!

Monkey was so pleased he had achieved this, but would he settle with that....? Or would he think 'what next?'...