

**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA NO-4 ONGC VADODARA**  
**ENGLISH READING PROJECT**  
**Androcles and the Lion : Aesop's Fables**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Read the story first .
2. Find the meanings of the highlighted words from the dictionary and write them down in your notebook.
3. Watch the video based on the story only after reading the story, (parents will ensure that)
4. Complete the worksheet based on the story on your own.

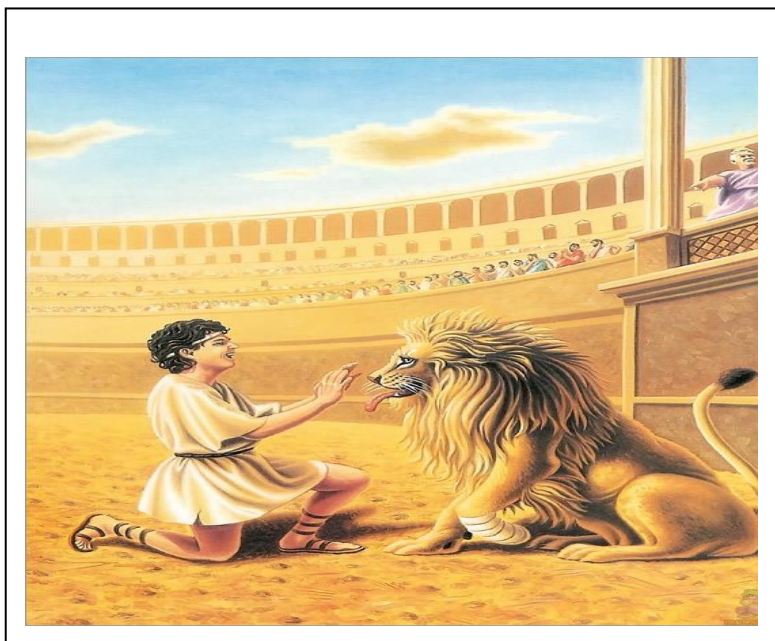


THIS STORY takes place in the city of Rome, where a Greek slave named Androcles worked for a rich man named Brutus who was very cruel and **inhumane**. One day Androcles managed to escape to a nearby forest. There he **wandered** for a long time until he was tired and hungry. He looked around for a place to rest. Just then he heard a lion near him **moaning** and **groaning** and at times roaring terribly. Tired as he was, Androcles rose up and rushed away to save himself from the lion, but as he made his way through the bushes, he

**stumbled** over the root of a tree and fell down. When he tried to get up, there he saw the lion coming towards him, limping on three feet and holding his **forepaw** in front of him.

Poor Androcles was in despair; he had no strength to rise and run away, and there was the lion coming upon him. But when the great beast came up to him instead of attacking him it kept on moaning and groaning and looking at Androcles, who saw that the lion was holding out his right paw, which was covered with blood and much swollen. Looking more closely at it, Androcles saw a great big thorn pressed into the paw, which was the cause of all the lion's trouble. Plucking up courage he seized hold of the thorn and drew it out of the lion's paw, who roared with pain when the thorn came out, but soon after found such relief from it that he **fawned** upon Androcles and showed, in every way that he knew, to whom he owed the relief. Instead of eating him up, he brought him a young deer that he had slain, and Androcles managed to make a meal from it. For sometime, the lion continued to bring the **game** he had killed to Androcles, who became quite fond of the huge beast.

But one day a number of soldiers came marching through the forest and found Androcles. As he could not explain what he was doing, they took him prisoner and brought him back to the town from which he had fled. Here his master soon found him and brought him before the authorities. Soon Androcles was **condemned** to death for **fleeing** from his master. Now it used to be the custom to throw murderers and other criminals to the lions in a huge circus, so that while the criminals were punished the public could enjoy the **spectacle** of a **combat** between them and the wild beasts.

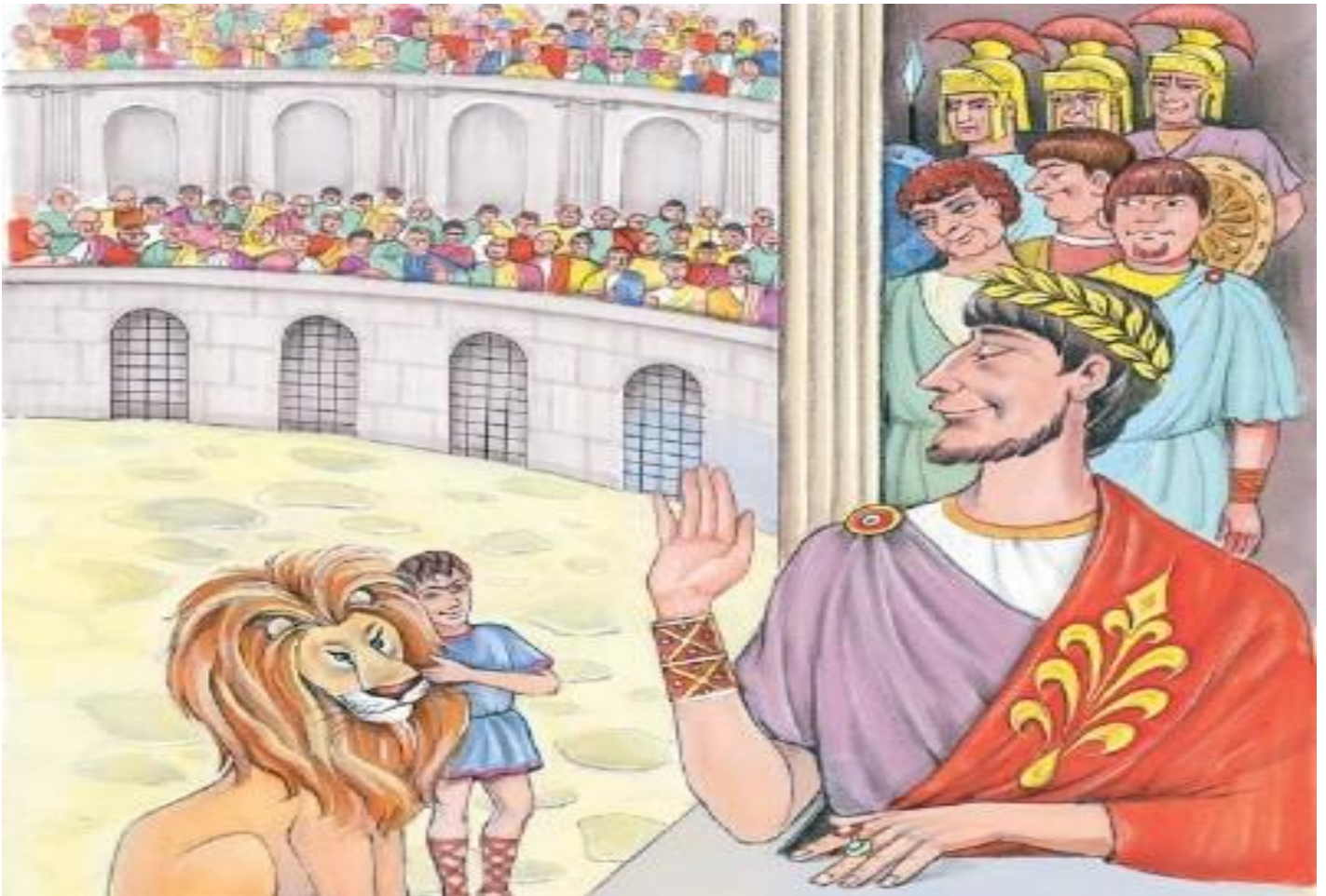


So Androcles was condemned to be thrown to the lions, and on the appointed day he was led forth into the Arena and left there alone with only a spear to protect him from the lion. The Emperor was in the royal box that day and gave the signal for the lion to come out and attack Androcles. But when it came out of its cage and got near Androcles, what do you think it did? Instead of jumping upon him, it fawned upon him and stroked him with its paw and made no attempt to

do him any harm. It was of course the lion which Androcles had met in the forest. The Emperor, surprised at seeing such a strange behaviour in so cruel a beast,

**summoned** Androcles to him and asked him how it happened that this particular lion had lost all its **cruelty** of **disposition**.

So Androcles told the Emperor all that had happened to him and how the lion was showing its **gratitude** for his having relieved it of the thorn. Thereupon the Emperor **pardoned** Androcles and ordered his master to set him free, while the lion was taken back into the forest and let loose to enjoy liberty once more.



**Now Children as you have read the story , I want you to watch this video very carefully and enjoy .**

Video link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1MQzbTTztM>

### **Let's take the test now**

On the basis of your reading of the story and the Video, Complete the Following worksheet.

# Worksheet

## Androcles and the Lion

1. Write the Moral of the story in your own words.

2. Match the words to the pictures.



- A. Androcles looked around the bush and saw an enormous lion.
- B. One night, Androcles decided to run away.
- C. Androcles worked for a rich man named Brutus.
- D. Androcles and Leo became best friends.

3. Choose the right word to complete the sentences.

- A. Androcles was a.....(stranger/slave /stronger).
- B. This story took place in..... (India/Egypt /Rome)
- C. Androcles met a ..... in the forest. (lion/tiger/beer)
- D. Emperor ..... Androcles. (killed /punished/ pardoned)

4. Choose the qualities from the box which you think best suits Androcles.

Empathetic, Caring, impolite, ill-mannered, nice, cruel, benevolent, unkind, compassionate, hostile, humane, kind,

5. Write three to four sentences about Androcles in your own words.

6. Do you possess the same quality as that of Androcles? Have you ever helped an animal or human being in need? If yes, then share the incident,

7. Choose any positive quality from the box and do (any one) of the activities suggested below:

Kindness, Honesty, Empathy, Caring, gratitude, gratefulness

- Write a Poem (self-composed or by some other poet on the same theme)
- Write thoughts on any of the good quality you selected (four thoughts)
- Write a slogan on that quality and paint it.
- You can also make a drawing on any of the positive quality from the box.
- Write a story on the same theme “Human Animal Friendship”