

# A Simple Lie



Once upon a time, one man stole the queen's necklace, and after a long search, the thief was caught. The king, in anger, ordered for him to be killed. The prime minister was not excited about this punishment and thought that the king should have been kinder and more forgiving.



The day of punishment came. Along with the soldiers, the king and the minister came to watch it. As the prisoner was being prepared to face his death, he began whispering bad things about the king.



The king could not hear him and wanted to know what the prisoner was whispering. The minister came forward and said a little lie to the king.

"Oh king, he was saying that a truly great king should control his temper. He should try and improve the bad persons through forgiveness and teaching."



The king was very impressed with these words, so he forgave the prisoner and ordered he be sent to a teacher to learn the right ways of life.



Some of the soldiers told the king that the minister had lied to save the prisoner. The king just smiled and said,

"It was a lie to help me improve as a king. I must learn to control my temper, forgive people and show them the right path."

We must control our anger and learn to forgive those who have wronged us.



We must not  
waste our time.

