



Play!

# Finish the Fable!



All around the world, sponsored kids hear and tell stories called fables, which are short tales that always end with a lesson. We've written a fable featuring a few of our favorite Compassion Explorer mascots. But the story isn't quite finished yet — and we need your help!

### Directions:

Before reading the story on the next page, fill in the blanks on this page with silly words. You can fill them in yourself (without peeking at the story) or have friends or siblings call out words. Each blank tells you what kind of word you need. Once you're done, read the story aloud, filling in the blanks in the story on the next page with the silly words!

1. verb+ing: \_\_\_\_\_
2. adjective: \_\_\_\_\_
3. adjective: \_\_\_\_\_
4. verb+ed: \_\_\_\_\_
5. adjective: \_\_\_\_\_
6. noun: \_\_\_\_\_
7. vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_
8. noun: \_\_\_\_\_
9. adjective: \_\_\_\_\_
10. animal: \_\_\_\_\_
11. another animal: \_\_\_\_\_
12. food: \_\_\_\_\_
13. verb: \_\_\_\_\_
14. adjective: \_\_\_\_\_

**Noun:** A word for a person, place or thing.  
Examples:

**neighbor    cookie**  
**church**

**Verb:** An action word.  
Examples:

**sneeze**  
**run                    laugh**

In some blanks, you'll add the letters "ed" or "ing" to the end of a verb.

**Adjective:** A word that describes something or someone. Examples:

**furry    silly**  
**gigantic**

# Sloth and Llama Learn About Love



One day, Sloth and Llama were walking along the road in Peru. In the distance, they could see someone  toward them. And as they got closer, they were shocked by what they saw — a green, , dragon-like creature with a  pink tongue.

VERB+ING

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE



“Oh my!” said Sloth. “I’ve never seen someone who looks so different from me!”

Sloth and Llama stopped and . They were so surprised!

VERB+ED

Then Llama asked the creature, “Excuse me, but who are you?”



“I’m Pangolin,” the creature said with a  voice.

ADJECTIVE

“If you don’t mind me asking, why don’t you have any fur like Sloth and me?” asked Llama.

“Well, I’m not from around here,” said Pangolin. “Where I’m from, I need scales instead of fur to protect me. But, I’m pretty far from home right now. ...”

Pangolin then went on to explain that his home and  are in the Philippines. And that in an unfortunate series of events — a story for another time — Pangolin ended up on a  to Peru. Now Pangolin was stuck in Peru with no food, no  and no way to get home.

NOUN

VEHICLE

NOUN

As Llama and Sloth listened to Pangolin’s  story, they didn’t know what to do. Pangolin was so different from them. Plus, it seemed weird to help a complete stranger.

ADJECTIVE

But then Sloth thought about last week when a  shared their food with him.

ANIMAL

And Llama remembered the time she was lost and a  helped her find her way home.

ANOTHER ANIMAL



Once Sloth and Llama remembered those acts of kindness, they looked at each other and said, “We can help!”

Sloth gathered  and shared it with Pangolin. Llama invited a few of his friends to build a boat that would  all the way to the Philippines. And with the help of his new friends, Pangolin was able to set sail for home.

FOOD

VERB



On his ride home, Pangolin felt . He was so grateful to have new friends who were willing to look past their differences and help him out.

ADJECTIVE

And from that day on, Sloth and Llama decided to always be kind, even to those who are different from them.

