

Pinocchio

Once upon a time, there was a carpenter named Geppetto who lived in a small workshop filled with wood, tools, and little figurines that he carved himself with his skillful hands. One day, he decided to make a very special wooden puppet. He carved it with care, gave it a beautiful shape, and named it Pinocchio.

That night, while Geppetto slept, a Blue Fairy appeared in his workshop. With a gentle touch of her magic wand, she brought the wooden puppet to life! Pinocchio opened his eyes, moved his arms, and began to walk!

“You are a wooden puppet who can speak and move,” the Fairy told him, “but if you want to become a real boy, you must learn to be good, brave, and honest.”

The Fairy entrusted the Talking Cricket—a wise little insect—to act as his conscience and help him distinguish between right and wrong.

The next morning, Geppetto was astonished to see that his wooden puppet could move and speak. Overjoyed, he decided to send him to school so he could learn just like any other child. But on the way, Pinocchio encountered two very mischievous characters: the Cat and

the Fox.

“Where are you going, little one?” the Fox asked with a cunning smile.

“I’m going to school!” Pinocchio replied.

“But that’s so boring!” said the Cat. “Would you like to earn a lot of money without having to work?” “Come with us to the Field of Miracles, and you’ll see how coins grow on trees!”

Pinocchio, who was innocent and easily deceived, followed them. But it was all a trick! When he buried his coins in that field, no magical tree grew. The Cat and the Fox stole everything he had and disappeared!

Sad and full of regret, Pinocchio headed back home, but on the way, he ran into the Blue Fairy. When she asked him what had happened, Pinocchio—feeling ashamed—told her a lie. But suddenly, his nose began to grow and grow!

“Every time you tell a lie, your nose will get longer,” the Fairy warned him.

Pinocchio was frightened and promised that, from that moment on, he would try to be truthful.

But Pinocchio hadn’t quite learned his lesson yet. Later on, he met a boy named Lampwick, who told him he was heading to the Land of Games—a place where children didn’t have to study or work, but could just play and have fun all day long.

Pinocchio decided to go along. For days, he enjoyed the rides, the sweets, and the laughter. But one night, when he looked in the

mirror… he had the ears and tail of a donkey! Any child who stayed too long in that magical place would turn into a donkey and be sold at the market!

Terrified, Pinocchio fled and headed back home. But when he arrived, Geppetto was nowhere to be found! He had set out to find him, and—out in the middle of the sea—a giant whale had swallowed him up!

Without a second thought, Pinocchio plunged into the sea to search for his father. When he found the whale, he let himself be swallowed so he could reach him. Inside the whale’s belly, they embraced, overcome with emotion.

“I’m sorry, Father! I realize now that I should have listened to your advice.”

Being the clever fellow he was, Pinocchio came up with an idea. He lit a fire using some wood he found inside, and the smoke made the whale sneeze so hard that it shot them both out into the sea! After swimming and swimming, they managed to make it back home, safe and sound.

When the Blue Fairy saw that Pinocchio had learned to be honest, kind, and brave, she decided to grant his greatest wish. With a wave of her wand, the wooden puppet turned into a real boy!

Geppetto and Pinocchio lived happily ever after, and he never again let himself be led astray by bad influences.

And that is the end of our story.