

## How Teamwork Tortoise Got His Name

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Once upon a time there was a jungle, and in that jungle there lived a tortoise, a monkey, a bird and a tiger. One day, Bird found some sparkling, shimmering, silver seeds. When Bird got back, he said,

“Look what I found! Sweet, juicy plum seeds.”

“Yay!” cried the others. “Let’s plant them.”

So that’s what they did, then they had to wait for five long days before it began to grow, and grow, AND GROW until it was bursting with plums. The only trouble was, the animals couldn’t reach the delicious looking fruit.

“Hang on, how are we going to get those plums?” questioned Tortoise.

“We will have to get up there,” answered Monkey.

So, Tortoise, who was full of ideas, tried his best to get up the tree. He stuck some Blu-Tac to his feet to help stick him to the trunk and branches. He nearly made it, but a plum fell on him, and he tumbled down. Luckily Tiger caught him.

“Oh dear!” sighed Monkey. “Maybe I could try?”

“Up you go then,” said Tiger laughing.

Just as Monkey reached the first branch, he lost his balance and fell to the ground. Unfortunately, nobody caught him, but monkeys are agile creatures, so luckily he was okay.

“I know! Let’s make a tower with Tiger at the bottom, then Monkey on top of him, then Bird and finally me at the top,” suggested Tortoise. So, this is what they did, and although the tower was a bit wobbly the animals reached into the high branches and got all the plums they wanted.

And that is how Tortoise became known as “Teamwork Tortoise.”