How the Camel Got His Hump

LISTEN to your child read this story aloud.

Back when the world was new, animals began to do work for people. The horse with a saddle on his back came to the camel and said, "Oh, Camel, come and work like the rest of us."

But the camel did not want to work for people. He just said, "Humph!" The dog with a stick in his mouth came to the camel and said, "Oh, Camel, come and fetch like the rest of us."

But the camel did not want to fetch. He just said, "Humph!"

Then the ox wearing a yoke on his neck came to the came! and said, "Oh, Came!, come and plow like the rest of us."

The camel did not want to plow. He just sald, "Humph!".

This made the three animals very angry, so they went to talk to the Djinn in charge of all the deserts.*

The animals asked the Djinn, "Do you think it is fair that we have to work and the camel does not?"

"I do not think it is fair," said the Djinn. "I will teach Camel a lesson."

The Djinn went to the camel and asked him to help with the people's work.

But Camel just said, "Humph!"

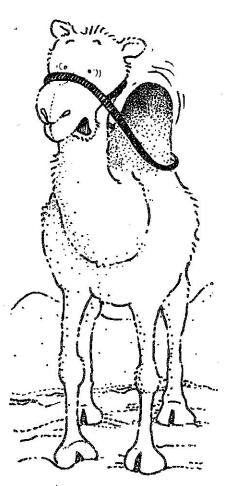
"Since you just keep saying 'Humph!' I will give you a 'humph'," said the Djinn.

Then the camel's back began to swell up to a big hump.

"Now you are going to work for people," said the Djinn. "You will walk in the desert for days and live from the water and food in your hump."

And so the camel learned how to work, but he has never learned how to be polite when people are around.

* In Muslim legend, a Djinn is a supernatural figure who affects the lives of men and women.



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Dear Parents.

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We completed this assignment together.

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The Questions

Together write simple answers to the following questions.

- 1. What is the main problem in this story?
- 2. How did the Djinn help the animals solve their problem?
- 3. What lesson did the camel learn from the Djinn and the animals?

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