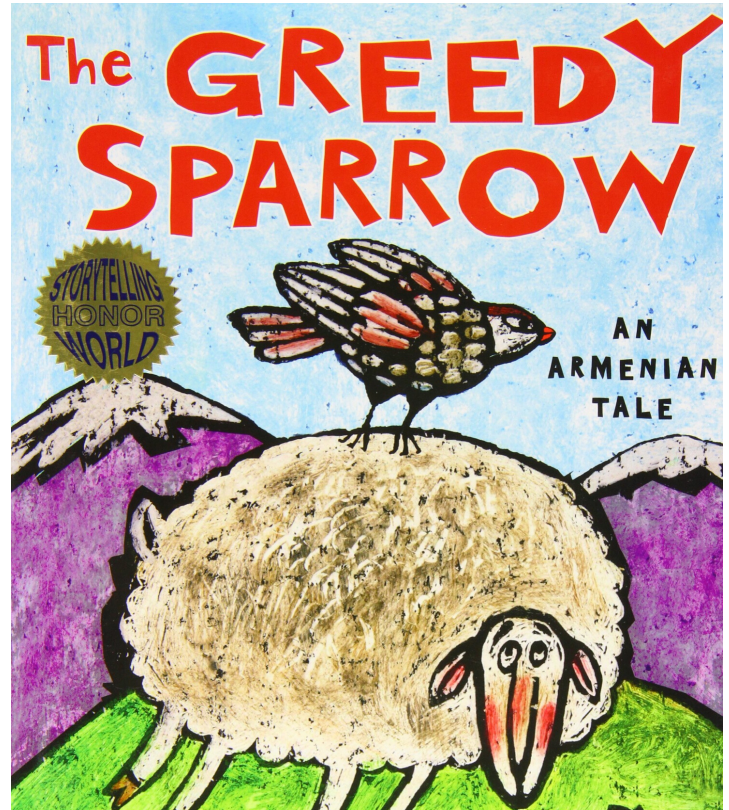




THE GREEDY SPARROW

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This is an Armenian story that has been passed down for generations. It's a moralistic tale about the pitfalls of greed. The sparrow keeps asking people for favors and then taking things from them when they fail to complete the favor perfectly. In the end, what will his greed get him?



Questions:

Discuss the quote. If you want to grow up to be a good, strong person, it matters what you do now.

1. How does it feel when something sharp gets stuck in your foot?
2. Does the baker have empathy? How does she show it?
3. Is the sparrow grateful for the baker's help? What does he do?
4. The sparrow asks the shepherd for help. Does the shepherd show empathy? When the sparrow comes back, does he have empathy for the baker's hunger?
5. What kind of favor does the sparrow ask for at the wedding? Do you think he will be grateful when he returns?
6. Does the groom take the sheep just for himself?
7. Is it okay that people keep taking things that belong to the sparrow? No. But should he be leaving his things with strangers and asking everyone for favors? No.
8. What did asking for bigger and better things get him?

In the end, did the sparrow get what he wanted by thinking only about himself and not sharing?