

## The Donkey Carrying the Image



A sacred Image was being carried to the temple. It was mounted on a Donkey adorned with garlands and gorgeous trappings, and a grand procession of priests and pages followed it through the streets. As the Donkey walked along, the people bowed their heads reverently or fell on their knees, and the Donkey thought the honor was being paid to himself.

With his head full of this foolish idea, he became so puffed up with pride and vanity that he halted and started to bray loudly. But in the midst of his song, his driver guessed what the Donkey had got into his head and began to beat him unmercifully with a stick.

"Go along with you, you stupid Donkey," he cried. "The honor is not meant for you but for the image you are carrying."

**Do not try to take the credit to yourself that is due to others.**

**Moozie says,** "Be kind to others! Give others the credit that they are due for their accomplishments. Do not consider personal benefits for yourself for things that you have not done or earned."