The Foolish Monkeys

It was silent night. The weather was cold. A group of monkeys were on a tree. They were clinging to its branches. One of the monkeys said, “I wish we could find some fire. It will help us to keep warm.” Suddenly they noticed a flock of fireflies. One of the young monkeys thought it was fire. He caught a firefly. He put it under a dry leaf and started blowing at it. Some other monkeys also joined in his effort. A sparrow came to its nest. The monkeys were sitting on the same tree. She noticed what they were doing.

The sparrow laughed. She said, “Hey silly monkeys that is a firefly, not real fire.” The sparrow continued, “I think all of you should take shelter in a cave.” The monkeys did not listen to the sparrow. They continued to blow at the poor firefly. After some time the monkeys became very tired. Now they realized what the sparrow had said was correct. They set free the firefly and moved to a nearby cave.