# The story of the King's Elephant teacher's notes

"The King's Elephant" is a Jataka tale; a story of one of the previous lives of the Buddha. The Jataka collection contains hundreds of such tales. They are often animal stories with a moral.

"The King's Elephant" draws attention to the fact that we are influenced by the company we keep, both for good and ill—a lesson that many children will readily recognise!

You can find the video of this story here:

https://youtu.be/aKcMCDhR8wQ

## Questions for reflection

- What is the cause of Mahaghiri's bad behavior?
- How is the chief of the robbers behaving toward his mates?
- What does the minister advise in order to cure Mahaghiri? Does it work?
- What kind of company is good for the elephant?
- What kind of company is good for you and people around you?
- Do you think that being a good example by being kind and friendly influences others?

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