



## Story Guide

### THE DONKEY IN THE LION'S SKIN

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Watch the video of storyteller Diane Ferlatte live at the 2018 National Storytelling Festival [here](#).

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Story run time is 19:36 - 28:34.

Now, enjoy exploring the story with the activities outlined below.



### explore it

- Diane brings an accompanist to play steel guitar and banjo during her stories. How does the music affect the story? Do you like this addition to the story?
- Diane tells two stories in one, weaving a personal narrative with one of Aesop's fables. How does listening to this fable help you understand Joey's story?
- This story and "The Most Unusual Gift" are fables, short stories that teach a lesson. Name another fable that you know. What lesson does it teach?



### think it

- Why does the donkey decide to wear the lion skin that he found?
- Describe the reactions of the people and the rabbit when they first see the donkey in the lion skin.
- What happens when the donkey wears the lion skin too long? What is the reaction of the rabbit?
- What happens to Joey when he wears his fake skin too long?
- How does Joey eventually find comfort in his own skin?



### create it

- Draw a picture of the donkey wearing the lion skin.
- One way people can change their "skin" is to wear a mask. Masks are very important right now. After asking for permission from an adult, decorate a mask with a new "skin" or use your imagination while wearing your mask and pretend you are another creature.



### tell it

- Journal about the different "skins" you wear in your life, like being a student, a sister or brother, an athlete or a musician. What do you like about each "skin?" What do you wish you could change?
- Think of a lesson you would like to teach someone. Craft a fable of your own to help you teach that lesson. Share it with a friend or family member.