

The Crane

There once was a mischievous young crane. In spite of his mother's warnings, this bird ran and flew all day long, looking for food and eating everything he could find. His mother warned him to be careful of what he ate.

But one morning, the young crane stayed snuggled in his nest. He felt sick. His tummy ached, and he had a fever.

The mother crane was surprising to see her young child so still and so quiet. She immediately felt him with her beak, thought for a moment, and then said, "Hmmm. I know what has happened. You have been greedy and have eaten without being careful. You ate something you shouldn't have, and now it has made you sick."

The mother crane looked tenderly at her child, and then flew to a nearby pond. There, the mother filled her beak with water and carried it back. She fed the young crane the clear water to help him feel better. And soon he did!