



The  
Monkey King

Prologue



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# The Monkey King

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## The Monkey King Prologue

1. A magic stone sits on top of a mountain.  
The Sun warms the stone. It cracks open.
2. A monkey jumps out.  
Rays of light shoot from his eyes.
3. The Jade Emperor, Yu Huang,  
sees the light in Heaven.  
He says to his servant, "Go and find the light."
4. The servant returns with news of the monkey.  
The Jade Emperor says,  
"A monkey is not important."
5. Lord Lao Tzu also sees  
the golden rays of light in Heaven.  
He says, "The one who made this light  
will live forever."
6. On Earth, Buddha sits with his students.  
The golden rays enter his temple.  
He says, "This monkey will become  
a Buddha someday.  
But first, he will make trouble."

# **The Monkey King Prologue**

## **A Play**

### **Narrator**

A magic stone sits  
on top of a mountain.

### **Sun**

I warm the stone  
with rays of light.

### **Narrator**

The stone cracks open!  
A monkey jumps out!

### **Sun**

Rays of light  
shoot from his eyes!

**The Sun goes away. Monkey sits on the broken  
stone.**

### **Narrator**

The Jade Emperor, Yu Huang,  
sees the light in heaven,

### **Jade Emperor**

Servant!  
Go and find the light.

### **Narrator**

The Servant goes and sees the Monkey.  
Then he returns with news.

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## **Servant**

The light comes from a monkey!

## **Jade Emperor**

A monkey is not important.

**The Jade Emperor and the servant go away.**

## **Narrator**

Lord Lao Tzu also sees the golden rays.

## **Lord Lao Tzu**

The one who made this light  
will live forever.

## **Narrator**

On earth,  
Buddha sits with his students.

## **Students**

Master!  
Golden rays enter the temple!

## **Buddha**

This monkey will become a Buddha someday.  
But first,  
he will make trouble.

# The Monkey King Prologue

## Questions

1. What sits on top of a mountain?

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2. What warms the stone?

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3. What jumps out?

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4. Who sees the light in Heaven?

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5. Who returns with news?

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6. What is not important?

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7. Who also sees the golden rays of light?

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8. Who sits with his students?

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9. Who will become a Buddha someday?

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10. First, what will he make?

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# The Monkey King Prologue

## Where?

1. Where is the magic stone?

The magic stone is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Where is Monkey?

Monkey is \_\_\_\_\_.

Monkey jumps \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Where is the light?

The light is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Where does the servant go?  
(does go= goes)

The servant goes \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Where is Buddha?

Buddha is \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Where do the golden rays go?

The golden rays go \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Monkey King

## Sequence

### Which comes first?

\_\_\_ Out jumps a monkey

\_\_\_ A servant brings news of Monkey.

\_\_\_ He knows Monkey will make trouble.

\_\_\_ Lord Lao Tzu also sees golden rays.

\_\_\_ The Sun warms a magic stone.

\_\_\_ The Emperor sees a light in heaven.

\_\_\_ Monkey will live forever.

\_\_\_ A monkey is not important.

\_\_\_ Buddha sees the rays on earth.

\_\_\_ The magic stone cracks open.

# TIC TAC TOE- Singular to Plural

1

stone

2

ray

3

eye

4

student

5

monkey

6

servant

7

mountain

8

temple

9

trouble

# The Monkey King Prologue Word List

A, a (indefinite article) \_\_\_\_\_

also (adverb)- \_\_\_\_\_

and (conjunction)- \_\_\_\_\_

B  
Buddha (proper noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

but (conjunction)- \_\_\_\_\_

C  
cracks open (verb: to crack)- \_\_\_\_\_

D  
does (verb: to do) \_\_\_\_\_

E  
earth (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

emperor (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

enter (verb: to enter)- \_\_\_\_\_

eye, eyes (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

F  
find (verb: to find)- \_\_\_\_\_

first (adverb)- \_\_\_\_\_

forever (adverb)- \_\_\_\_\_

from (preposition)- \_\_\_\_\_

G  
go (verb: to go)- \_\_\_\_\_

golden (adjective)- \_\_\_\_\_

H  
he (masculine pronoun)- \_\_\_\_\_

heaven (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

his (possessive adjective)- \_\_\_\_\_

I  
important (adjective)- \_\_\_\_\_

in (preposition)- \_\_\_\_\_

is (verb: to be)- \_\_\_\_\_

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It, it (neuter pronoun)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

**J**  
jade (adjective)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

jumps (verb: to jump)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**L**  
Lao Tzu (proper noun)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

light (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

lord (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**M**  
made (verb: to make)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

magic (adjective)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

monkey (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

mountain (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**N**  
narrator(noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
news (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

not (adverb)- \_\_\_\_\_

**Ō**  
of (preposition)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

on (preposition)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

on top of (prepositional  
phrase)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

one (indefinite pronoun)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

out (adverb)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**R**  
ray, rays (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

returns (verb: to return)-  
\_\_\_\_\_

**S**  
says (verb: to say)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

sees (verb: to see)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

servant (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

shoot (verb: to shoot)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

sits (verb: to sit)- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

someday (adverb)- \_\_\_\_\_

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stone (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

will make (verb phrase: to  
make)- \_\_\_\_\_

student, students (noun)-

with (preposition)- \_\_\_\_\_

sun (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

Y

Yu Huang- (proper noun)

T

temple (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

The, the (definite article)-

this (demonstrative  
adjective)- \_\_\_\_\_

to (preposition)- \_\_\_\_\_

trouble (noun)- \_\_\_\_\_

W

warms (verb: to warm)-

who (relative pronoun)-

will (auxiliary verb)- \_\_\_\_\_

will become (verb phrase:  
to become)- \_\_\_\_\_

will live (verb phrase: to  
live)- \_\_\_\_\_

# The Monkey King Prologue

## Questions (**Teacher**)

1. What sits on top of the mountain?  
A magic stone sits on top of the mountain.
2. What warms the stone?  
The sun warms the stone.
3. What jumps out?  
A monkey jumps out.
4. Who sees the light in Heaven?  
The Jade Emperor sees the light.
5. Who returns with news?  
The servant returns with the news.
6. What is not important?  
A monkey is not important.
7. Who also sees the golden rays of light?  
Lord Lao Tzu sees the light too.
8. Who sits with his students?  
Buddha sits with his students.
9. Who will become a Buddha someday?  
The monkey will become a Buddha.
10. First, what will he make?  
First, he will make trouble.

## The Monkey King Prologue

Where? (Teacher)

1. Where is the magic stone?

The magic stone is **on top of a mountain.**

2. Where is Monkey?

Monkey is **inside the stone./**  
Monkey jumps **out of the stone.**

3. Where is the light?

The light is **in Heaven.**

4. Where does the servant go?  
( does go= goes)

The servant goes **to find the light.**

5. Where is Buddha?

Buddha is **on earth/ in his temple/**  
**with his students.**

6. Where do the golden rays go?  
The golden rays go **into the temple.**

# The Monkey King Prologue

## Sequence

Which comes first? (Teacher)

3. Out jumps a monkey
5. A servant brings news of Monkey.
10. He knows Monkey will make trouble.
7. Lord Lao Tzu also sees golden rays.
1. The Sun warms a magic stone.
4. The Emperor sees a light in heaven.
8. Monkey will live forever.
6. A monkey is not important..
9. Buddha sees the rays on earth.
2. The magic stone cracks open.

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(Teacher)

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