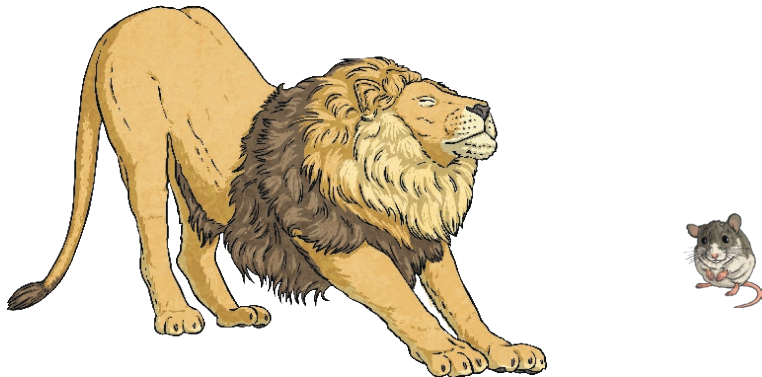


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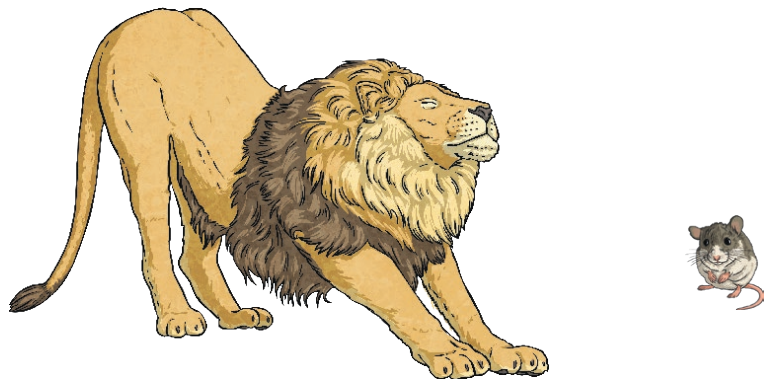
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# Answers



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**Accept any rewording of the moral, such as: Despite your size, you can still be a big help.**



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**Accept an explanation that the lion did not believe that something so small could help him, such a mighty creature.**



4. Who caught the lion in a trap? Why?

**Accept an explanation that man/humans caught the lion in a trap, probably because they were worried that it would attack them.**