

Who's King of the Jungle?

Maybe you've heard the story about the lion who was walking through the jungle.

He thought he was really something. The king of the jungle. The greatest beast of the wild. And he wanted to make sure everyone else thought that as well.

He grabbed a tiger who was passing by. The lion put a stranglehold on the tiger. The lion growled ferociously and said, "Who's the king of the jungle?" And the tiger, trembling and shaking, said, "You are, O Lion. You are the king of the jungle!"

Then there was a bear that passed by. And again, the lion grabbed him, and put a stranglehold on him and growled ferociously, and said, "Who's the king of the jungle?" And the bear, too, trembling like the tiger, said, "You are, O Lion. No question about it. You are the king of the jungle!"



Next, the lion came upon a mighty elephant – huge, massive, towering many feet above the lion. Once more, the lion asked with a ferocious growl, "Who's the king of the jungle? Who's the greatest beast of the wild?"

And the elephant didn't say anything. He just picked up the lion with his trunk, whirled him around several times, and smashed him into a tree.

As the lion got up, broken and bleeding, he said to the elephant, "Look, man, just because you don't know the answer is no reason for you to get so rough!"

While we chuckle at the story (personally, I laughed out loud), is there a kernel of truth somewhere in its telling?

Yes, and it is a spiritual lesson: We must be careful that we don't try to tempt the Lord by always wanting Him to prove Himself.

Jesus said it: *Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test"* (Matthew 4:7 ESV).

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