

# Challenge

and others.  
 ordered Old  
 er monkey. She  
 to Monkey. "Very  
 id. "Let's see if you  
 s brave as you say."  
 ed, don't forget what  
 promised." Monkey  
 ne curious monkey.  
 the monkeys cried.  
 You'll never come out

campered through  
 until he reached the  
 waterfall. The rush-  
 made a noise like thun-  
 der. Slowly, he stretched  
 and his arms and  
 legs.  
 In silence the monkey  
 jumped from behind.  
 He crouched down, closed  
 his eyes, took a deep breath and  
 jumped into the waterfall  
 and disappeared.

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## CHAPTER 2

# Activity Guide



### Just the Facts

1. What destroyed the trees on the Mountain of Flowers and Fruits?
2. How wide was the waterfall that the monkeys found?

### Between the Lines

3. Why did the monkeys think it would be a good idea to follow the stream up the mountain?
4. Why were the monkeys afraid to go to the other side of the waterfall?
5. Who dared to go through the waterfall?
6. What great physical feat could Stone Monkey do?
7. Who had authority in the monkey clan?

### Let's Discuss

8. How did the other monkeys respond to Stone Monkey's claim that he would go through the waterfall?
9. Why do you think Stone Monkey wanted to be king of the monkey clan?
10. What did Stone Monkey mean when he said he was born of Heaven and Earth?
11. Make a prediction: What do you think is on the other side of the waterfall?

### In the Real World

Find a newspaper story about someone who has taken on a big challenge. Compare the individual with Monkey. What qualities do they have in common? How are they different?

#### Note

Guidelines on using the lesson plans in the Activity Guide were given in the introduction to The Monkey King serial story on page 15 of September 2 Funday Times.



### VOCABULARY

**arrogance**, (noun)  
 feeling that you're better than other people

**bend** in the stream, (n)  
 a curve

**carefree** life, (adjective)  
 without any worries or problems

**casting** down, (verb)  
 throwing down

**clan**, (n)  
 a group united by a common interest or characteristics; sometimes used to refer to extended families sitting

**forlornly**, (adverb)  
 in a sad, lonely way

**jeered**, (v)  
 made fun of, mocked

**steamy** morning, (adj)  
 hot and humid