

The Bridge of True Friendship

Long ago, between two giant mountains, there was a wooden bridge that connected two villages. Every day, people used it for school, trade, and visiting their loved ones. But one stormy night, heavy rain and thunder destroyed the bridge. From that day, the two villages were cut off.

The only way to cross was to climb down the steep valley and then up again. The path was dangerous, full of slippery rocks and a wild rushing river below. Many tried and got hurt, so most villagers gave up. For years, everyone complained but nobody was brave enough to rebuild the bridge.

*Then came two young friends, **Arif** and **Sami**. They had grown up together and believed that nothing was impossible if they stood side by side. When they saw the broken bridge, Arif said,*
“We can’t just watch people suffer. Let’s rebuild it.”

Sami hesitated. “It’s too dangerous. The river is wild, the rocks are sharp, and the height is deadly. What if we fall?”

Arif looked at him and smiled. “That’s why we must do it together.”

So the two friends began their struggle. They carried heavy wood on their backs, tied ropes from tough vines, and climbed the slippery cliffs. The river roared so loudly that sometimes they couldn’t even hear each other. Once, Sami almost slipped into the rushing water, but Arif caught his hand just in time. Another time, Arif injured his leg on a sharp stone, but Sami carried the tools alone until his friend recovered.

Each day was a battle against fear, pain, and exhaustion—but their friendship gave them courage.

Finally, after many weeks, the bridge stood tall again, stronger than before. On the day it was finished, the villagers gathered on both sides. Tears filled their eyes as they crossed safely for the first time in years. They cheered for Arif and Sami, saying:

“You didn’t just build a bridge of wood and rope—you built a bridge of courage and friendship.”

*From then on, the story of the two brave friends was told to every child, as a reminder that **true friendship is tested in struggle, and only the bravest hearts can rebuild what danger has broken.***

***☆☆Moral of the Story:** Real friendship shines brightest when life becomes dangerous and difficult.*