



Juha is a popular character in Middle Eastern stories. Sometimes he behaves like a fool, sometimes he is a trickster and, on occasion, he is wise. Let these short, funny stories inspire you to write your own.

JUHA LOSES HIS DONKEY

One day, Juha lost his donkey. As he searched for it, he kept saying, "Thanks be to Allah! Thanks be to Allah!"

Everyone was surprised that he was thanking Allah for losing his precious possession. At last, someone said, "Losing your donkey isn't something to be thankful for!"

Juha replied, "I am thanking Allah that I wasn't riding the donkey or I would be lost too!"



JUHA SEES IN THE DARK

Once Juha was boasting to everyone about how he could see in the dark.

"So why do you carry a lamp when you are out at night?" asked his friend.

"Oh, that's so other people don't bump into me," said Juha.



JUHA KNOWS WHO HE IS

Juha needed to loan some money so he visited the home of a rich merchant.

The merchant asked, "Do you have anything with you to prove who you are?"

Juha took out a mirror, looked at it and said, "Yes, that's me!"



JUHA'S WORD

Once Juha's neighbour asked to borrow his donkey.

"I am sorry, my friend," said Juha, "but my donkey isn't here." Just then, Juha's donkey brayed loudly.

"What good fortune," said the neighbour. "Your donkey is here after all."

"What!" cried Juha. "Would you take the word of a donkey over a man?"

