

## The Crow and the Pitcher

Based on a Fable by Aesop

What is the crow's problem, and how does she solve it?

1 One hot day, a crow  
2 was thirsty from thirst.  
3 She came upon a clay  
4 pitcher that had once been  
5 full of water. But now the  
6 pitcher was nearly empty.  
7 The parched crow tried to  
8 reach the water with her  
9 sharp beak, but the neck of  
10 the pitcher was too narrow.  
11 Again and again she tried,  
12 but the pitcher was too tall  
13 and the water too shallow  
14 for her beak to reach even  
15 one tiny drop.

16 Nearly desperate, the  
17 crow stopped to think. Soon an idea came—she could make the  
18 water rise! She grabbed a pebble and dropped it into the pitcher.  
19 Then she took another pebble and dropped it in. Then she let fall  
20 into the pitcher another pebble. One pebble at a time, the crow  
21 kept at her plan. Each pebble made the water level rise a bit. And  
22 each rise spurred the crow to continue.

23 At long last, the water level was high enough for the crow to  
24 satisfy her thirst. And so she lived to see another day.



25 **MORAL:** Little by little does the trick.