



## #4 *The Bear and the Tree*



*A very hungry bear wanted to know where to find honey. All day, he went to different trees in the forest and asked if they had honeycombs in them. His method of asking was to scratch the trees open and look inside. Finally, with weary arms and sore paws, but without honey; he went to sleep famished. The next day he decided to try a different tact. He went up to the wise, old oak tree. "Father Oak, you know the comings and goings of the woods. Can you tell me where to find honey in this forest?" The oak looked down with compassion on the bear and answered, "I and my fellow trees have been watching you ask for your honey by ripping many trees apart; and we were wondering when you would realize that you have only to ask us. For we know where the honey is and we are happy to tell you."*

*ASK IN THE RIGHT WAY,  
AND YOU MAY GET YOUR ANSWER*