

#9 Contagion

A girl and a boy were the two fastest runners in their tribe. All of a sudden, a lion was spotted going up the mountain. The tribal leader called the girl and boy. He quickly urged, "Now run as fast as you can to tell our friends on the other side of the mountain that a lion is coming!" For generations, it always took 4 hours to run over the mountain. But today, the girl and boy made it in 3 1/2 hours! They were the new champions! When they got back, the whole village learned that someone had run over the mountain in less than 4 hours - a new record had been set! Swiftly, other runners from both villages were also able to break the record.

Then, it happened that one day, several people in both villages got a very contagious sickness that was quickly spreading from

one person to the next. The champion runners found that they were immune to the sickness. Little by little, to the astonishment of the village, other runners were becoming immune. So, in time, runners were sent to the next village. This time their purpose was to demonstrate how healthy they were. Soon, both villages were well!

BOTH BAD AND GOOD CAN BE CONTAGIOUS