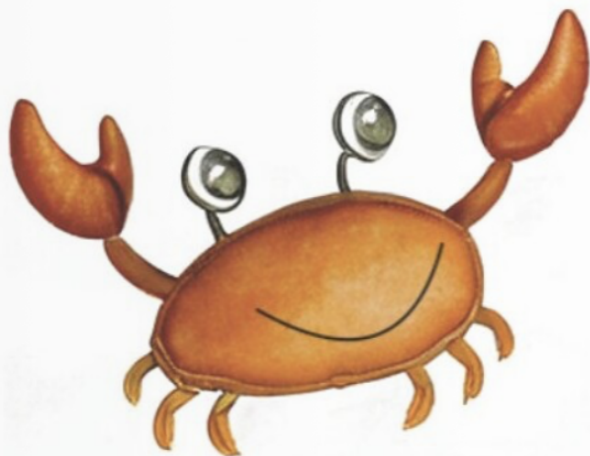


# *The crab and the race*





*I dedicate this book to all children*





*The crab had trained his whole life for this race. For the crab, it was like the Olympics. The only thing the crab ever wanted in his life was to win this race.*

*The day of the race arrived. The race started, and the crab began to run. Soon, the crab realized that all his adversaries were better than him and that they had overtaken him. The crab gave up and sat down very sadly on a rock that was right next to the race.*







*Very sad, the crab began to lament to God why he had lost this race; the only race that he ever wanted to win in his life! He could have given up all his other victories except for this one. God put his hand on the crab's right shoulder and said: 'Life is not a race, nor a competition or battle. To win from time to time is to lose. To lose is to learn how to win. To know what it means to be humble.*


God said to the crab: 'Come with me, I want to show you something.'  
God and the crab started walking together, and God said: 'Sometimes life takes a different path. And this new path can bring you the victory you've always been looking for. So be conscious of what's important in life.'



*The End*







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