

Monkey Thieves (Series 1)

13 X 30 MINUTES

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Apartment Job

Meet the Galta gang, a 60-strong troop of rhesus macaques, as they make their way from their temple home through the streets of Jaipur. The city is like a giant playground for the younger monkeys but danger is always round the corner. An open window is an open invitation to a spot of housebreaking and the unruly mob ransack a suburban kitchen.

2. Fang's Market

Kavi is thrown a lifeline and taken to an animal hospital while the rest of the troop hit the streets again in search of food and fun. A raid on the city fruit market seems like easy pickings, until a rival troop appear, led by the meanest macaque in town – Fang.

3. Monkey Catcher

The monkey troop launch a raid on a goods cart and the angry owner snaps and calls in the monkey-catcher. A handful of the gang are captured and carted off in the back of his van. The remaining Galta troop, small but spirited, defend their temple home against an invasion of larger langur monkeys.

4. Taxi Raid

The captured monkeys are released in the countryside far from their temple home and are completely lost in the forest. The monsoon is late and the food shortage caused by the drought is affecting the monkey troop. Back at the animal sanctuary, Kavi has taken a turn for the worse, his future's not looking bright.

5. Skid Row

Weakened by hunger, alpha male Tarak's position as king of the Galta troop is precarious and the devious Zamir plots to overthrow him. If the troop don't find food soon, alpha female Rani will be forced to abandon her baby Esha to save herself. But a devout Hindu bearing bags of fruit and treats appears and the desperate monkeys enjoy a feast.

6. Monsoon Showdown

Zamir launches a leadership bid that ends in disaster when a baby is fatally wounded, and the pretender to his throne is driven out of the group. The monsoon finally comes, ending the crippling drought and triggering a spectacular celebration. To top it all the exiled monkeys finally make it back to the temple and the Galta gang are reunited.

7. One Bad Apple

As India's government clamps down on marauding macaques in the capital, Delhi, the troublemaker Zamir steals ice cream from a child, which brings the country's leading monkey catcher racing back to Jaipur.

8. Return of the Rebel

Cunning Zamir finds himself a new troop to join, while little Kavi is prepared for release back onto Jaipur's streets.

9. The Great Escape

Kavi is released and disappears into the city, and Zamir and his new gang raid an office. The monkey catcher traps the troop's alpha male, Vasu, leaving Zamir set for leadership.

10. Trading Places

Zamir and his new troop raid a jewellery store and break into a hotel store room leading to a run-in with little Kavi who becomes the troop's latest recruit.

11. Rising Forces

Policing langurs patrol Delhi's streets and the Holi festival of colour interrupts Zamir's attempt to take over control of Galta temple.

12. Heroes and Villains

Esha gets lost and Kavi finds his way back to the Galta gang at last. Zamir's army attacks the Temple and Tarak is seriously injured in the battle.

13. A New Dawn

Tarak is found dead and Kamal now faces the prospect of leading the Galta Gang. Zamir tries to attack the temple again but is finally caught by the monkey catcher. New babies are born into the Galta Gang, but in the city Zamir has also left a legacy – twins! There's double trouble on the horizon.

