

Vocabulary Words

1. Grant [grant] (verb): To give or allow someone to have something they asked for.
Example: The teacher granted my request for extra time to finish my homework.
2. Downside [down-sahyd] (noun): The negative or not-so-good part of something.
Example: The downside of eating too much candy is getting a tummy ache.
3. Beg [beg] (verb): To ask for something very earnestly or desperately.
Example: I begged my parents to let me have a pet dog.
4. Take away [teyk uh-wey] (phrasal verb): To remove or take something from a person or place.
Example: The teacher took away our toys because we were not sharing them.
5. Agree [uh-gree] (verb): To have the same opinion or say "yes" to something.
Example: We all agreed that ice cream was a delicious treat.
6. Generous [jen-er-uhs] (adjective): Someone who likes to share and give things to others.
Example: My friend is very generous and always shares her toys with me.

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King Midas and The Golden Touch

Once there was a king named Midas. He loved gold more than anything else in the world. One day, a fairy gave him a special power. She **granted** his wish that everything he touched would turn into gold.

Fairy: "I grant your wish, King Midas. Everything you touch will become gold."

At first, King Midas was excited. He touched objects, and they instantly turned into shiny, golden treasures. But soon, he realized his power had a **downside**. When he hugged his daughter, she turned into a golden statue. He couldn't eat or drink because his food and water became gold too.

Realizing his mistake, King Midas **begged** the fairy to **take away** his power. The fairy **agreed**, and everything returned to normal. King Midas learned that love and kindness are more precious than gold. He became a caring and **generous** king, valuing his family and the happiness of his kingdom above all else. And they all lived happily ever after.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Who was the main character in the story?
2. What did the king love more than anything else?
3. What did the fairy grant to the king?
4. What happened when King Midas touched objects?
5. What was the downside of King Midas's power?
6. Why couldn't King Midas eat or drink?
7. What did King Midas ask the fairy to do?
8. Did the fairy agree to take away his power?
9. What did King Midas learn from his experience?
10. How did King Midas change after his encounter with the fairy?

Discussion

1. Why do you think King Midas loved gold so much? Can you think of something you love as much as he loved gold?
2. What do you think was the scariest part of King Midas's power? How would you feel if everything you touched turned into gold?
3. Why do you think King Midas realized that love and kindness are more important than gold? Can you think of a time when you learned that being kind is more valuable than having lots of things?
4. If you had the power to turn things into gold, what would you do with it? Would you use it differently than King Midas did?

5. King Midas changed and became a caring and generous king. Why do you think kindness is important for leaders? Can you think of a leader who showed kindness and how it affected the people around them?