

## **A Kind Person**

George works as a police officer, and he is always kind to everyone. Whenever he sees people in need, he will rush to help them out. For example, he will not stop homeless people who beg for money. Instead, he will give them some change to make sure they have food to eat. If he knows old people who are sick and in need of help, he will send someone out to take care of them. Also, he will not give tickets to people who lose control of their dogs, even if the dogs run around everywhere.

One day, George was walking on the street. He saw a little girl crying. "What's the matter?" George asked. "Is there anything I can do for you?" The little girl looked at George and said, "I lost my purse on my way home." George asked, "What does it look like? Is there anything in it?" "It is a small, purple purse. My mother gave it to me as a present for my tenth birthday. There is fifty dollars in it!"

After finishing her words, the little girl started to cry. George was touched and tried to hold back his tears, "Don't

worry little girl.” he said, “I’ll find the purse for you. You stay here until I’m back, okay?” The little girl nodded her head and started to calm down.

After a few minutes, George came back. “I’m sorry, little girl, but I didn’t find your purse.” The girl kept crying. “Hold on!” said George, “Here is fifty dollars. Cheer up!” However, the little girl didn’t stop. In fact, she cried even louder. “What’s going on?” George asked, “Why are you still crying?” The girl said, “I should have said I lost five hundred dollars.”

With a bitter smile on his face, George safely led the girl back home.

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**If you give a pig a pancake**

If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want some syrup to go with it. You'll give her some of your favorite maple syrup. She'll probably get all sticky, so she'll want to take a bath. She'll ask you for some bubbles. When you give her the bubbles, she'll probably ask you for a toy. You'll have to find your rubber duck. The duck will remind her of the farm where she was born. She might feel homesick and want to visit her family. She'll want you to come too. She'll look through your closet for a suitcase.

Then she'll look under your bed. When she's under the bed, she'll find your old tap shoes. She'll try them on. She'll probably need something special to wear with them. When she's all dressed, she'll ask for some music. You'll play your very best piano piece, and she'll start dancing. Then she'll want you to take her picture. So you'll have to get your camera. When she sees the picture, she'll ask you to take more. Then she'll want to send one to each of her friends. You'll have to give her some envelopes and stamps and take her to the mailbox.

On the way, she'll see the tree in your backyard. She'll want to build a tree house. So you'll have to get her some wood, a hammer, and some nails. When the tree house is finished, she'll want to decorate it. She'll ask for wallpaper and glue. When she hangs the wallpaper, she'll get all sticky. Feeling sticky will remind her of your favorite maple syrup. She'll probably ask you for some. And chances are, if she asks you for some syrup, she'll want a pancake to go with it.

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### **The Miller and the Donkey**

Once upon a time, an old miller and his son were on their way to the market with a donkey. They wanted to sell him and get money. They drove him very slowly. For they thought, they would have a better chance to sell him if they kept him in good condition. As they walked along the highway, some travelers laughed loudly at them. "What foolishness," cried one, "to walk when they might as well to ride. The most stupid of the three is not the one you would expect it to be." The miller did not like to be laughed at, so he told his son to climb up and ride.

They had gone a little farther along the road, when three merchants passed by. "Oh! What do we have here?" they cried. "Respect old age, young man! Get down and let the old man ride." Though the miller was not tired, he made the boy get down and climbed up himself to ride, just to please the merchants.

At the next street, they met some women. "Look at the old fool, rested on the donkey while that poor boy has to walk."

said one of them. The miller felt a bit angry, but to be agreeable he told the boy to climb up behind him. “What a crime! To load up a poor donkey like that” said one of the women. The miller and his son quickly scrambled down.

Soon, they arrived at the market place. A great crowd of people ran out to get a close look at the strange sight. The donkey did not dislike being rode on, but many people came up to point and shout at him, and he began to kick and bray. Just then, the ropes that held him gave way, and the donkey tumbled into the river. The poor miller now set out sadly for home. By trying to please everybody, he had pleased nobody and lost his donkey.

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### **The Three Different Fish**

Three fish live together in a lake. Although the three are together, all of them are very unique. They have contrasting characters and argue over small things. Still, they are happy.

The first fish always dwells in the past and is very lazy. The fish doesn't believe in preparing for the future. Therefore, the phrase 'Prevention is better than cure.' can never be used to describe the first fish!

The second fish lives for the present. It is a little bit wise and tends to make some good decisions at the very last minute.

The third fish is an intelligent one. It usually thinks a lot, makes the decision wisely and always carries smart and interesting ideas to live happily and safely.

One day, as the three were playing in the lake, the third fish heard two fishermen talking about fishing. The fish asked the other two fish to hear what they said.

The first man said, "I heard about this lake. It has some big

fish. Why don't we enjoy our time here?" The second man replied, "Yeah, that's a good idea. I love to cook and eat fresh fish. We'll make it here tomorrow at noon!" And they left.

The third fish told the other two fish, "See? They are planning to catch us. We should go to some other places to stay safe. I've already found a route that will lead us to the nearby canal and thereafter into a new lake."

The second fish said, "Yeah, I heard them, too. But they may not return or may end up fishing at a distant place. We can think about it tomorrow when we see them."

The first fish said, "Oh, let's just ignore it and have some rest now!"

The third fish, the intelligent one, moved to the nearby lake through the secret way alone as the other two fish refused to move.

The next day, the two fishermen arrived. The second fish saw them fishing so it planned for an escape. As it got caught in the fishing net, it tried to act as if it was dead. The fishermen



threw it back into the lake and it managed to escape successfully.

The first fish, the lazy one, had no idea about the presence of the fishermen. Very soon it was caught and before it could think about how to escape, it was put into the basket and lost its life in a few minutes.

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