The Honest Woodcutter



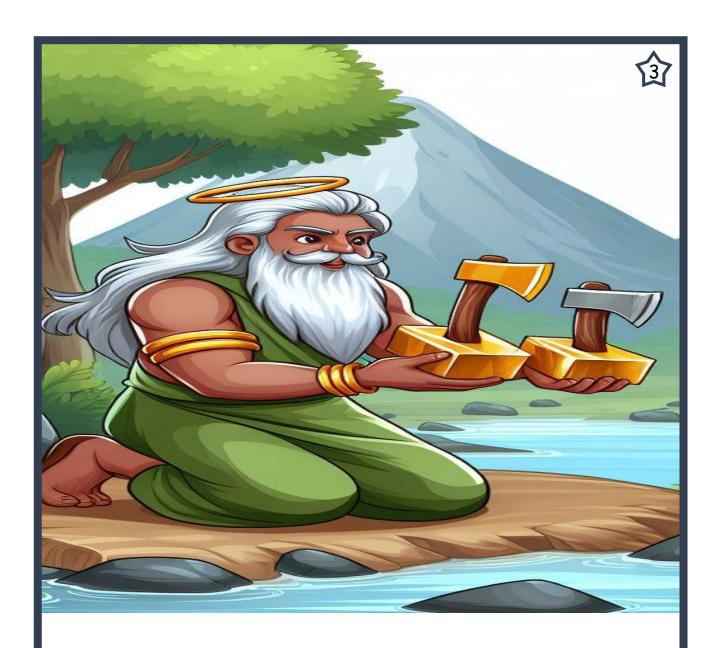


Once there was a woodcutter named Jack. He worked in the forest, cutting trees every day.

One day, while working near a river, Jack's axe slipped from his hand and fell into the river. Jack couldn't swim, so he felt sad.



A god saw Jack's sadness and asked what happened. Jack explained, and the god promised to help. The god reached into the river and pulled out three axes: one golden, one silver, and one plain iron. He asked Jack if any of them were his.



Jack said no to the golden and silver axes, and yes to his plain iron axe.

The god smiled and said, "You are an honest and good-hearted person, Jack. As a gift for your honesty, you can keep all three axes."



Jack thanked the god and promised to always be honest. And so, Jack lived happily ever after, knowing that honesty is always rewarded.

Always tell the truth, and good things will come your way.

The end.