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The Drum



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Focus Question

What lesson does this story teach about kindness?

Words to Know	
deeds	musicians
goods	robbers
hungry	struggling

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Once there was a poor boy who lived with his mother in India. More than anything else, the boy wanted a drum.



One day, Mother gave the boy
a stick.

The boy tapped on everything
with his stick.





As he went tapping along, he saw a woman **struggling** to light her stove. “Take this stick to light your stove,” he said.

The woman gave the boy some bread as thanks.

Then, the boy heard a **hungry** baby crying.





“Take this bread,” the boy said
to the baby’s mother.

The mother gave the boy a large jug as thanks.
Then, the boy saw an old man lying in the dirt.



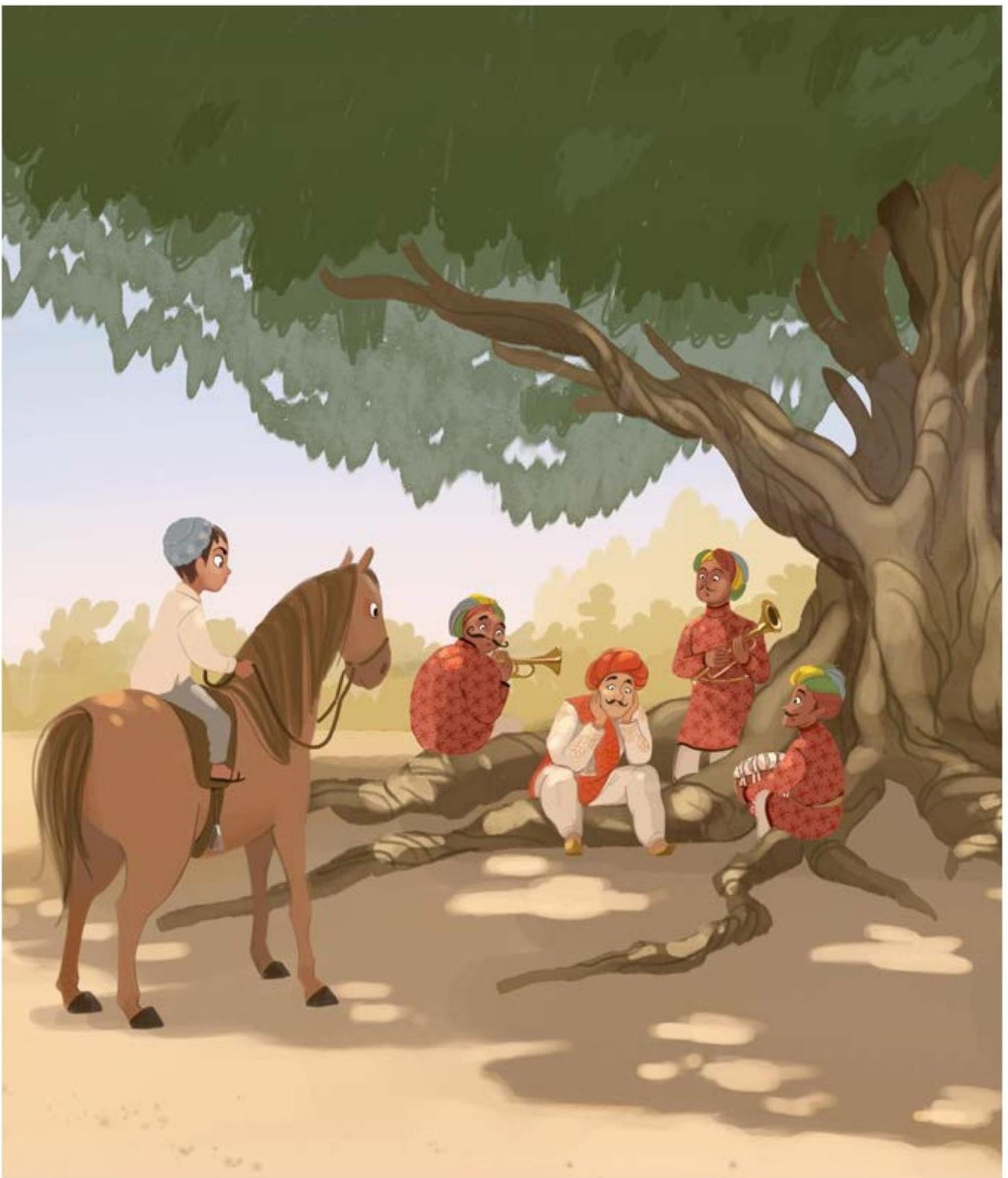


The boy filled the jug with water for him.

The man said that **robbers** stole his **goods**.

“Take this jug to sell,” the boy said.
The man gave the boy one of his
horses as thanks.





The boy rode down the street.
He saw a sad man and some
musicians.

The man had no horse
to ride to his wedding.

“Take this horse!” the boy said
as he hopped off.

The musicians gave the boy a drum
as thanks.





The boy shouted with joy
and banged on his drum.
Later, the boy told Mother
the whole story.

“When you are kind, your
good **deeds** come back to you,”
Mother said.
It was a lesson the boy never forgot.



Glossary

deeds (<i>n.</i>)	actions done on purpose, often ones that are kind, noble, or brave (p. 15)
goods (<i>n.</i>)	things that can be bought and sold to meet people's wants and needs (p. 10)
hungry (<i>adj.</i>)	wanting or needing food (p. 7)
musicians (<i>n.</i>)	people who make music (p. 12)
robbers (<i>n.</i>)	people who steal from others by force or the threat of force (p. 10)
struggling (<i>v.</i>)	having a hard time reaching a goal (p. 6)

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Connections

Writing and Art

What is something kind you can do for someone else?

Draw a picture and write about it.

Social Studies

Discuss with your class where India is located and how its location compares to where you live.



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