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The Money Tree

Once upon a time there was an old man. His name was Bob. Bob was very poor indeed.

On one sunny, bright, early summer morning, Bob found two sticks in the bush, so he decided he would start to play them like clapping sticks. So Bob started walking down into town. When he got there he placed a ripped towel on the ground hoping he would get some money for playing the clapping sticks. Bob was terribly starving and had NO money at all.

The first person plodded along and gave Bob \$2.00.

Along came the second person but he didn't give Bob any money. Instead he gave Bob a small, square-shaped packet. Bob said " This won't do. It's just a teeny little piece of rubbish". " No it's not rubbish," cried the other man. Well Bob was eager to know what it was. " What could it be?" he thought to himself.

Eventually, the man told him. Bob was shocked. You should have seen the look on his face. This is what the man said to Bob. " This packet grows a tree. Not any normal tree though, that you would see in the country. It is a money tree. However, you must share it with the other poor people or it will be taken away by me and given to the other poor people". Bob packed away his clapping sticks and seeds into his little backpack so he could go back to where he had made a home under some trees in "Gardeners Park".

It took a long time for him to choose where to plant the seeds but he

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decided to put them in the centre of the park. Bob then buried them under the soil and watered them every day with an old bottle he found in the bin. When the tree had fully grown it looked fabulous, and what was especially amazing was that it had only taken six days.

Bob went into town with loads of money for himself, forgetting all about the message that the tree would be taken away if you didn't share it with the other poor people.

Now Bob was really hungry. He was so hungry he bought 2kg of chips, lamb and chicken. He had a great feast. All the other poor people were starving but Bob didn't give them anything. Besides food Bob also bought a house, all the supplies you need for a house, candles and also an expensive watch so he could tell the time. It was great fun until he went to bed.

While Bob was in a heavy sleep, the other man took the tree and gave it to the poor people who were asleep too. In the morning when Bob woke up and saw the tree had gone he screamed "Ahhhhhhhhh" so loudly that the pigeons on his roof flapped away in great fright. When the other poor people woke up it was a complete surprise.

Bob went walking into town and found the other poor people and the money tree, that had been planted in a flowerbed for everyone to share. He was stunned. "So you think that you can take my tree do ya?" he asked in an angry voice.

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“No” said the poor people, “we found it here this morning” they said. Along came the man who had given Bob the magic seeds and reminded Bob about the warning that he had given him. The poor people now had everything they needed. “Poor Bob,” they all thought. “We should give him some money.” Luckily, the people had enough money to give to Bob and were generous. They gave Bob some money and he apologised for what he had done. In the end Bob and others were friends. Bob learnt a lesson that it’s good to share what you have, even if it’s special to you because you never know when you might need help.