

7. Time is Precious

Time is a tiny word,
Made of letters four.
But time is so important,
We all wish we had more.

More time to eat cookies,
More time to sleep and rest.
More time to study more
Before the next test.

More time with friends,
More time to play and shout.
More minutes to write answers
When time runs out.



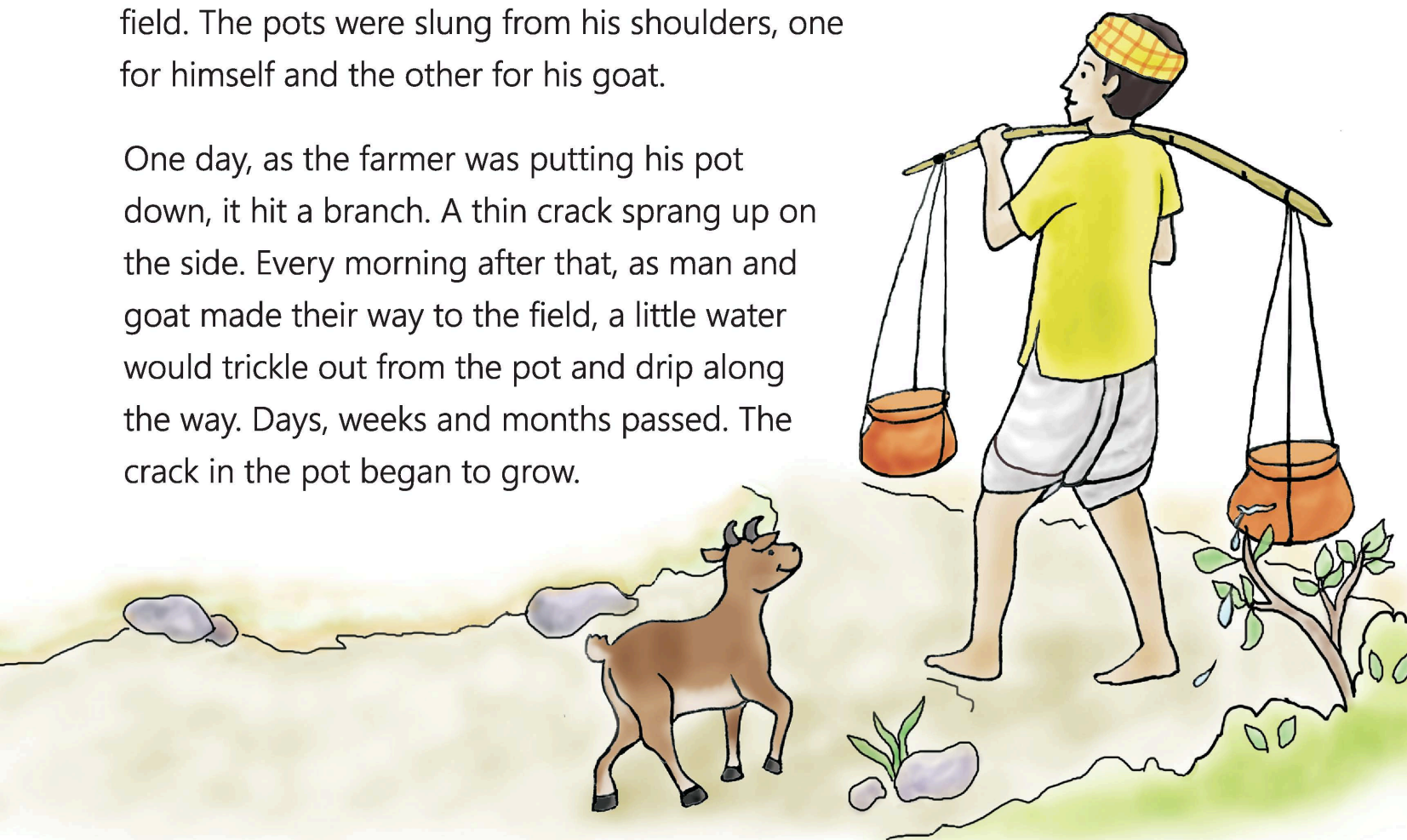
More time, wishes Grandpa,
To live long and strong.
More daytime for the cuckoo
To sing her favourite song.

More time, wishes the squirrel,
To find another seed.
More time, wishes the world,
As it whirls around in speed.

11. The Broken Pot

Once upon a time, there lived a farmer. Every morning, he would carry two pots of water to his field. The pots were slung from his shoulders, one for himself and the other for his goat.

One day, as the farmer was putting his pot down, it hit a branch. A thin crack sprang up on the side. Every morning after that, as man and goat made their way to the field, a little water would trickle out from the pot and drip along the way. Days, weeks and months passed. The crack in the pot began to grow.



One day, as the farmer bent down for a drink of water, the pot spoke to him in a sad voice. "I'm a broken pot. I can't even hold water properly. Why don't you just throw me away and get a new pot?"

The farmer smiled. "You think so poorly of yourself that you have stopped looking around. You have shut your eyes in shame. This evening, when we go back home, look at the road ahead."

Exercises

A. Answer these.

1. What did the farmer take to his field?
2. Why was the cracked pot sad?
3. What had the farmer planted along the way?
4. Who watered the plants every day?



B. True or false?

1. The farmer carried two pots of water every day.
2. Both pots carried water for the farmer.
3. The farmer's goat broke the pot.
4. The crack in the pot helped water the plants along the way.
5. The farmer wanted to throw away the cracked pot and get a new one.

C. Look at the pictures and write the names. (Hint: There is a pot hidden in each word!)



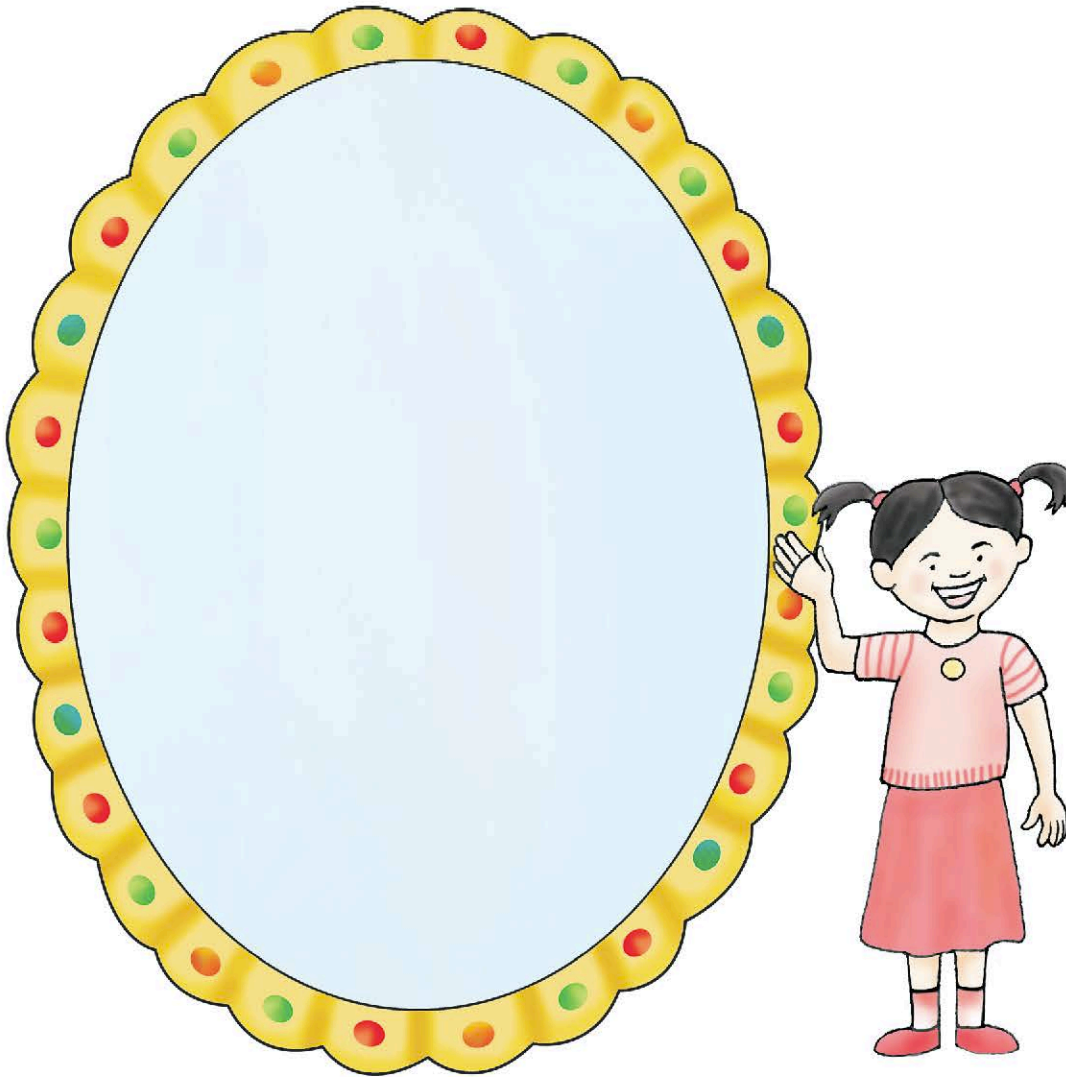






Things to Do

D. What makes you beautiful from inside? Pick from the words below and write them on the mirror.



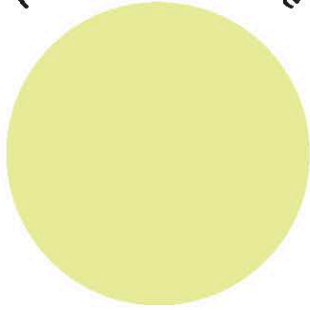
honest truthful selfish helpful kind brave cheerful cruel
greedy rude angry ill-mannered hard working

For the teacher Talk about why some people are loved by others. What makes them so nice and beautiful? It is not their looks but their kindness, honesty and good character. Also, a person's looks may fade away with time, but inner goodness always remains.

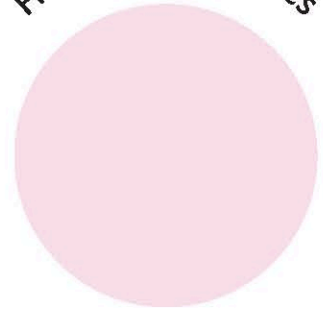
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D. Nature gives us many things we need. Paste stickers to show what these are. The stickers are at the end of the book.

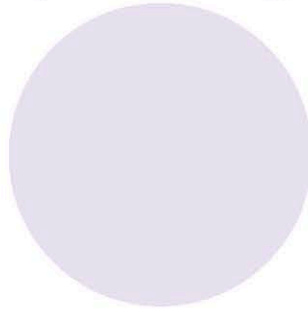
Fresh air to breathe



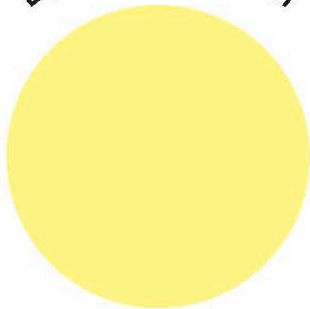
Fruit and vegetables



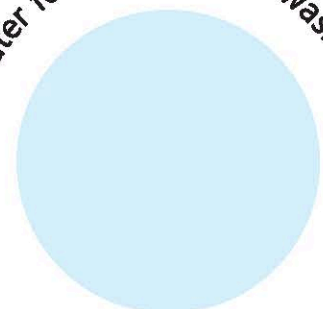
Wool from sheep



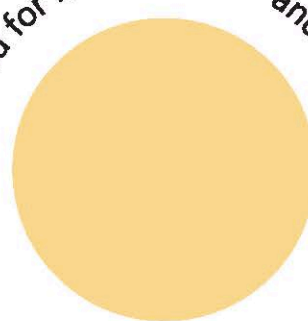
Light from the sun



Water for drinking and washing



Wood for making tables and chairs



For the teacher Nature gives us things in plenty. Let the children think and name a few of them. Also discuss why it is important to take care of nature if we want to enjoy its gifts.