

## THE THIEF'S STORY (HAND OUT)

We have read a story where the goodness of a person transforms a thief into an honest person. Let us try to write a story with a different kind of ending.

Read the outline given below of a story. Write the story in full using the outline and your own ideas in about 250 words. Assign a suitable title and moral to it.

**Outline:** Three friends find a bag of money - agree to divide the money - all very hungry - one sent to buy food in village - wants all the money himself - so poisons the food - in his absence the other two plan to murder him - so when he comes back they murder him - then they eat the poisoned food - both die

## Model Answer. (Add a moral to the story)

### GREED LEADS TO GRAVES

Once upon a time, three friends lived in a kingdom in the East. The forest was a dense one and surrounded the kingdom from the north side. All three friends were young and helped their fathers in the farm. The three families earned enough to fill their stomachs.

One day the three friends thought of going for a walk in the forest. The three continued to walk through the forest while talking about their lives. One of them said, “ I wish I were a wealthy landlord having more money than one can imagine”. The other said , “If I were a rich person I would have a big house to live in and servants for working in my fields. But this will remain only in my dreams and not in real life”. All the three agreed to the fact and kept walking in disappointment.

As they were walking the third friend found a bag under a banyan tree. The three went near the bag and peered inside . To their utter surprise the bag was filled with gold coins. There was no note or

letter. They waited for sometime so that someone would come to claim the bag but none turned up.

Finally they decided to keep the money to themselves. Each one of them was on a seventh heaven and was dreaming of their future life after getting the money.

The three decided to divide the money equally among themselves. Since all the three had been walking , they all felt hungry. So one of them was sent to a nearby village to get food while the others remained their keeping a watch over the bag. The one who was sent to bring food had several thoughts in his head about the bag of money. He said to himself, “how about I kill those two and get the money all to myself. I will be even more rich! Moreover those two idiots don’t deserve to have the money”. So he came with a plan of poisoning the food and killing them.

While here in the forest the other two had the same plan of murdering the one who had been sent to village. The two found a big piece of rock and decided to kill him with that. Soon the friend who was sent to get food came back. The two friends murdered him and were very happy thinking that the money was all theirs. One of the two said, “ why don’t we first enjoy the food and then head back to our village”. The second one agreed and they sat under a tree and unpacked the food. But as soon as they took the first bite they felt very dizzy and nauseating. They realized that the food was poisoned but by then it was too late.

All the three had lost their lives. They would have been living a good life if their mind was not attacked by greed. They all were responsible for their own death.