
Class 06 English

A Pact With The Sun Chapter 03

The Shepherd's Treasure

1. The shepherd hadn't been to school because

(i) he was very poor.

(ii) there were very few schools in those days.

(iii) he wasn't interested in studies.

Choose the right answer.

Ans: The shepherd did not go to school because there were very few schools in those days.

2. Who visited the shepherd one day, and why?

Ans: The king of Iran, the country where the shepherd lived, heard about the shepherd's wisdom. So he disguised as a shepherd and riding on a mule, visited the shepherd one day. Although poor and uneducated the shepherd was very wise and understood people's sorrows and troubles and helped them face them with courage and common sense. The king heard about him and therefore wanted to meet the shepherd who had become so famous for his wisdom and friendly nature among the common people.

3. Why did the other governors grow jealous of the shepherd?

Ans: The other governors grew jealous of the shepherd when he was appointed the governor of a small province. Although the shepherd rose to power and dignity, he remained as humble as ever. People loved and honored him for his wisdom, sympathy and goodness and his fame, as a fair and wise governor, soon spread throughout the country.

4. Why was the new governor called to the palace?

Ans: The other jealous governors cooked up false stories about the shepherd -governor and told the king that the new governor was very dishonest and kept for himself a part of the money that he collected as tax from the people. He stored it in an iron chest which he carried

with him all the time. When the king grew tired of their stories and could not ignore them any longer, went to check it for himself. He noticed that the governor did carry with him the iron chest at all times. He summoned him to the palace to find out the truth.

5. Why was everyone delighted to see the iron chest on the camel's back?

Ans: Everyone was delighted to see the iron chest fastened securely behind him on the camel's back. The councilors had already warned the king that he was dishonest and stored all the treasures that he collected in the iron chest. They were convinced that now that he had brought the iron chest with him, it would be opened and his dishonesty would be revealed to the king and he would be dismissed of all his powers.

6. (i) What did the iron chest contain?

(ii) Why did the shepherd always carry it?

(iii) Is it an example of the shepherd's humility or wisdom or both?

Ans: (i) The iron chest did not contain gold, silver or jewels as the jealous governors had assumed but an old blanket.

(ii) The shepherd always carried the blanket with him because it was his oldest friend and would protect him if, at any time, his Majesty decided to take away his post and power.

(iii) It is an example of the shepherd's humility as well as wisdom because even after he was appointed the governor, he still remained a humble and a wise man.

7. How did the king reward the new governor?

Ans: The king was very pleased with the governor's humility and wisdom. He rewarded him with a promotion and made him the governor of a much bigger province the same day.

Worksheet 01
The Shepherds Treasure

1. What led the king of Iran to the cave of the shepherd?
2. What changes were seen in the shepherd after he became the governor of a small province?
3. Why did the shepherd never go to school?
4. Why were the people astonished when the chest was opened?
5. How did the poor shepherd become famous in the story **The Shepherds Treasure**?
6. What did the governors of other provinces think about the chest that the new governor carried with him in the story **The Shepherds Treasure**?
7. Who visited the shepherd one day, and why?
8. Was the shepherd worthy of being rewarded twice in the story? Why? Give your answer accurately.

Worksheet 01
The Shepherds Treasure

Solution

1. The stories of the wisdom and friendly nature of the shepherd led the king of Iran to his cave.
2. There was no change in the shepherd's behaviour even after he became the governor of a small province. He was still as humble as ever.
3. The shepherd never went to school because there were few schools in those days.
4. When the chest was opened, the people were astonished to see that it contained not the secretly collected treasure, but only an old blanket.
5. The shepherd though poor was very wise. He could understand people's sorrows and troubles. He helped them to face them wisely with courage. Thus, he became famous for his wise and friendly nature.
6. The governors of other states were suspicious and jealous of the shepherd. They thought that he had hoarded a lot of money which he must have dishonestly stolen from the taxes collected from the people. The chest contained this secretly collected treasure.
7. The king of Iran, the country where the shepherd lived, heard about the shepherd's wisdom. So he disguised as a shepherd and riding on a mule, visited the shepherd one day. Although poor and uneducated, the shepherd was very wise and understood people's sorrows and troubles and helped them face them with courage and common sense. The king heard about him and therefore wanted to meet the shepherd who had become so famous for his wisdom and friendly nature among the common people.
8. Yes, the shepherd was worthy of being rewarded twice. First, the king was impressed by the shepherd's goodness and wisdom when he visited his cave and made him the governor of a small district because he was glad about him.
Secondly, when the king was doubtful about the shepherd's honesty after hearing

false stories about him, he asked the shepherd the reason behind carrying an iron box always.

Hearing it, the shepherd replied in a humble way that the box contained the blanket which was his oldest friend. The blanket would protect him at any time. The king was pleased to hear the shepherd's reply. Being impressed with his honesty, he made him the governor of a much bigger district. Thus, the king's action was justified.