

The Honest Woodcutter - Short Stories for Kids



A Woodman lived in a small village on the river-bank. He used to cut the trees on the river bank every day and sell them in the village.



One day, while cutting a tree, the woodman dropped the axe in the river.



The Woodcutter immediately searched, but could not see the axe. He sat down on the river bank and started crying. He said, "Dear god I dropped

my axe in the water. It was my only source of lively hood. Please help me, God please give me back my axe back."



The Woodman saw the god Mercury rising from the river. He heard the Woodman's prayer and went back to the river to find the axe.



He came back with a gold axe and asked, "Woodman, is this your axe?" the Woodman refused.



Mercury went back in and got a silver axe. "Is this your axe?". the Woodman refused again.



The third time, Mercury returned with an iron axe. The Woodman took his axe happily and profusely thanked Mercury.



Mercury was happy with the honesty and gave him all the three axes.



The Woodman went home happily. Soon village heard about his good fortune story.



One greedy friend of Woodman went to the river bank the next day and hid his axe behind the tree near the river bank. As he sat on the river bank crying, god mercury appeared.



Mercury asked him why he was crying. He told mercury that he had lost his axe. Mercury went back to the river and returned with a gold axe. The man took the axe. Mercury was upset with his dishonesty and took back the gold axe from him and scared him. He ran back to the village without taking his axe.



Moral Of the Story: Be Honest. Honesty is always Rewarded.
Honesty is the Best Policy - Benjamin Franklin.
No Legacy is so Rich as Honesty - William Shakespeare.