

The Soldier of Kindness

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Once upon a time, in a very far away land, there was a king. The king was a very wise and kind man. Every day he would bring a basket of bread to his city and he would give the bread to the poor. The king believed in peace, but sometimes he had to chose war. He had friends, and he had enemies. One day he chose 100 soldiers to go attack a kingdom that was small but very strong. All of the soldiers thought it would be an easy attack, all except one. His name was Jack.

Jack didn't feel good about attacking the other kingdom and he felt suspicious. Jack had a wife and two children. He was a very kind, brave and generous man, with the heart of a child. He knew it would take weeks to get to the kingdom, but all the soldiers had already started traveling.

At nightfall the soldiers had already finished setting up camp and were laughing by the campfire while jack was thinking somewhere else in the woods. He was thinking, what if we aren't supposed to attack this kingdom? Then they all had an unexpected visitor. It was an old man was bloody and he looked very tired. He said he was beaten- up by robbers who stole his donkey, clothes and all of his money. The other soldiers just told him "Go away, old man. We don't care about you." So the old man walked away into the woods. That night when all the soldiers were asleep, Jack tip-toed

out of his tent and tasted the soup to see if it was still warm. “Good” he thought because the soup was still warm. He quickly took his warmest blanket and a hot bowl of soup to the old man. The old man thanked him and Jack went back to his campsite. The next morning the soldiers packed up camp and kept on traveling. As the sun started to go down, the soldiers set up camp somewhere new. While all the other soldiers were cheerfully eating dinner, Jack couldn’t get the old hurt man out of his mind. There was something different about that man. Later, all the soldiers had another unexpected visitor, a whole family who were attacked by wolves. The soldiers said no and “we need it for ourselves.” None helped them except Jack. When all of the other soldiers were sleeping, Jack got a warm blanket and a big bowl of soup. The family was so thankful.

The next day, the soldiers reached the other kingdom. The soldiers started to fight the other army, everyone except Jack. He had run away back to the palace of his kingdom. Even though he knew he could get in trouble, he still entered because he didn’t feel right attacking that kingdom. When he stood in front of the king, he realized that the king was the old man! The king explained that the attack was a test. The kingdom that the soldiers were attacking knew that they

were coming and wouldn't hurt them. Jack was thanked for his kindness to the family and the king in the woods and Jack lived a happy life loving and caring for others.

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