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The Jug That Filled

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Two tired men came to a town. They were gods, but no one knew. They knocked on every door.

Every door stayed shut. "Go away!" said the people. So the men went up a hill.

On the hill was a tiny house. An old man and his wife lived there. They were Philemon and Baucis.

"Come in!" said Philemon. "We have little, but you can share it." Baucis lit a fire.

They gave the men soup and eggs. They gave them the best seats. They were glad to have guests.

Baucis poured milk from a jug. She poured and poured. But the jug stayed full!

"Who are you?" asked Philemon. "We are Zeus and Hermes," said the men. "Do not be afraid."

"The town was not kind," said Zeus. "Follow us up the hill."

The old pair climbed up. Then the water rose and filled the valley. They were safe.

Their tiny house was now a shining temple. "What do you wish for?" asked Zeus.

"To care for it," said Philemon. "And to stay side by side." Zeus smiled.

They cared for the temple for years. At last they turned into two trees. Their branches still touch.

Questions

1. What did the people in the town do?

A. Gave a feast
B. Shut their doors
C. Sang a song

2. Who let the two men in?

A. An old man and his wife
B. A king
C. A baker

3. What was strange about the jug?

A. It was gold
B. It talked

C. It stayed full

4. Why did the old pair get a gift?

A. They were rich

B. They were kind to the guests

C. They had a big house

5. What did Philemon wish for?

A. To care for the temple and stay together

B. A bag of gold

C. A new town

6. In this story, what does "guests" mean?

A. Dogs

B. Farmers

C. People who come to visit

Words to know

gods: strong beings

jug: a pitcher

temple: god's house

guests: visitors

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1. B. Shut their doors
2. A. An old man and his wife
3. C. It stayed full
4. B. They were kind to the guests
5. A. To care for the temple and stay together
6. C. People who come to visit