

King Midas and the Golden Touch

Many years ago, there was a king named King Midas.

He had more gold than any other king in the world and loved his gold more than anything else in all the world.

He always wanted more.

One day, the king was in his room counting his money when a wizard appeared in the room.

The wizard said to the king, "I will give you one wish. What do you want?"

The king said, "I want more gold."

The wizard said, "But you already have so much gold!"

The king said, "Gold is the best thing in the world! I want more! I wish that everything I touched would turn to gold."

The wizard said, "All right, starting tomorrow morning when you wake up, everything you touch will become gold. But this gift will not make you happy."

"I will take it," said the king.

The next day, the king woke up very early. He wanted to see if his wish had come true, and if everything he touched would turn to gold. The king touched his bed with his hand. The bed turned to gold.

He touched a chair and a table. When he touched them, they both turned to gold. The king felt very very happy. He ran around the room, touching everything he could see. Everything turned to gold.

Soon, the king felt hungry, so he went to the kitchen to eat his breakfast. But when he picked up a glass of water and tried to drink it, the water turned to gold. He couldn't drink any water!

He wanted to eat some meat, but when he brought it to his mouth, it turned to gold. He couldn't eat anything. Everything was gold!

His daughter ran into the room. The King loved his daughter very much. But when he touched his daughter, she turned into gold. She couldn't move! The King felt sad and cried loudly.

"Wizard!" he called. "Please take away this gift! Take all my gold. Take all my money. Take everything. Just give me back my daughter!"

The wizard appeared and stood in front of the King. "Do you still think that gold is the greatest thing in the world?" asked the wizard.

"No! No!" cried the King. "I hate gold! I don't want any more of it!"

"Are you sure that you don't want the golden touch?" asked the wizard.

"Yes, I'm sure," said the King. "I've learned my lesson. I don't think gold is the greatest thing in the world."

"All right," said the wizard, "take this water bottle then spray water on the golden things."

The King took the water bottle and sprayed water on his daughter's head. Soon, she could move again. The King was very happy and he gave his daughter a big hug and kiss.

Next, the king sprayed water on his golden food and it all turned back into real food. Then he and his daughter sat down to eat breakfast together and enjoyed food and drinks.

Now, the King hates gold. But he is very happy because he has his dear daughter.