

The Little Fir Tree

Word meanings:

1. pretty-pleasant to the sight
2. needles- (plural) a fine sharp instrument usually for piercing
3. leaves- plural form of leaf
4. gold- a heavy yellow metal of great value.
5. stole- (past tense of steal) to take illegally or without permission.
6. fir tree- an evergreen tree with straight flat needle shaped leaves
7. reward- something of value given in return for an act.
8. magician- a person who performs supernatural things.
9. granted- to give permission.

Question and answers:

1. Who was Shetty and what was he looking for and why?

Shetty was a magician who was passing by the little fir tree and was looking for shelter since it was raining heavily. The little fir tree was kind enough to give him shelter under its leaves.

2. What did Shetty reward the fir tree?

Shetty was really happy that he did not get wet. The magician decided to offer four wishes to the fir tree as a reward. The fir tree was happy to receive it.

3. Why was the fir tree sad ?

The fir tree was sad because it had needle like leaves and birds never made nest on it. The fir tree's first wish was granted and it had green leaves like his friends do.

4. What happened the next day after the first wish was granted ?

The fir tree was so happy but within few seconds a goat came by and ate all the green leaves. The tree became angry and granted gold leaves so that no animal will eat them.

5. What happened to the fir tree after all the wishes were granted ? Was he satisfied ?

After his second wish was granted which was of gold leaves but very soon it was taken away by few people. The fir tree wished for glass leaves for men do not steal glass leaves. Finally at a loss even this wish was of no use because the wind broke all the glass leaves. Now the fir tree longs for the needle like leaves which he had and the next morning he got it back. Perhaps after all his choice of wishes the fir tree is finally happy with what it had realizing that no animal could eat, no men could steal, no wind can break my leaves.

6. What is the central idea of the lesson "The little fir tree"?

The central idea speaks about your expressions of inner feelings are not to be judged and about every individual's self-esteem. When the story started the fir tree was not happy with its pointed leaves but later on he realized that he was losing his confidence and self-respect.

Reference to Context:

1. "Thank you, you have been kind to me. I would like to reward you".

a. Who spoke these words to whom?

The magician spoke these words to the fir tree.

b. Why did the magician want to reward?

It's because the fir tree gave shelter while it was raining.

c. What was the reward ?

The magician rewarded four wishes to the fir tree.

d. What was the name of the magician?

Shetty was the magician.

2. "I wish I had gold leaves as goats do not eat gold leaves."

a. Who wish to have gold leaves?

The little fir tree wished to have gold leaves.

b. Write the word meaning of the word 'gold'- a heavy yellow metal of great value.

c. Was the wish granted to the fir tree?

The wish was granted to the fir tree.

d. Why did the fir tree wished for gold leaves?

It's because the goat ate all the leaves when the fir tree wished for it.

3. "Oh dear!" said the fir tree. I like my old needle-like leaves best"

a. Write the meaning of 'needle'- a fine sharp instrument usually for piercing.

b. Write the antonym of the word 'best'- worst

c. Why did the fir tree like its old needle leaves at last?

The fir tree realized his mistake that we must respect our self and be satisfied with what we are.

d. Did the fir tree get back his old needle leaves?

Yes the fir tree was so happy to get back its leaves.

Pick out the types of noun from the lesson 'THE LITTLE FIR TREE'.