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# The Farmer And The Well

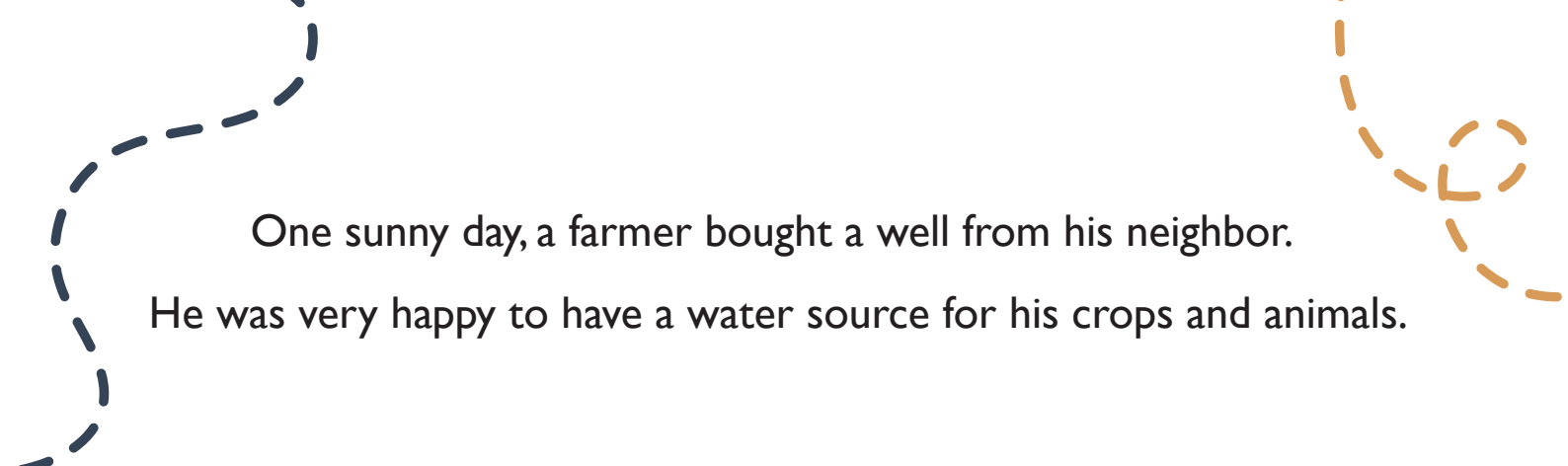
## Short Story

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Being greedy and trying to trick others is wrong.  
It is better to be honest and helpful.

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One sunny day, a farmer bought a well from his neighbor.  
He was very happy to have a water source for his crops and animals.

But the next morning, the mean neighbor would not  
let the farmer take any water from the well!

"I sold you the well, not the water," he said,  
and went away. The poor farmer felt very sad.

The farmer went to see the emperor to ask for help.  
The emperor called his wisest judge, Birbal, to solve the problem.

Birbal asked the neighbor why he  
would not let the farmer use the water.

The neighbor said he had only sold the well, not the water inside it.

But Birbal said, "Since you sold the farmer the  
well, you cannot keep the water in his well.

Either pay him rent or take it out!"

The neighbor realized his trick had failed.

## The Neighbor Learns His Lesson

Feeling foolish, the neighbor apologized to the farmer.

From that day on, he allowed the farmer to use the water whenever he needed it.

Moral:

1. Greed and trickery are unwise and will eventually be exposed.
2. It is better to be honest, fair, and helpful to others.
3. Seeking justice from wise authorities can resolve disputes peacefully.

