

THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE

Once upon a time, a long time ago, a very poor family lived in an island where there was a little village. When Christmas time arrived, they did not know how to celebrate it without money.

The father began to wonder how he could earn enough money to buy a turkey for the Christmas Eve dinner. He decided that he would make some money selling Christmas trees. So, the next day he woke up very early and went to the mountain to cut some pines.

He climbed the mountain and cut five pines and loaded them on his van to sell them in the market. When two days remained for Christmas, no one had bought any of the pines yet.

Finally, he decided that he could give the pines to persons who were poorer than his family. And so he did it. That people were very grateful because of the gift.

On Christmas Eve, when he returned to his home, the man received a big surprise. On the living room there were a small tree and a splendid turkey on the lunch table.

His wife explained to him that she found both things in front of their home door. That night the man knew that these gifts were the reward offered by his old neighbour for his good deed.

