

The Goose That Laid Golden Eggs

A farmer and his wife went to a fair in the next town. They wanted to buy a new goose to eat the weeds in their garden. They found a large, plump goose and took her home. They didn't know that this was their lucky day.

The next morning the farmer's wife went to collect eggs. She found a big yellow egg in the goose's nest. She picked up the strange egg and took it to her husband. "Look at this egg the goose laid," she said. "It is very heavy and very yellow."

The farmer took the egg. His mouth fell open. "This egg is made of gold," he said.

The goose laid a golden egg every day. The farmer and his wife grew very rich from selling the eggs. And they grew very, very greedy.

"Let's cut open the goose. Then we can get all of the golden eggs at one time," said the farmer. But when they cut the goose open, there was no gold. The goose was just like all geese inside. Now the greedy farmer and his wife had no more golden eggs. And they didn't have a goose to eat the weeds in the garden.

The farmer and his wife kept buying geese. They wanted to find a new goose that laid golden eggs. But they were out of luck.