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An Unforgettable Trip

Once there was a boy, whose family was very wealthy. One day, his father took him on a trip to the country, where he aimed to show his son how poor people live. They spent there for a couple of days. On their return, the father asked his son if he liked the trip.

“Oh, it was great, dad.” – the boy replied. “Did you notice how poor people live?” “Yeah, I did.” said the boy. The father asked his son to tell in more details about his impressions from their trip.

“Well, we have only one dog, and they have four of them. In our garden there is a pool, while they have a river that has no end. We’ve got expensive lanterns, but they have stars above their heads at night. We have the patio, and they have the whole horizon. We have only a small piece of land, while they have the endless fields. We buy food, but they grow it. We have high fences for protection of our property, and they don’t need it, as their friends protect them.”

The father was stunned. He could not say a word.

Then the boy added: “Thank you, dad, for letting me see how poor we are.”

This story shows that the true wealth as well as happiness is not measured by material things. Love, friendship and freedom are far more valuable.