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# The Honest Woodcutter

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Once there lived a poor woodcutter in a small village. He was sincere in his work and very honest. Everyday, he set out into the nearby forest to cut trees, he brought the wood back into the village and sold them out to a merchant and earn his money. One day, while cutting a tree near a river, his axe slipped out of his hand and fell into the river. The river was so deep, he could not even think to retrieve it on his own. He started crying.

Mercury, the goddess of water appeared. She asked the reason of his crying. The woodcutter told the whole story. Mercury dived into the water and brought a golden axe. The woodcutter refused to take it. Mercury

again dived into the water and brought a silver axe. The woodcutter didn't take it either. Then she brought iron axe. The woodcutter took it gladly. Meruwy was much pleased. She rewarded the woodcutter with the other two axes.

Moral :- Honesty is the best policy.