



THE GIFTS



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Amit woke up with a big smile. It was his birthday the next day. Papa, Mama and Amit went shopping for gifts. First, they went to a toy store and Amit loved looking at all the toys displayed.

“Mama, I want all the toys!” Amit said.

“No, Amit! Just select one,” said Mama. Amit wasn’t happy, but he chose the big blue teddy bear. Next, they went to buy some T-shirts for him. “Papa, I want to buy four T-shirts!” Amit pleaded. “No, Amit! We will buy any two!” Papa said.

Amit wasn’t happy, but he chose to go with a blue and a yellow T-shirt.

After they finished shopping, as they were about to reach their car, Amit saw a woman and a

child sleeping on the pavement nearby.

They were shivering. A tattered blanket covered them and they tucked tightly into it.

“Mama, why are these people sleeping on the pavement? It is so cold today,” Amit asked.

“They are poor, Amit. They don’t have money to buy food, clothes or a house,” Papa said.

Amit was reminded of how he wanted to buy so many more things. He was grateful he had so much in his life.

“Can we help them in any way, Mama?” Amit wanted to know.



“Yes! Maybe we can bring them some sweets and cakes.”

Papa and Amit went to a nearby store and bought some cakes, sweets and sandwiches for them. Amit offered the food

to the woman. “May God bless you, my child,” the woman said.

Amit was happy. He felt happier than how he felt when he bought gifts for himself! ●

