

THE THIEF

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One day two people caught a man stealing a chicken. They decided to take him to the police station. On the way the thief told the two men that he had a secret he wanted to disclose to the chief first. So they took him there. When they got the chief's office the thief said "Sir, last night my father gave me a seed that produces fruit the same day it is planted."

"What, can I see it?" the chief said.

The thief showed them the seed and then dug a hole and said, "this seed must be put in the ground only by a person who has never stolen or taken anything that belonged to someone else. Being a thief I cannot do it. He turned to one of the men who had arrested him. The man replied quickly, "Last week I took something that didn't belong to me. I cannot do it" He then asked the chief to put the seed in the ground but the chief confessed, "Yesterday morning I travelled in a bus and didn't pay the fare, although the conductor passed near me, I pretended I had paid. I cannot plant the seed."

The thief then said, forgive me chief. I will return the chicken to the owner. I was just starving and I needed to eat something. They all looked at him and realized that they were no different from him.