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Not Fair!

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Farmers John and Luke were best friends. John raised goats and Luke grew vegetables. Their houses were side-by-side and they talked every day.

John and Luke liked to share. John gave Luke a goat. Luke gave John vegetables from his garden. Everything was good, at least for a while.



One day, John's wife was walking on their land. She saw an old mine. In the mine she found gold!

Because their farms were side by side, the gold was on Luke's land, too.





“Gold is money!” said Luke. Luke loved gold, but John loved being a farmer.



John still wanted to share with Luke. “No, I don’t need to share,” said Luke. “I can pay for anything I want.”

John walked home. He was not happy. It wasn't just about sharing. John felt that he had lost a friend. Was gold better than a friend?



That night, he thought mean thoughts about Luke and about gold.