

The Giving Tree

Once, there was a tree that loved a little boy. The boy would come to the tree and play daily, eat apples, swing from its branches, and rest under its shade. The tree was happy to give the boy everything it had.

As the boy grew up, he came to the tree less often. Then, one day, the tree asked him why he was not coming to play anymore. The boy replied that he was busy and needed money to support his family. So, the tree suggested he could sell its apples and branches for cash.

The boy did as the tree suggested and could make some money. But as time passed, he wanted more and more from the tree. Finally, he asked for its trunk to build a house. The tree gave it to him.

Years went by, and the boy returned to the tree once again. He was now an older man, and the tree was a stump. The older man said he needed a place to rest, and the tree offered its stump even though it had nothing left to give.

The older man sat on the stump and realized how much the tree had given him. He finally understood the actual value of the tree's selfless love.

Giving without expecting anything in return is the greatest form of love.