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Giving vs. Wanting

Short Answer Key

1. The tree shows happiness by giving to the boy and saying, "And the tree was happy."
2. The boy believes that having more things—money, a house, and a boat—will make him happy.
3. The boy could have spent more time with the tree, thanked her, or planted new trees in return.
4. The tree feels happiness through giving, but the boy is never fully satisfied because he always wants more.
5. The ending makes readers wonder whether happiness comes from giving, receiving, or finding balance between the two.

