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The Tale of King Midas and the Golden Touch

Once upon a time, in the ancient kingdom of Phrygia, there lived a wise and wealthy king named Midas. King Midas had everything he could ever want, but he was still not content. He often wished for more riches and treasure, always wanting to be wealthier than anyone else.

One day, as he was walking through the forest, King Midas came across a drunken old man named Silenus, who was stumbling and lost. Silenus was a friend of the god Dionysus, and as a gesture of gratitude, Dionysus decided to grant King Midas a wish.

Without thinking much, King Midas wished for everything he touched to turn into gold. At first, he was delighted with his newfound power, turning leaves, stones, and even his own food into glittering gold. However, his happiness soon turned to despair when he realized he could no longer touch his beloved daughter without turning her into a golden statue.

In his grief, King Midas begged Dionysus to take back the golden touch. Dionysus agreed, but only if King Midas promised to never be greedy again. King Midas agreed wholeheartedly and learned a valuable lesson about the true worth of riches.

From that day on, King Midas lived a humble and content life, treasuring the moments spent with his daughter and valuing the simple pleasures of life.