The Little Lantern That Followed Jesus

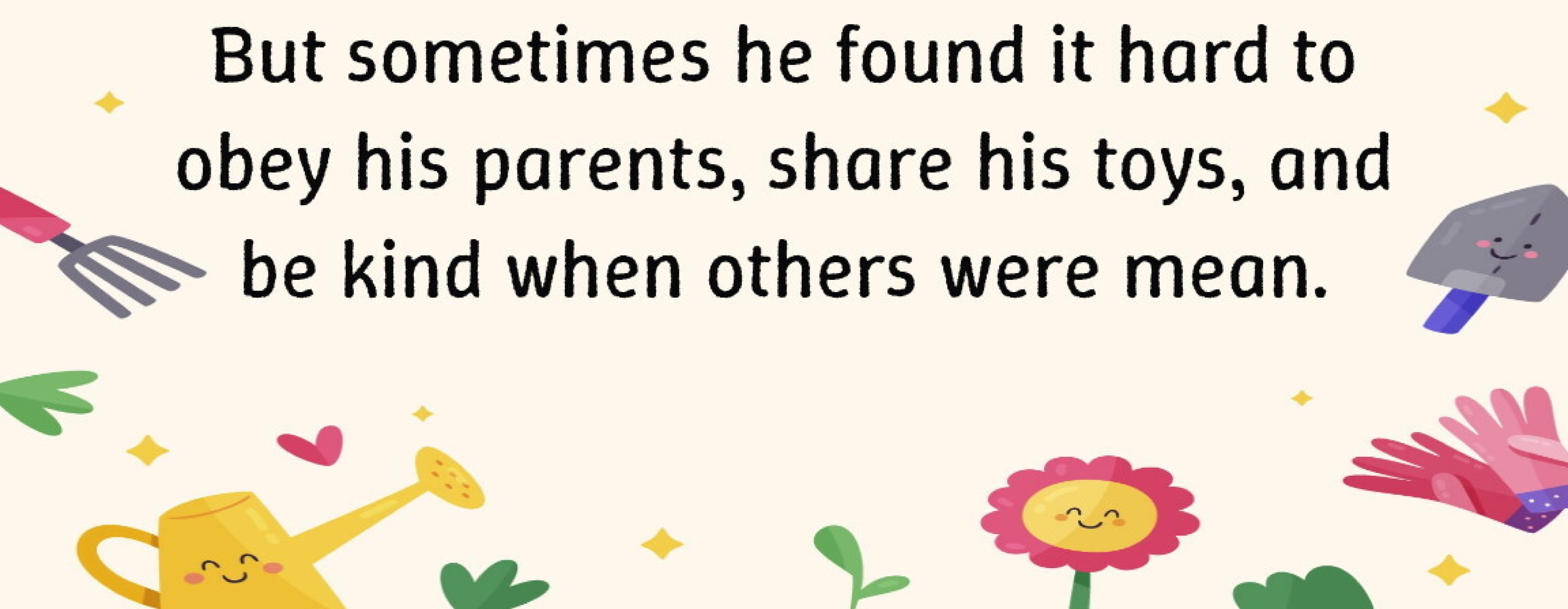
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One day, in a small village, there lived a boy named Ben. Ben loved to play, run, and laugh with his friends. But sometimes he found it hard to obey his parents, share his toys, and be kind when others were mean.





At church, Ben learned that Jesus said, "Follow Me."





Ben wondered, "How can I follow Jesus? I can't even see Him!"





That night, Ben had a dream.





In his dream, he was walking down a dark path. Suddenly, a small golden lantern appeared beside him.



"Who are you?" Ben asked. "I am your lantern," said the light. "I help children follow Jesus."



"Can you show me where Jesus is?"
Ben asked. "Yes," said the lantern.
"Just follow the light."





The lantern moved ahead. Ben followed. Soon they met a little girl who had dropped her basket of apples. Apples rolled everywhere.



Ben wanted to keep walking, but the lantern shone brightly beside the girl. "Oh," said Ben. "Jesus would help her." So he picked up the apples and put them back in her basket.



"Thank you!" the girl smiled. The lantern glowed even brighter.



A little farther down the path, Ben saw some children laughing at a boy who looked different from them. The lantern stopped.



Ben remembered that Jesus loved everyone. He walked over and said, "Come play with us."





The lonely boy smiled. The lantern shone brighter than before.





As they continued, Ben found a shiny gold coin on the ground. "No one will know if I keep it," he thought. But the lantern flickered.



Ben remembered that Jesus loves honesty. So he returned the coin to the man who had lost it. "Thank you, young man!" the man said.



Now the lantern shone like the sun. Finally, Ben saw Jesus standing at the end of the path. His face was kind and full of love.

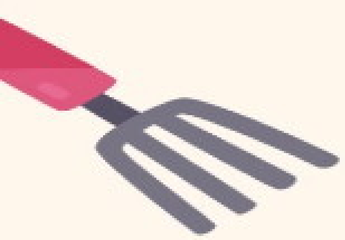

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"Jesus!" Ben shouted. "I've been trying to follow You!" Jesus smiled.





"Every time you helped someone, showed kindness, shared, obeyed, forgave, and told the truth, you were following Me."





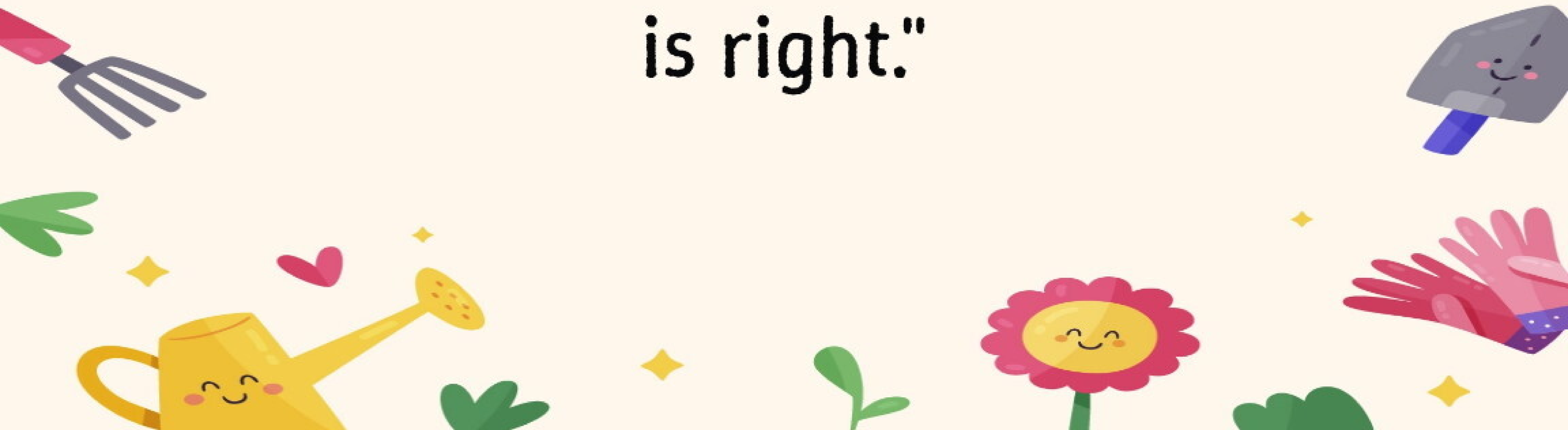








Ben looked at the lantern. The little light disappeared. Then Jesus said, "The lantern was My love in your heart, helping you know what is right."





The next morning, Ben woke up. It had only been a dream, but he remembered what Jesus said. From that day on, whenever he had a choice to make, he would ask himself: "What would Jesus do?"

