

## **The Special Wrapping Paper**

Once upon a time there was a man who always wrapped his presents in the same type of wrapping paper. The wrapping paper was made of pure gold.

One day something upset the man very much. The man's daughter had used up all the wrapping paper and there was none left. What's more it was Christmas Eve. How on earth was he supposed to wrap all his presents? The man was utterly upset.

Due to this the man scolded his daughter and even punished her. Under the Christmas tree he saw a shoe box wrapped in the gold paper. He wondered what it was. He wondered where she had got the money for the present and who she was going to give it to.

Soon it was Christmas Day. In the morning when she got out of bed, the little girl came running to her father. She knocked on his bedroom door before she went in. She had come to wish him Happy Christmas and she brought a surprise with her. It was the shoe box wrapped in gold paper.

She told her father that the gift was for him and that he should open it.

Her father smiled and opened the box. However, to his surprise the box was empty. There was nothing in the box at all.

He told his daughter that the box was empty and that it was wrong to give empty presents to people.

When the daughter heard this, her eyes filled with tears and she started to cry and cry.

She told her father that it wasn't empty when she wrapped it because she had blown kisses into it until it was full. She had filled the whole box full of kisses and then wrapped it with the most beautiful wrapping paper she could find.

That was when the father realised he had made a terrible mistake.

All his life he had thought about the material value of presents, how much they cost, how beautifully they were presented etc.

Today he realised what a truly valuable gift his daughter had given him. He told her it was the best present ever. Then he knelt down and gave her a big hug.