
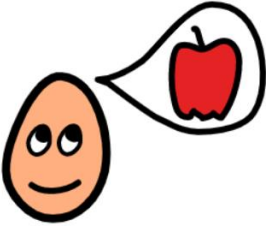



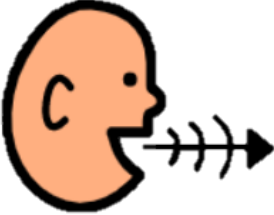
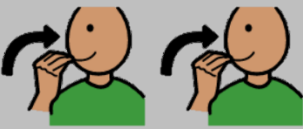

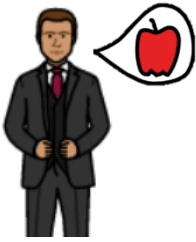









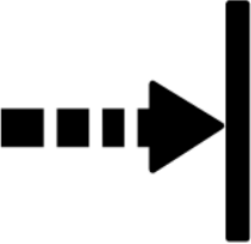


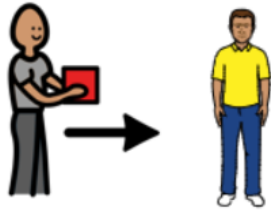
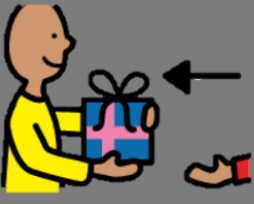
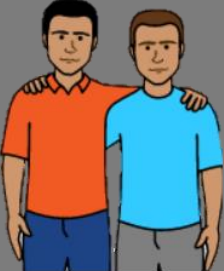








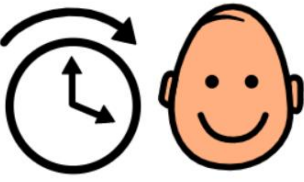


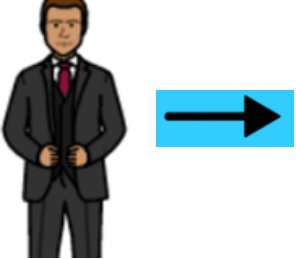

<p>Just as they were taking the bread from their sacks,</p>	<p>a third traveller,</p>	<p>unknown to them, overtook them</p>	<p>and, stopping beside them, bade them good day.</p>
			
<p>He then asked to share their food,</p>	<p>as he was very hungry,</p>	<p>had no provisions,</p>	<p>and there was no place to buy anything.</p>
			
<p>“Come, good man! Share our hospitality”</p>	<p>said the first two travellers to the stranger,</p>	<p>“for, thank God, where two can eat,</p>	<p>there is always enough for a third.”</p>

			
<p>The stranger, being very hungry,</p>	<p>did not wait to be asked twice,</p>	<p>but sat by the other two</p>	<p>and all three ate dry bread</p>
			
<p>and drank water from the well,</p>	<p>for there was nothing else to drink.</p>		
			
<p>And the three of them ate</p>	<p>and ate and ate,</p>	<p>until the five loaves were all eaten,</p>	<p>as if they had never been there at all.</p>
			
<p>When they had finished,</p>	<p>the stranger</p>	<p>took five coins from his purse</p>	<p>and gave them to the man that had three loaves, saying:</p>

			
<p>"Good fellows! Please accept this small token of my gratitude,</p>	<p>for you have indeed been friends.</p>	<p>Further on,</p>	<p>you can buy yourselves a glass of wine each,</p>
			
<p>or do whatever you please with the money.</p>	<p>I can't thank you enough</p>	<p>for the kindness you have shown to me,</p>	<p>for I was nearly blind with hunger."</p>
			
<p>The two travellers hesitated</p>	<p>before accepting the money,</p>	<p>but after a good deal of insistence on the third part they accepted.</p>	
			
<p>Then, a little later,</p>	<p>the stranger said goodbye to the others,</p>	<p>and continued on his way.</p>	