



Sandalwood to Coal

One day a king got lost in a forest. He had nothing to eat. Suddenly he met a poor woodcutter who happily shared his food with him. In return the grateful king gifted him a sandalwood forest.

The woodcutter did not know that sandalwood trees were very expensive. So he began cutting of the trees, burning them and turning them into coal. He would sell this coal in the market. Coal is not a valuable thing so he remained poor as ever.

One day the king rode by and met the woodcutter. "Why are you still so poor?" He asked, "I gave you a valuable gift." The woodcutter told him what he had done. The king went back with him to the forest and told him the value of the remaining trees. These trees were very expensive. When the woodcutter heard the value he felt very

foolish. From that day he treated his forest well as he knew it was a valuable.

In the same way our life is also valuable. We must not waste it away.