

# The Farmer and His Sons

One day, there was an old farmer who had worked hard all his life. He was very ill. He had three sons. He wanted them to be good farmers.

He said to them, "There is a treasure in my land. Promise me that you will look for it."

Sadly, the father died. The sons looked for the treasure. They dug and dug the soil.



"What will we find?" they said to each other.

Soon, they had dug up all of the land. They had not found any treasure. They were upset.

"All that hard work for nothing!" they said.

But the crops began to grow in the soil that they had dug. They sold the crops and made a lot of money.

Now, they knew what their father had meant by the great treasure.

The sons worked hard on the land and lived happily ever after.

**Hard work brings its own reward.**



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1. Where is the story set? Tick one.

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- in a hospital
- at a school

2. What did the sons promise to their father? Tick one.

- That they would eat all of their dinner.
- That they would look for the treasure.
- That they would brush their teeth.

3. What did the brothers do to the field? Tick one.

- They put a trampoline in it.
- They filled it with sheep.
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4. How did the brothers feel when they didn't find any treasure? Tick one.

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He said to them, "My boys, there is great treasure in my land. Promise me that you will look for it when I die."

The sons promised that they would. Sadly, the father died. The sons began to look for the treasure. They dug and dug the soil from morning until night.



"I wonder what we will find?" they said to each other.

Soon, they had dug up every inch of the land. They had not found a single bit of treasure. They were very upset. They felt that their hard work had been for nothing.



"All that hard work for nothing!" they complained.

But then, the crops began to grow and the harvest was plentiful. They sold the crops and made a lot of money.

Finally, they understood what their father had meant by the great treasure.

The sons agreed to work hard on the land and lived happily ever after.

**Hard work brings its own reward.**



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Tick two.

old

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wise

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for some exercise

to make a pond

to find the treasure

3. What had begun to grow in the field? Tick one.

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Tick one word which means the same as 'complain'.

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There was once an old, dying farmer who had worked hard all his life. Before he died, he wanted to teach his three sons how to be good farmers. So, he called them to him and said, "My boys, before I die I want you to know that there is an incredible treasure buried in my land. Promise me that you will look for it when I am dead."

The sons promised solemnly. As soon as their father had died, they began looking for the treasure. As they were working, they wondered what their father had left for them. "We will soon be rich!" they exclaimed with glee.



Soon, they had dug up every inch of land. Unfortunately, they found not a single penny and were terribly upset. They felt that all of their hard work had been for nothing.

However, to their amazement, crops began to grow and the harvest was plentiful. Finally, the brothers made a lot of money and became wealthy. Now they understood what their father had meant by the great treasure. They lived happily ever after and continued to work hard.



**Hard work brings its own reward.**

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**Because he thought that he was dying and he wanted to give his sons an important message.**

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**They promised their father that they would look for the treasure.**

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**Answers may vary.**