### Advanced - Story 5

Class Objective- I am able to read and understand a story, learn new vocabulary and answer related questions.

## Concept A: Story 1 - The Happy Prince

This is a story about the statue of a Happy Prince and a little Swallow. The Happy Prince was a beautiful statue standing on a tall column high above the city. The statue was covered with thin leaves of gold. He had sapphires for his eyes and a ruby in his sword.

One night a little Swallow flew over the city. He was tired and wanted to spend the night between the feet of the Happy Prince. As he was ready to sleep, a large drop of water fell on him. It was curious as there were no clouds in the sky. Then another drop of water fell on him. The Swallow decided to look for another place just then a third drop fell on him, he looked up and saw that these were the tears from the eyes of the Happy Prince, and the Swallow filled with pity. The Swallow asked " who are you" and why are you crying? The Happy Prince told the Swallow that he lived in a palace when he was alive and had a kind, human heart. There was no sorrow at all. He and his courtiers called him the Happy Prince. After his death, he was set up on a high pillar, his heart was made up of lead yet it wept when he saw the ugliness and misery of his city.

He told the Swallow that far away in a little street, a little boy of a seamstress is sick. He is crying as his mother could not give him oranges to eat. He asked the Swallow to give his ruby to the poor women on his way to Egypt. The Swallow flew and laid the ruby on the table of the poor women. He fans the boy's forehead with his wings. The boy feels great relief. He goes into a sweet sleep.

Then the Happy Prince saw a writer. He was suffering from a cold and was hungry. The Happy Prince asked the Swallow to give one of the sapphires to the writer. The Swallow did not want to pluck out the sapphire from his eyes, but he obeyed him unwillingly. After that, the Happy Prince saw a match girl, whose matches fell into the gutter. At his command, the Swallow very unwillingly plucked out the sapphire from the other eye of the Happy Prince. The Swallow slipped the sapphire into the palm of the match girl. Now the Prince was blind. Then the Happy Prince allowed the Swallow to fly away to Egypt, but the Swallow decided to stay with the blind Prince forever.

The Swallow continued to report the sufferings of the starving people. At the command of the Happy Prince, the Swallow took off the golden leaves from the statue and distributed them among the poor people. Now the statue was dull and

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