

## Grade VI

### Lesson 3. The Shepherd's Treasure

#### Summary of the Chapter

#### **The king Met the Wise Shepherd who Lived in a village in Iran**

The shepherd lived in Iran and was very poor. He had never been to a school and was uneducated. But he was very wise. He helped people in their sorrows and troubles. People used to take his advice. He became famous for his wisdom and friendly nature. The king, dressed as a shepherd, came to meet him in his cave. The shepherd welcomed the traveller and took him inside the cave. The shepherd offered him water and shared his food with him. The traveller stayed in the cave during the night and was impressed by the shepherd's wisdom. The king returned to his palace the next morning.

#### **The Shepherd was Mad the Governor of a District Making Others Jealous of Him**

The king was impressed by the shepherd's goodness and made him the governor of a small district. The shepherd occupied a high set in the country, but remained humble and gentle. People loved and respected him for this wisdom. The news about his goodness spread throughout the country. The governors complained to the king that the shepherd was very dishonest and kept for himself some money he collected as tax from the people. They said that his iron box contained the treasure that he had secretly collected. The governors made fun of the shepherd.

#### **The Shepherd was Called to the Palace**

The king could not ignore the governors and their stories. He realized that the shepherd did carry an iron box with him all the time. The new governor was called to the palace. The shepherd came, riding on his camel with his iron box. The king was angry and asked the shepherd the reason for carrying the iron box. This new governor asked his servants to bring in the box. The king was waiting for the box to be opened. The box was opened and no gold or silver or jewels could be found in the box. There was an old blanket in the box. The shepherd told the king that his blanket was his only treasure.



**6. (i) What did the iron chest contain?**

The iron chest contained only an old blanket.

**(ii) Why did the shepherd always carry it?**

The shepherd always carried his blanket in the box because it was his oldest friend. It would protect him if the king took away his post and power.

**(iii) Is it an example of the shepherd's humility or wisdom or both?**

Yes, it is an example of the shepherd's humility as well as his wisdom.

**7. How did the king reward the new governor?**

The king was pleased with the new governor's humility and wisdom. He rewarded him by making him the governor of a much bigger district.

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**Chapter Practice**

**Very Short Answer Type questions**

**1. Why did the king appoint the shepherd as the new governor of a district?**

The king appointed the shepherd as the governor because of his wisdom. He wanted people like the shepherd to work for him.

**2. How did the shepherd become famous in the country?**

People used to take advice from him. He became famous for his wisdom, goodness, sympathy and friendly nature.

**3. Why did the king become angry?**

The king became angry after hearing the endless stories about the shepherd's dishonesty and his iron box.

**4. What did the shepherd mention about his blanket?**

The shepherd mentioned that his blanket was his oldest friend and it will protect him any time from cold.

**5. What was the condition of the new governor before meeting the king?**

The new governor was a poor shepherd before meeting the king. He did have even a small cottage and lived in a cave.

