

ACTIVITY 7, THE BIRD OF HAPPINESS AND OTHER WISE TALES.

READING CHECK

1 Match the people from the story *A gift of God* with the sentences.

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| a Mario ... | 1 has problems with his horse. |
| b Mario's wife ... | 2 thinks that Mario never does anything. |
| c The shopkeeper ... | 3 cooks delicious food. |
| d The old man with white hair ... | 4 tries not to worry about things. |
| | 5 decides to keep all the silver coins for himself. |
| | 6 shows Mario six chests of silver because Mario helped him. |
| | 7 thinks that the shopkeeper will not share the money. |
| | 8 enjoys sleeping and eating good food more than anything. |

2 Mario often says, 'If God wants to give, He'll give. And when He gives, He'll push it in through the window.' What does this mean?

- a Don't worry too much about life. If God is going to help you, you don't need to do anything. ☐
- b Only very few people get help from God. ☐
- c Don't ask why God does things in the way that He does. ☐

WORD WORK

1 Find words from *A gift of God* in the coins.



2 Complete the sentences with the words from Activity 1. Show where each word goes.



- a** He lifted up the rock and saw the chests. rock



- d** They opened the door and hundreds of coins fell into the room.



- b** When the horse began to, the rider shouted, 'Whoa!'



- e** Mario took the horse's and made it stop.



- c** 'Why the silver with Mario?' thought the shopkeeper.



- f** 'If God gives you a , only you can keep it,' said the old man.

GUESS WHAT

The next story, from West Africa, is called *A wise woman*. In it, an African chief meets a woman called Zia. What do you think happens?



- a** The chief marries Zia because she is wise and beautiful.
b The chief wants Zia to help find the answers to people's problems.
c The chief decides to kill Zia because she is so wise.
d The chief asks Zia to leave because she does not do what he asks.
e Zia leaves the chief's house, and he never sees her again.
f Zia leaves, but she cleverly makes the chief take her back.

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