

## The Wind and the Sun

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The Wind and the Sun were arguing which was the stronger. Suddenly they saw a traveler coming down the road, and the Sun said, "I see a way to decide our argument. Whichever of us can cause that traveler to take off his coat shall be regarded as the stronger. You begin." So the Sun hid behind a cloud, and the Wind began to blow as hard as it could upon the traveler. But the harder he blew, the more closely did the traveler wrap his cloak round him, 'til at last the Wind had to give up in despair. Then the Sun came out and shone in all his glory upon the traveler, who soon found it too hot to walk with his coat on.

### The Lesson:

Kindness works better than force when you want someone to cooperate with you.

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### Questions to Discuss

1. What were Sun and Wind arguing about?
2. In your own words, explain how Sun thought they could solve their argument.
3. Why didn't the traveler take his coat off when Wind blew harder and harder?
4. Why did the traveler take his coat off when Sun shone brightly?
5. What lesson can we learn from this story?
6. What does this story have to do with kindness?