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Worksheet: Analyzing Character 3

Read the passage carefully before answering the questions.

DOCTOR GOLDSMITH'S MEDICINE

Oliver Goldsmith, the author, who was sometimes called Dr. Goldsmith because he had studied medicine, gave away so much to the poor that he had little money left for himself.

One day a poor woman called at his house and asked him if he would come to see her husband who was sick and could take no food. When Goldsmith called he found the family in want because the man had had no work for a considerable time. He discovered, too, that there was no food in the house.

“Come and see me this evening,” said Goldsmith to the wife, “and I will let you have some medicine for your husband.”

When the woman called that evening, Goldsmith gave her a small box which was quite heavy for its size.

This is the medicine,” he exclaimed. “See that it is properly used and it will do your husband the world of good. But please do not open the box until you get home.”

“What are the directions for taking it?” asked the woman.

“You will find full directions inside the box,” he replied.

Immediately on reaching home the woman sat down beside her husband and opened the box very carefully. It was full of money, on top of which was a slip of paper bearing the words:

“To be taken as often as necessity requires.”

Once again Oliver Goldsmith had given all his ready money to help the poor.

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Questions

1. Select the words that best describes Oliver Goldsmith.

- ☐ arrogant
- ☐ considerate
- ☐ charitable
- ☐ intelligent
- ☐ selfish
- ☐ greedy
- ☐ dishonest

2. What is Oliver Goldsmith's profession?

- ☐ singer
- ☐ author
- ☐ doctor

3. Why did Oliver Goldsmith have little money for himself?

- ☐ He tended to give it away to the poor.
- ☐ He spent it to buy medicine.
- ☐ He spent it to buy lots of food.

4. What did Goldsmith do for the poor woman?

- ☐ He gave her medicine for her husband.
- ☐ He give the lady a box with money.
- ☐ He gave the woman a slip of paper.
- ☐ He wish the woman luck.

5. Why was Mr. Goldsmith considered a doctor?

- ☐ He looked like a doctor.
- ☐ He called himself "Doctor"
- ☐ He studied medicine.
- ☐ He was kind and giving.