

A Hero's Story: The Gift of a New Game

(Teacher -Read Story)

There once was a boy named Leo who loved soccer more than anything.

He had his team's jersey. He had his soccer ball. He had his "Treasure Map" (just like the ones we made!), and on the "Dream Adventures" side, he had written one thing in big, bold letters: "Win the championship with my team."

But there was a problem.

Leo's "Helping Hero Team" inside his body was in trouble. His "Super-Mechanics" (the doctors) said that his two "spare parts" called the kidneys—whose job is to be the body's super-cleaners—were tired. They just couldn't work properly anymore.

This meant Leo was too tired to run. He couldn't go to practice. He had to sit on the sidelines and watch his friends play, and his "Treasure Map" stayed empty. He was stuck, waiting in the "Repair Shop" for a miracle. He was waiting for a hero.

Then, one day, the most amazing "Hero's Echo" happened.

Somewhere else, a family made the bravest, kindest, most loving "Hero's Pledge." They had shared their wish with each other, and because they had, their "Hero's Echo" could be heard. They made the choice to give the "Treasure of More Time."

The "Helping Hero Team" (from Lesson 3) got the call!

The "Team Managers" (the coordinators) got the pledge. The "Super-Mechanics" (the doctors) got their tools ready. The entire relay team worked together.

And in the "Repair Shop," Leo got his miracle. He received a new, healthy kidney that worked perfectly.

A few weeks later, Leo's mum and dad were standing on the side of a soccer field. They were watching a boy in a red jersey run as fast as he could. He was laughing and kicking the ball, his face bright with sweat and a huge smile.

It was Leo. He was back on his team, playing his game.

Leo's "Treasure Map" is no longer empty. It's full of new "Dream Adventures": "Go to the beach," "Get a dog," and "Win the next championship."

All of this is possible because a "Helping Hero" and their family "started their echo." They gave Leo more time for life, time for love, and time for games.

Now, every time Leo runs down the field, every time he kicks the ball, every time he laughs with his teammates, he is living proof of that kindness.



And Leo made a promise.

He said, “One day, I will be a Helping Hero too. I will share my wishes with my family, so my echo can help someone, just like someone helped me.”

His mum smiled. His dad’s eyes sparkled. His coach cheered.

Because a hero’s kindness never ends.

It travels from person to person — like a ball passed down the field — spreading hope, joy, and new adventures.

Leo doesn’t know the name of the Helping Hero family.

But every night, before bed, he whispers:
“Thank you for hearing the world with your heart.”

And that...

is the gift of a new game.

The end.

