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In a small village surrounded by golden fields, Adam lived with his mother and father. Adam was eight years old, with warm brown skin, curly black hair, and a smile that stretched wide across his round face. Every morning, he helped his family care for their donkey. The donkey had a soft grey coat, long floppy ears, and big, gentle dark eyes.



The donkey worked hard every day. It pulled a heavy cart loaded with vegetables, firewood, and sacks of grain. Its leather harness rubbed against its grey coat, and its strong legs grew tired on the dusty roads. Adam watched the donkey's slow steps and felt a tug at his heart. He wished the donkey could have a easier day.



Adam's father was broad-shouldered and strong, with weathered hands from years of work. He loaded the cart each morning, and Adam's mother, in her green dress and cream apron, packed food and water for the day. Adam loved his family, but he saw how the donkey never seemed to rest. 'We should take better care of our donkey,' Adam thought.



One evening, Adam sat beside the donkey in the warm barn. He stroked its cream muzzle and whispered, 'You work so hard, friend.' The donkey blinked its big, gentle eyes and leaned into Adam's hand. Adam decided right then: he would make things better. He would give the donkey a gentler routine with plenty of rest.



The next morning, Adam spoke to his parents. 'The donkey is tired every day,' he said. 'Can we give it more rest and lighter loads?' His mother looked at him with kind eyes, and his father nodded slowly. 'You have a good heart, son,' Father said. 'Let's try your idea.' Adam's smile grew wide with hope.



Adam planned a new daily routine. He woke early and fed the donkey fresh hay and cool water. Then he let the donkey rest in the shade before the day's work began. Instead of one heavy load, they made two lighter trips. Adam walked beside the cart, talking softly to the donkey. The donkey's long ears perked up, and its steps seemed lighter.



After a few days, Adam noticed the donkey still seemed uncomfortable in the old barn. The floor was hard, and the water bucket was often empty. 'We need a better resting place,' Adam told his mother. She smiled and said, 'Let's build one together.' So Adam and his mother gathered soft hay and a clean, fresh bucket.



Adam's father joined them after finishing his morning chores. He carried a wooden post and some boards. 'I'll help build a cozy corner,' he said. Adam chose a quiet spot under a leafy tree. They cleared the ground, spread thick hay, and set up a sturdy water trough. The donkey watched with curious, gentle eyes.



When the resting area was ready, Adam led the donkey to it. The donkey sniffed the soft hay, then lowered itself down with a happy sigh. Its long floppy ears relaxed, and its big dark eyes softened. Adam sat nearby, grinning. 'This is your special place,' he said. The donkey gave a soft, contented snort.



From then on, the donkey rested every afternoon in its cozy corner. Adam made sure the water was always fresh and the hay was always soft. The donkey's coat grew shinier, and its steps became lively again. It pulled the cart with ease, and its gentle eyes sparkled. The whole family noticed the change.



One warm evening, Adam's mother brought a bucket of fresh water to the resting area. She smiled as she watched the donkey doze peacefully. 'You were right, Adam,' she said. 'Rest and kindness make a big difference.' Adam's father agreed, patting Adam on the shoulder. 'Our donkey is healthier and happier now,' he said proudly.



Adam felt a warm glow in his chest. He had learned something important: animals deserve rest and kindness, just like people. The donkey nuzzled his hand as if to say thank you. Adam's freckled face broke into a wide smile. He knew that caring for others, even animals, made the world a better place.



Word spread through the village about Adam's kind idea. Neighbors stopped by to see the cozy resting area. They saw how the donkey thrived with rest and gentle care. Some farmers began to give their own animals more breaks. Adam's family felt proud of their thoughtful boy, and the donkey became the happiest creature in the village.



Now, every day ends with the donkey resting in its soft hay, its leather harness set aside. Adam sits beside it, telling stories about the fields and the stars. The donkey listens with its long ears relaxed, its cream muzzle resting on its strong legs. The family smiles, knowing their donkey is well loved and well rested.



Adam's kindness changed everything. The donkey grew strong and healthy, and the family's work became easier and happier. Adam learned that small acts of care can make a big difference. His parents beamed with pride at their gentle son. And the donkey, with its soft grey coat and gentle eyes, knew it was truly loved.



So if you ever see a boy in a mustard yellow tunic walking beside a donkey cart, remember Adam's story. Remember that animals need rest and kindness, just like us. And remember that a little care can make everyone in the family smile—especially the donkey with the long floppy ears and the big, grateful heart.