

# The Sleepy Village Awakens



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Once upon a time, there was a poor and quiet village where everyone loved to sleep...

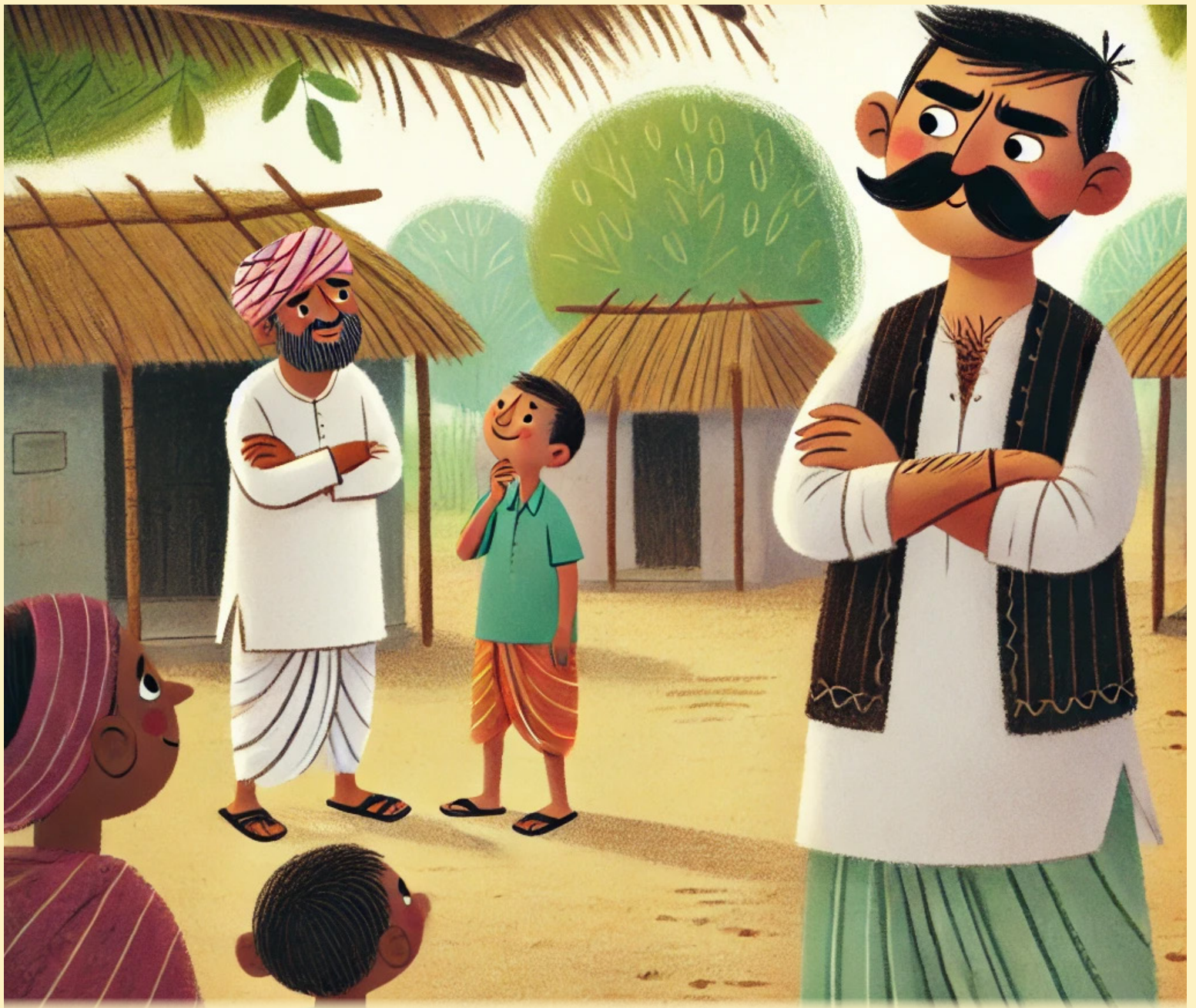
The villagers that lived in the sleepy village often got sick, and nobody knew how to help them. They would say, "This is as good as we can feel." Then they sat back to discuss and felt sorry for each other.



One day, a friendly health worker named, Sunil, came to visit. He had a special plan! Sunil talked to the villagers about CHE.\* “Together we can make our village healthy,” he said.



\*CHE (pronounced “chay”) is Community Health Evangelism, a special program run by Medical Ambassadors International



Daulat, the greedy money lender, was not very happy with the changes Sunil was bringing. He wanted people to be poor so he could continue to cheat them. But the villagers decided to listen to Sunil instead.

First, they learned about hygiene. "Washing hands keeps germs away," Sunil taught them. Other activities started next, including a vegetable garden. "Eating fruits and veggies makes us strong!" Sunil cheered.





The villagers trusted Sunil and learned many new things from him. They also taught their friends what they had learned from Sunil. They liked this new program called **CHE** and spread it throughout the sleepy village. The villagers became active, happy and healthier.



They found fun ways to exercise. Sunil also taught the children special CHE programs and activities meant especially for them. Dancing and playing made everyone smile!

The villagers started helping one another. "Together, we are stronger," they said. They built water filters together to clean their drinking water, garbage pits and latrines to keep their village clean, and smokeless cookers to make their houses free of smoke. Sunil encouraged the villagers to make their homes into healthy CHE households.





Slowly, the village began to change. Laughter filled the air, and people felt better! They were healthier and full of life.



Sunil taught the villagers to live healthier and showed them how their lives could be holier. Each new CHE lesson also had a Bible lesson about God and His love for them.



A few years later, the people of Sleepy Village held a big celebration to thank God for all the changes they had experienced. They also praised Sunil for being obedient to God by coming to them and working alongside the village CHE leaders and CHE volunteers.



And so, the sleepy village renamed itself, "Wide Awake Village." It was full of life and healthy. Many of the villagers had become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, just like Sunil.





Daulat, the money lender, felt sorry that he had opposed such a good program. Now he is planning to use his money to help the villagers.

