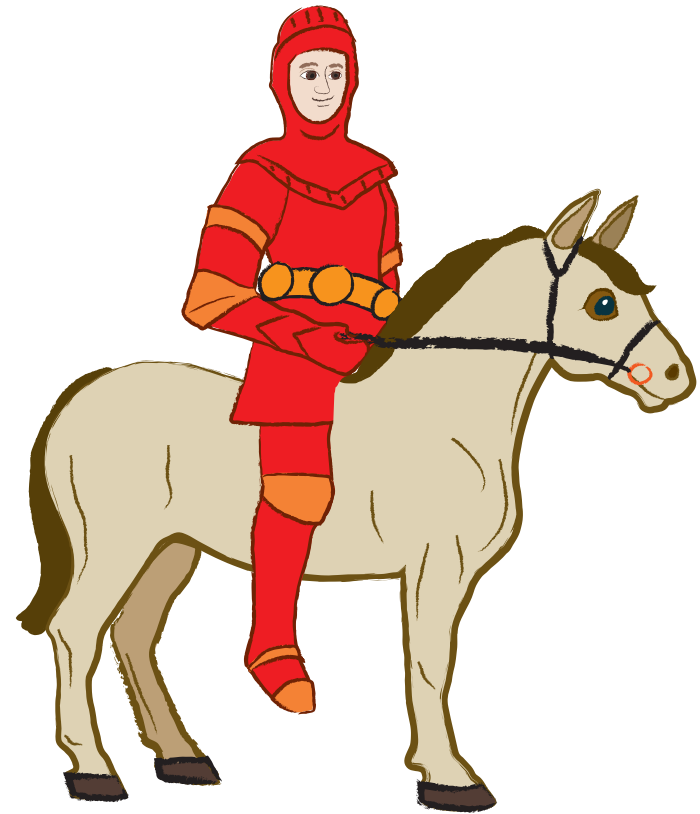


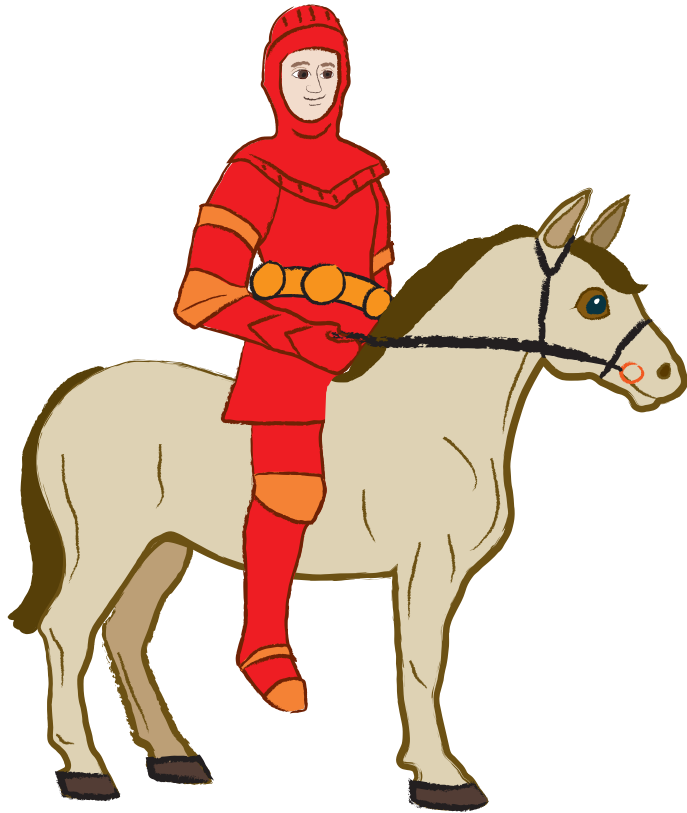
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The king of the Land of Peace loved chocolate. For his birthday, the queen had a huge chocolate bar made for him. It was so big that it took two men to carry it! It was covered with a pretty gold wrapper.

It smelled so good that he almost ate the whole thing, but decided to wait until the next day. He was still full from his chocolate birthday cake (he had eaten eight pieces!).



That night, pirates came and stole the whole chocolate bar! A brave knight heard about the fate of the chocolate bar. He told the king he would do his best to locate it and bring it back here to the Land of Peace.



The knight was very strong. He could see far into the distance and hear every tiny sound. But he didn't tell the king one thing: he couldn't smell! His nose just didn't work.

The knight knew he would be able to see, hear, and fight the pirates. But how would he find the hidden chocolate if he couldn't smell it?

Then, his strong eyes saw a glint of gold, almost like the rays of sun. It was the chocolate bar wrapper! It was hidden in a hole in the ground. He snuck over to the hole. He was so strong he was able to drag it away. The pirates never saw him!

The knight found the pirates. They were on the beach, by their ship. They would soon sail away into the sea with the chocolate. The knight hid in the night, watching the pirates. He couldn't see the chocolate bar anywhere. If only he could smell it! Then he might be able to find it!



The knight returned to the Land of Peace and brought the chocolate bar to the king. The king was so happy that he shared a piece of the chocolate with the knight. The king had a big piece, too.