

### Vietnamese Focus Group, story 3

R: Yes. This story is called A Big Pot of Gold. In the old days, there was a husband and wife who lived in a countryside. They are very poor but they have good heart. And then one day when the husband went to the field, and he have a field of—they grow paddy, rice, and when they plough the soil . . .

R: They grow poppy fields?

R: No paddy rice. Then when they plough soil in his land, he found a big pot of gold. Then he just put it back, and that night when he went home he tell his wife that I found a big pot of gold. And the wife said, “Where is it?” He said, “I put it back in our field.” And then the wife said, “Why don’t you bring it home? If somebody take it then we lose it.” And he answer in a calm voice, “If that’s the gift from Gods, then it will be ours.” And if it not, and if it fall to other people hand, then that’s okay too. And during that time there’s a thief who stand in the corner of the house. They listen to the husband and wife conversation. After the husband and wife went to sleep, they go straight to the field and looking for the pot of gold. He found it and bring it to his home. And then the next day . . .

Moderator: Who is this person?

R: A thief. They overheard the husband and wife story. Then the next day, the husband went to the field, but he couldn’t find the . . . the thief took the pot home and then when he open it he saw lot, lot of snakes, big snake crawling in the pot. So he just took the lid and cover it up and put it away. Then the next day, the husband went to the field and he could not find the pot of gold. That night he went home and talked to his wife and said, “Somebody took it. I could not find it.” And the wife said, “I told you to bring it home and you didn’t listen.” And the husband still answer in a calm voice, “It got took, the gold. It’s okay too.”

Then at that time the thief is also listen to the couple. And he talk to himself, “This man must be a blind person because there is only snake, not gold.” So he said that I will bring the pot of snake back to this field. And then the next day the husband went to the field and he found the pot again. He open it up, yes there’s a lot of gold inside. He left it there and went back home, talked to his wife. “I found it again.” And the wife said, “but why don’t you bring it home?” And the husband said, “If it is a gift from God, then it should follow us home. Don’t be worried. It will find home.” At this time the thief also stand in the corner of the house and he said, “Oh my God, this man is so crazy. He must be very blind. Okay, I will bring the pot of snake to his home. So the snake will bite both of them to death.”

So the thief go to the field and carry that pot, and put right in front of his house. The next morning the husband wake up and when he went out of his . . . , he found the pot right there. He’s very happy, and he open it, he saw there’s gold inside full to the top, and he called his wife. “Honey, come here. Here I told you, can you see the gift from God. It find its way home.” And then from that time they become rich and they help out other poor people. That’s the end of the story.

R: Nice.

R: Where did the thief go?

R: They didn't say it. But the thief didn't get anything.

R: But the moral behind the story is if you've done good deeds, or if you are a good person, it's become like the . . .

R: You have the rewards.

R: You get the rewards, but the thief is not a good person. He only want to steal from the couple, so he could not find anything good in that pot.

R: Yeah, many story tell us about if you bad, you get whatever you get, if you're good you will get . . .

Moderator: You'll get your just reward.