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Water · Light · Hope

Ages 10 and up

One World, Many Everyday Joys

A story about water, light, and what we sometimes take for granted

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WATER WELLS

Water Close to Home

Why Water Wells?

In some villages in Sindh, getting a drink starts with a walk. At your home, it might start with turning on a tap.

What Changes?

A well close to home makes the walk shorter. At some wells, sunshine helps a pump bring water up to the taps.

Real Results

Families can fill pots for home and bring water to their animals. In some villages, they have even grown vegetables near the well.

If you had one pot of water, what would you use it for first?

Did you know?

Tharparkar lies in the Thar Desert in Sindh. The Indus River also flows through Sindh before reaching the Arabian Sea.



Two things we use every day

Did you wash your hands this morning? Did you turn on a light? You might do both in a minute. In some homes, families have to carry water or wait for the lights to come back.

What did you use first today, water or light?

Did you know?

Pipes carry water to many homes. Other families collect their water from a shared tap or well.



WATER

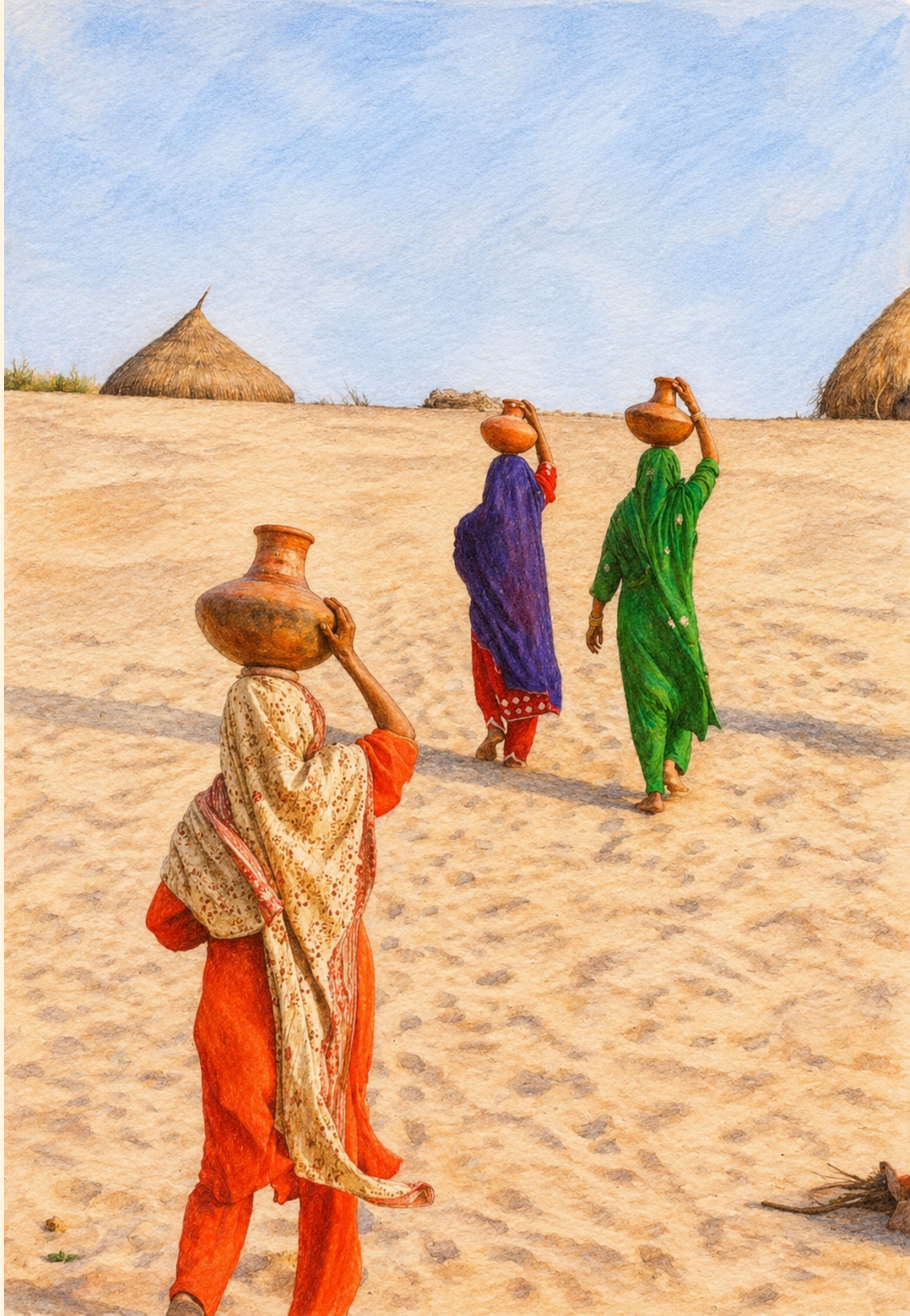
How far for a drink?

Imagine carrying a full pot of water home. It would feel heavy! A well nearby can mean a shorter walk and more time to play.

What would you play with the extra time?

Did you know?

One liter of water weighs about one kilogram. The container makes it heavier still.



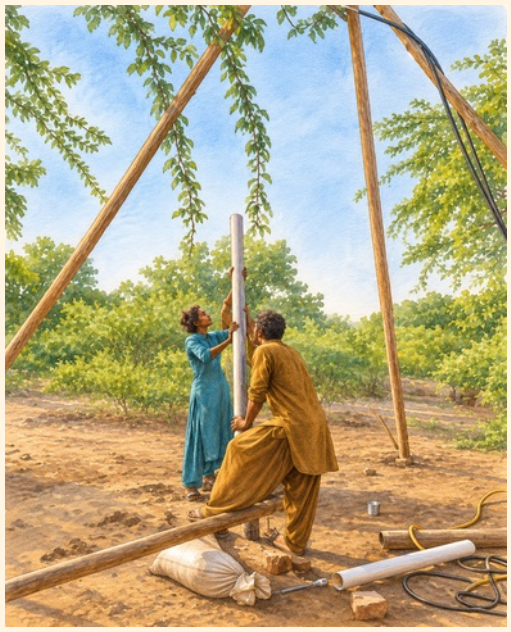
WATER

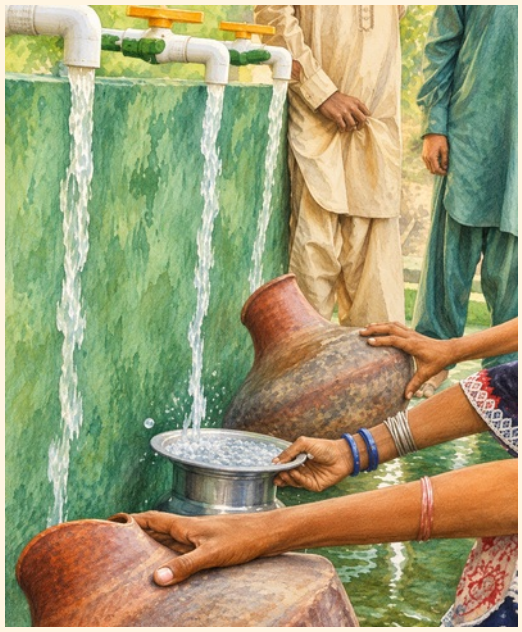
Sunshine makes water flow

See the dark panels by the well? They use sunlight to help bring water up from deep in the ground. Then neighbors can fill their pots at the tap.

What sound do you make when you hear good news?







Did you know?

Solar panels turn sunlight into electricity. The pump uses that electricity to lift water.



WATER

Listen to the splash

Look at those smiles! Water from a tap nearby is worth cheering for.

What little thing made you smile today?

Did you know?

Moving water breaks into droplets when it hits a surface. Sunlight can make those droplets sparkle.

WATER

What grows when water flows?

A cup for you, a drink for a goat, and a splash for a plant. A well can help with all three. Some families even grow vegetables near their well.

What would you grow to share with a friend?







Did you know?

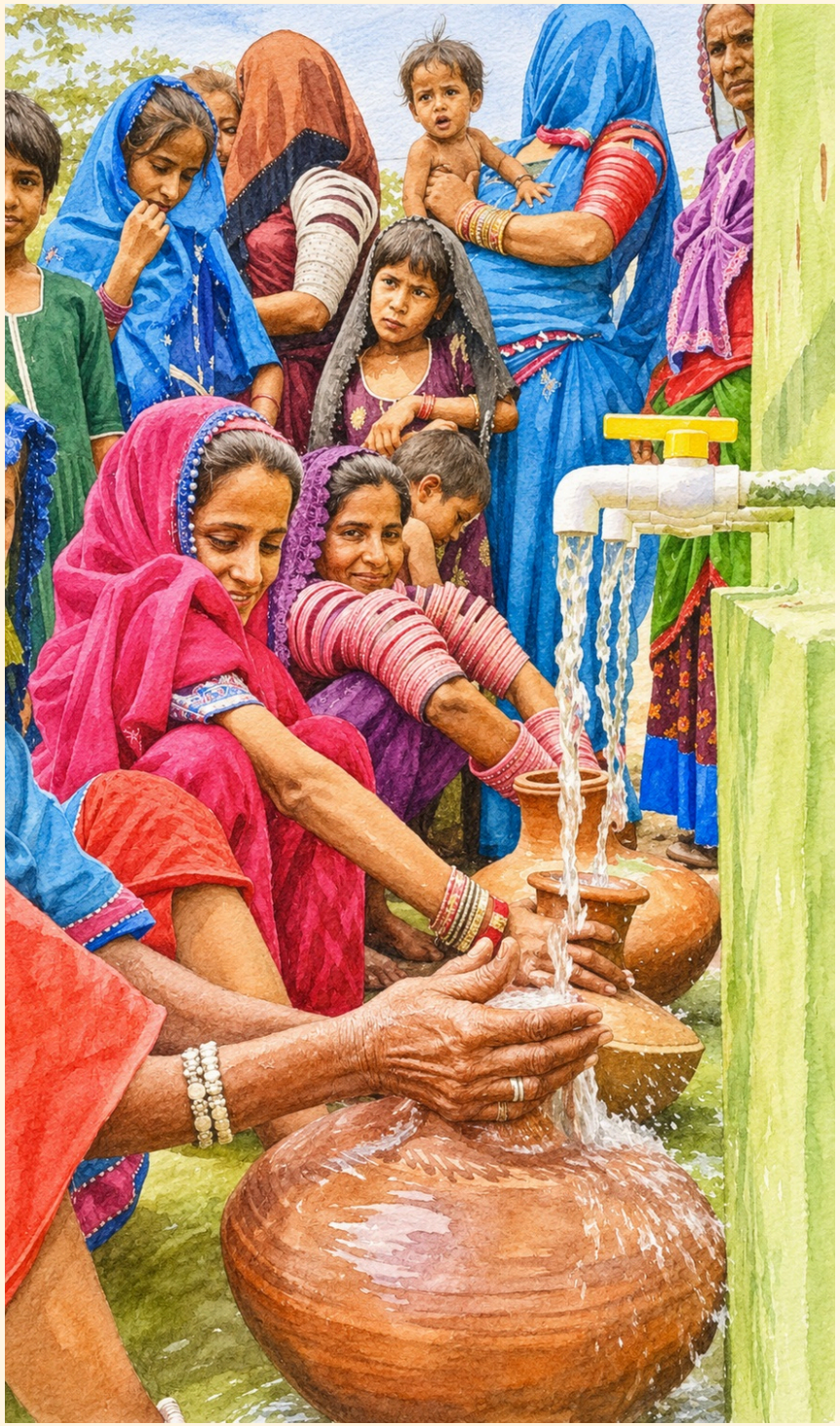
Plants take in water through their roots. Water helps carry nutrients through the plant.

WATER

A place to fill your pot

At this well, neighbors fill their pots side by side. Some bring clay pots. Others bring buckets. What do you reach for when you want a drink?

Which pot or bucket would you choose?



Did you know?

Clay pots can help keep water cool. A little water evaporates through the tiny spaces in unglazed clay, cooling what remains inside.

WATER

Keeping the water flowing

What happens if the tap stops working? People check the well and fix what they can. Looking after the well helps everyone who uses it.

Who helps fix things at your home?

Did you know?

Dust can cover a solar panel. A dusty panel cannot catch as much sunlight.



SOLAR HOME PROJECTS

Light After Sunset

Why Solar?

When the lights go out, a book can be hard to see. In some mountain villages, families may have to wait a long time for the lights to come back.

What Changes?

A solar panel uses sunlight to make electricity. A battery saves some of that power for later.

Real Results

Now a child can read after sunset. A family can see their dinner and sit together with a light on.

What would you want to finish before dark?

Did you know?

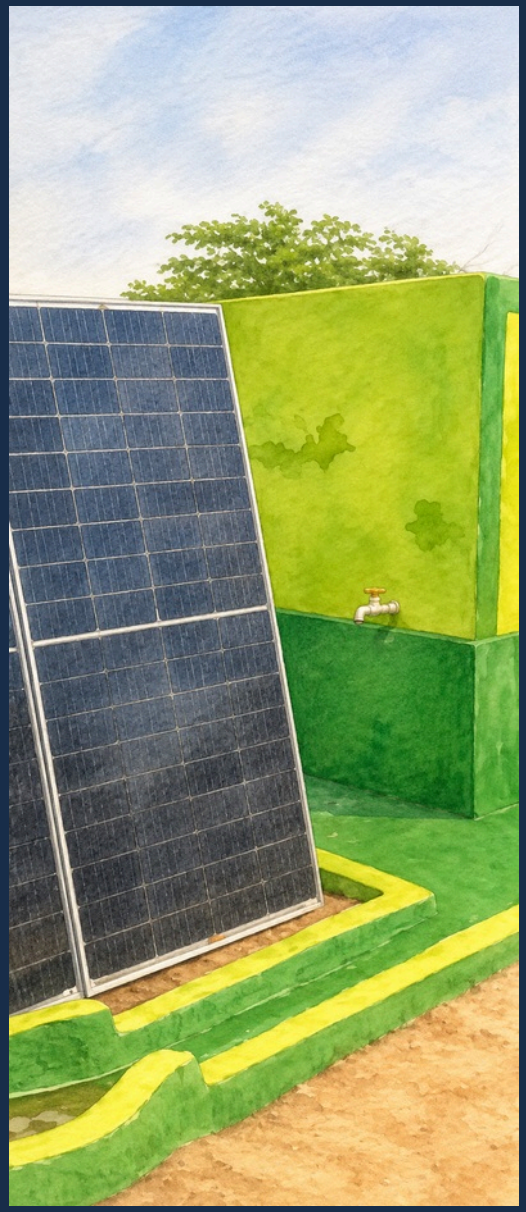
The Hunza River flows through the Karakoram mountains in Gilgit-Baltistan. Its water eventually joins the Indus River.

FROM WATER TO LIGHT

One sun, two jobs

The same sun shines on the desert and the mountains. In one place, it helps bring water to a tap. In another, it helps a family turn on a lamp.

Where would you put a light in your home?





Did you know?

A solar panel makes electricity during daylight. Pumps and lights can both use that electricity.

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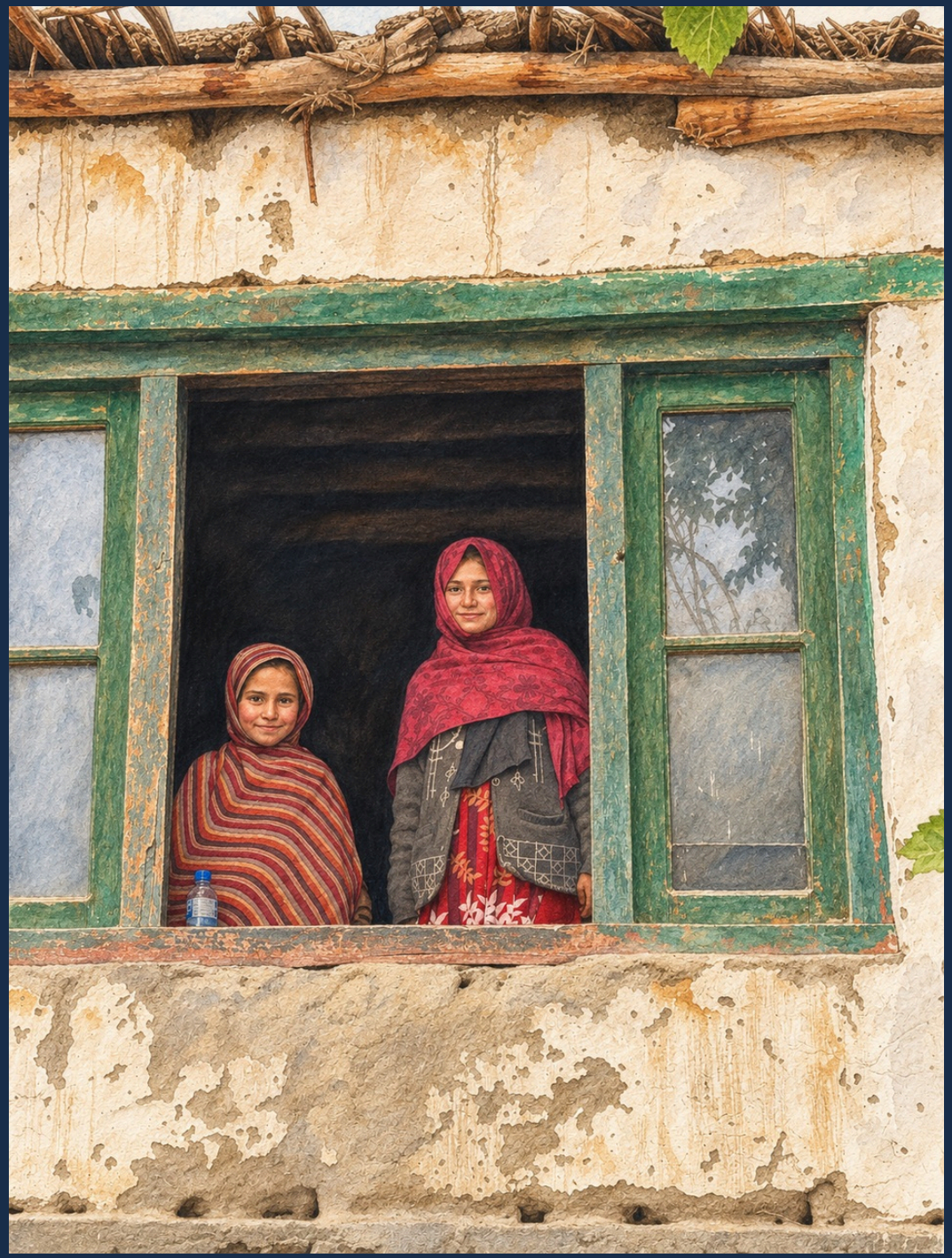
When daylight fades

Sunlight comes through the window. When it gets dark, you might flip a switch without thinking. Some families have to wait for the power to come back.

What would you miss doing after dark?



Did you know?

Winter days are shorter than summer days. That means families have fewer hours of daylight.

SOLAR HOME PROJECTS

Where the evening begins

One lamp can help a whole family. You can see the steps, find a sweater, or see who is smiling at you.

Where would you put a lamp everyone could share?

Did you know?

A lamp makes shadows when something blocks its light. Try making a shadow with your hand.



Around the kitchen

Look at the pots and cups. It is easier to pour a drink when you can see where the cup is. At home, you might turn on a light just to find a snack.



What would be hard to find in your kitchen in the dark?

Did you know?

The dark center of your eye is called the pupil. It gets bigger in dim light to let more light in.

A glow and a light

The fire gives a little light. A lamp can help you see across the room. Now everyone can see the cards in a game or the pictures in a book.

What would you play or read under one lamp?



Did you know?

A lamp looks brighter when you are close to it. This is why you might move a lamp closer to your book.

SOLAR HOME PROJECTS

From panel to switch

Look at the people putting up the panel. It catches sunlight during the day. A battery saves power so the family can use a lamp at night.

What would you say when the lamp first comes on?

Did you know?

A shadow can block sunlight from reaching a solar panel. Teams look for a sunny spot to put it.



LIGHT

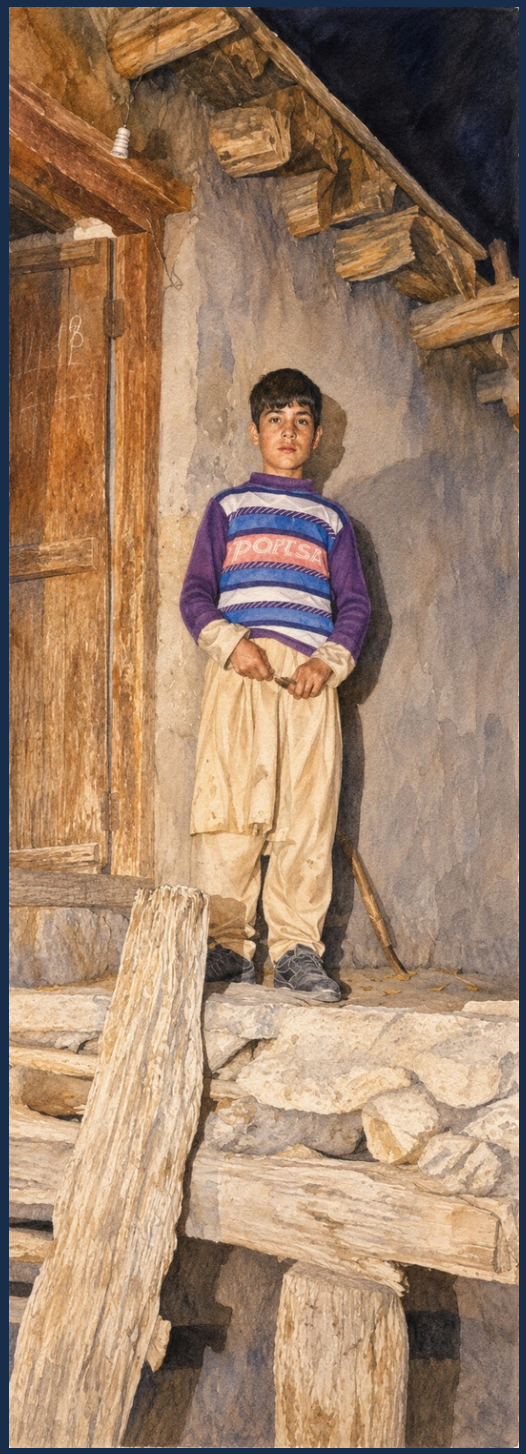
One more page before bed

Have you ever asked for one more story before bed? A lamp gives a child time to read one more page after the sun goes down.

What story would you read by that lamp?

Did you know?

Batteries store energy for later. That is how a solar-powered light can work at night.





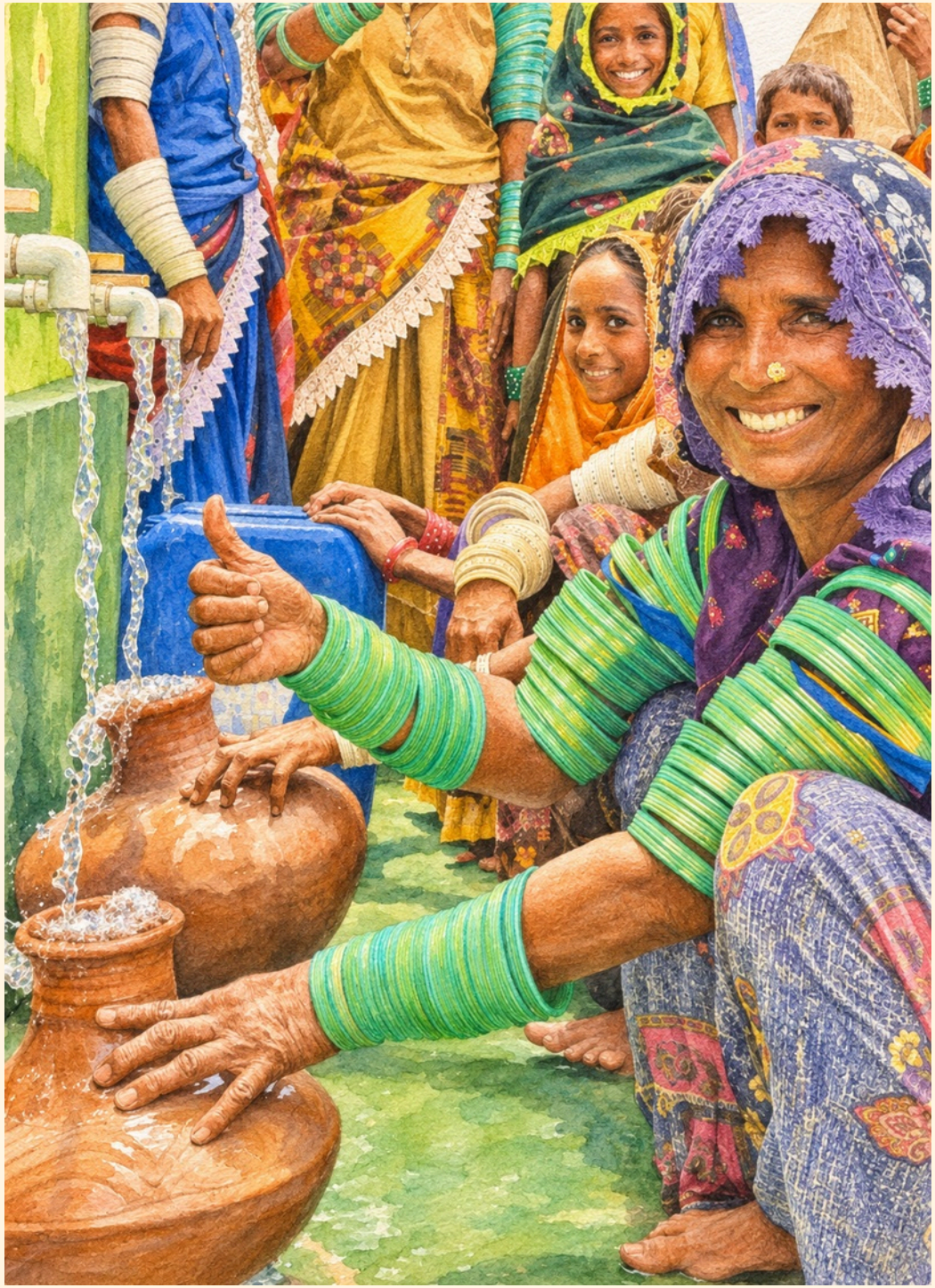
What can you count on?

It is fun to wish for a new toy or game. The next time you pour a glass of water or turn on a light, think of the children in this book. What feels ordinary at your home can be a reason to cheer somewhere else.

What little thing are you glad you have today?

Did you know?

Clean water helps us drink, cook, and wash. Electricity helps us light rooms and power tools.



Message from Mali Armand

Founder of Give the Needy Foundation

Dedicated to the people of the villages where we have worked together to bring clean water and light closer to home, and to our generous donors who helped make our water wells and Solar Home Projects possible.





GIVE THE NEEDY FOUNDATION

Every child needs water and light.

A picture book about village wells, solar homes, and the everyday things they make possible. The illustrations show communities and projects in Tharparkar, Sindh, and Gilgit-Baltistan.

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