The Christmas Star

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It was Christmas Eve, and little Emma sat by the window, gazing at the night sky. Her family was too poor to buy gifts or decorations this year, and the house felt quiet and cold.

Suddenly, a bright star twinkled above the snowy hills, shining brighter than all the others. Drawn by its glow, Emma put on her coat and stepped outside. She followed the star to a clearing where she found a tiny bird with a broken wing.

Emma gently picked up the bird and brought it home. She made it a warm nest and cared for it through the night. In the morning, as the first rays of sunlight touched the bird, it transformed into a glowing angel.

"You showed kindness when you had so little," the angel said. With a wave of its wings, the house filled with warmth, food, and a beautifully decorated tree. Emma's family woke to find their home filled with Christmas joy.

From that day on, Emma believed that kindness was the greatest gift of all.