

# The Elves and the Shoemaker

## Short Story Summary

A poor shoemaker and his wife struggle to survive. One night, the shoemaker cuts leather for a single pair of shoes and leaves it on his workbench.

By morning, the shoes are perfectly made. They sell quickly for a good price. Night after night, the same thing happens until the shoemaker becomes prosperous.

Curious, the couple hide and discover that **two tiny elves** are secretly making the shoes while the shoemaker sleeps. Wanting to show gratitude, they sew clothes and shoes for the elves.

When the elves find the gifts, they dance joyfully and never return—but the shoemaker and his wife continue to prosper through their own hard work.

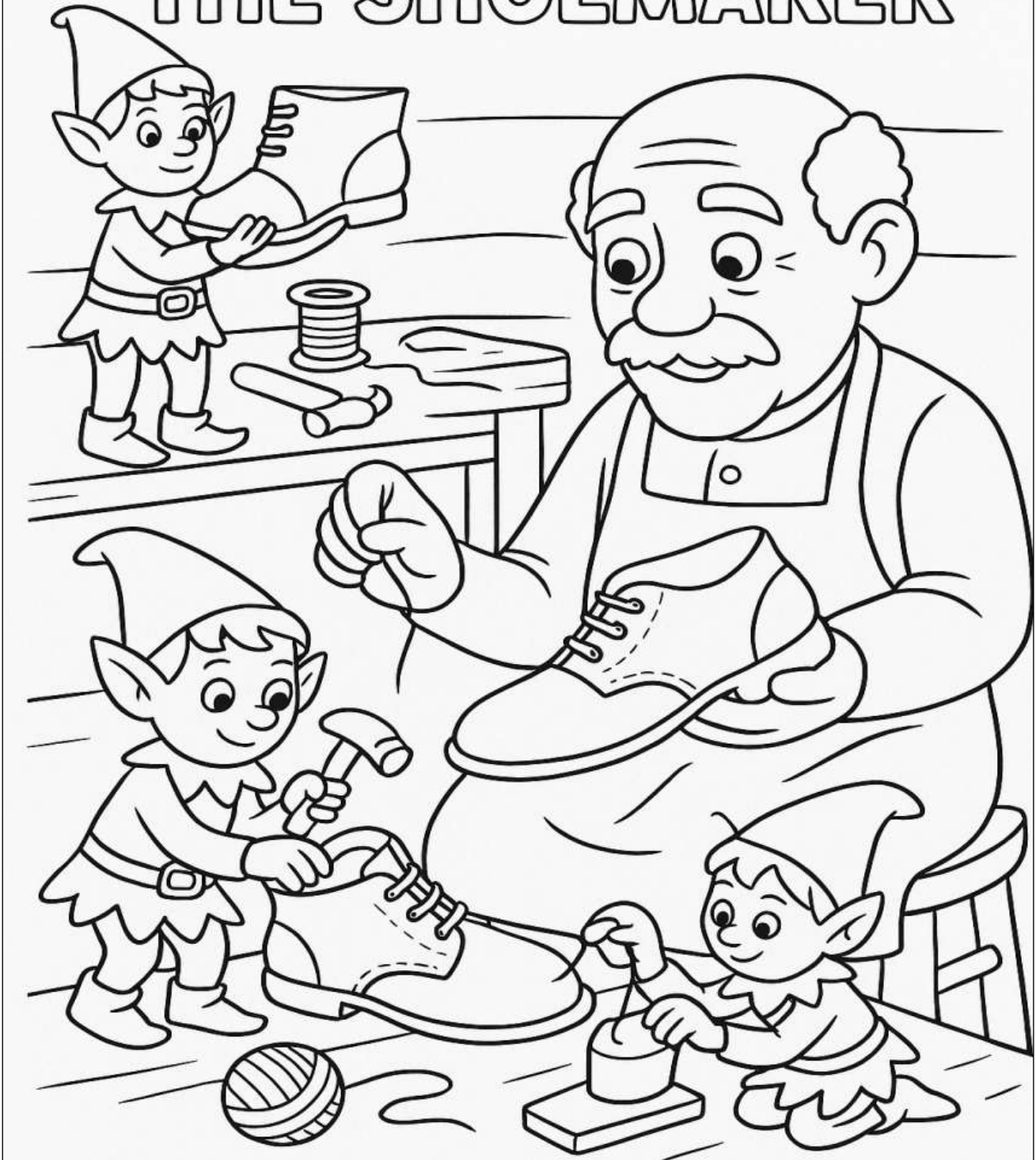
## **Reading Comprehension – The Elves and the Shoemaker**

**Instructions:** Read the story carefully and answer the questions below.

### **Questions (5):**

- 1 Who was the main character in the story?
- 2 What problem did the shoemaker face at the beginning of the story?
- 3 How did the elves help the shoemaker?
- 4 What did the shoemaker and his wife do to thank the elves?
- 5 What is the moral or lesson of the story?

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## **Answer Key:**

- 1.The shoemaker.
- 2.He did not have enough money to buy leather and make shoes, and he was struggling to provide for himself and his wife.
- 3.The elves secretly came at night and made beautiful shoes, finishing the shoemaker's work.
- 4.They made clothes and gifts for the elves to show their gratitude.
- 5.Kindness and generosity are rewarded; helping others is valuable.