

# Healing Kiwifruit

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Once upon a time, in a small and poor village, there was a small boy named Ellis. He loved drawing pictures and wished to have a paint brush. “Oh, how I wish to have a paint brush...”

Although he had no paint brush to paint with, he didn’t stop drawing. He always took a sharp stick and drew on smooth dirt. He was so good at drawing and everything he drew seemed to come alive! Ellis saw butterflies and flowers dancing around him.

One day, he fell asleep while he was drawing an angel. A real angel appeared to Ellis and gave him a beautiful brush and said, “Ellis, use this brush wisely.” He then woke up and was so surprised to see the beautiful brush in his dream. He was so happy to have the brush.

He then went to a quiet place and drew a plate of cheese and suddenly it became real. He then drew a mouse with the brush and the mouse became alive and took the cheese and ran away from him. Ellis was very confused and remembered what the angel had said, “Use the brush wisely.” While he was thinking about what had just happened, he saw a little girl running without shoes. Ellis quickly drew pretty shoes, so the girl could wear them. She left happily with the shoes.

The day after, Ellis went down to the village and saw people having a hard time with skin problems. Most of the villagers had skin problems because of their malnutrition and lack of vitamins in their bodies. Only the greedy king was wealthy.

Ellis pondered and found out the Chinese gooseberry, or kiwifruit helps to cure skin problems. He had learned from his teacher that kiwifruit is packed with vitamin C and other minerals that benefit people’s skin. Kiwifruit is small, about three-inches long and weighing about four ounces. It has the ability to protect human cells. Usually, kiwifruit is available November through May.

But every day, Ellis started to draw many kiwifruits on vines in the village. At first, people didn’t know kiwifruit was good for them. But, one by one, people began to try the fruit.

The villagers loved the taste of kiwi and loved the fruit’s tiny black seeds that added tropical flavor. Not only that, people began to see their skin getting healthier and clearer. So they made kiwifruits into jam, juice, and wine to enjoy the benefits all year long. People in the village took care of the kiwifruits. They pruned and watered their vines.

The greedy king heard what was happening in his village and wanted to take advantage of Ellis’ miracle. The king secretly called in Ellis and threatened him to draw a tree of gold for him. Ellis knew it was not a good decision to draw a tree of gold for the king. So, wise Ellis suggested to the king that he could only draw the tree of gold in a far island, so people could not steal the king’s gold. The greedy king agreed and Ellis drew a tree of gold on a remote island. Also, he drew a boat for the king. The king then asked Ellis to draw a strong wind to get the boat to the

island. But, because the wind was so strong, the boat wrecked and the king barely swam to the island with the tree of gold. But, sadly, he could never return to the village.

Every day, Ellis walked around the village and drew kiwifruit vines. He was happy to see people getting healthier and happier because of the kiwifruit. People became richer and healthier because of the kiwifruit vines. Also, they had a new, noble king who ruled the village with generosity and wisdom. The king enjoyed the fruit and fully supported kiwifruit farming.

The kiwifruit farming rapidly increased and villagers built sheltered areas to protect the kiwifruit vines from strong winds and frost. Ellis was also greatly rewarded by the king for his great drawings. But, he never told anyone about the kiwifruit drawing for the village. The villagers couldn't find out what Ellis had done for the village and how the kiwifruit vine were created. Ellis realized and was happy that he had been using his magical brush wisely for the people.