Magical glasses

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Once upon a time, there was a very earnest boy. He always prayed seriously.

My Lord,
Please show me what is good
and what is evil.
Then an angel came.

Do you really want to know what is good or evil?

Oh, yes. I often confuse good and bad and get scolded. I can't even distinguish good people from bad ones.

He asked it very eagerly.
“It looks like I don’t have a choice.” The angel sighed.

Since you are so serious, I will give you a pair of magic glasses. With these glasses, you’ll be able to see good and bad. Though, I really don’t want to give them to you.

The angel gave him a pair of glasses.
If you don't like them, please take them off anytime. However, please don't forget this. Once you wear the glasses, it is not easy to take them off. You need great, great love and courage.

Is this really OK for you?

Do you have the love and courage?

Of course!
The angel flew to the sky without a word.

A drop of water fell down from the sky. Could it be rain? It can’t be the angel’s tears...
The boy put on the glasses. He could now see all good and evil.

Oh, my god! Everything has become black and white. Wahoo! It’s interesting. Let’s see more.
What is this white animal? ...Is it a dog? And this black one may be a pig?

Is this white bird a parakeet? The black one would be a chicken.

...Oh I see. This probably means that you cannot eat the white ones.

It should be good to eat a chicken but bad to eat a parakeet. 

1 These epitomes of good and evil may differ from yours. In this case, please regard them as mere examples, and so forth.
The beings in the sea are also seen in black and white. The white one is, ...yes, a dolphin. And the big one is a whale, isn't it? The black one is...surely a salmon. Oh, I see. It's OK to eat a salmon but evil to eat a whale, isn't it?
All people are also seen in black and white.\textsuperscript{2} The ones who look black like the below should probably be evil. The white ones would be good people, namely, the allies of justice!

\textsuperscript{2} This is not related to the color of human skin/human race at all, and so forth.
A white person who watched this said:

Hey! You must be bad.

He does not wear the glasses. It seems he doesn’t know who is evil.

Why did you say such a nasty thing?
You don’t know who is good and who is bad, do you?

Oh, no! I don’t. I have been confused by that.
When the man prayed from his heart and soul, a pair of glasses fell down from the sky with a drop of rain.

Why don’t you pray, with your wish to know good and bad?
Then the angel will surely fulfill your wish.
He also put on the glasses.

Oh yes! I can see all good and bad.

I almost was on the evil’s side.

How dangerous it was!

Thank you!

The man was very pleased.
Many people want the glasses of good and evil.

The glasses of good and evil fell down from the sky to all the people who prayed. The drops of rain also fell a bit.
However..., you can only see black and white with the glasses. It is very boring. You cannot see colors, such as the color of the flower, the blue of the sky and the green of the tree.

So then he took off his glasses. He wanted to see the beautiful world, forgetting good and bad temporarily. The angel said that he could take off the glasses anytime.
The rain had just stopped and a rainbow appeared in the sky.

Ah, how beautiful the world is!
Eh? What’s this?

He saw something red on the ground.
He then looked around and found that many people with the glasses of good and evil surrounded a girl and were throwing stones at her.

You are bad!
In a place nearby, there was a boy surrounded by the people with the glasses who was getting burnt alive.

This boy is evil.
He tried to escape, but slipped on something red.

Yikes!
The red thing was blood. The sea of blood covered the earth. Countless people were dead. They are the people who were regarded as evil and killed by the ones with the glasses of good and evil.
He was so scared that he put on the glasses again.

Eek! I don’t want to see such stuff!

I will never ever take off the glasses!
With the glasses, you can see neither the red fire nor the blood.

...If you don’t see them, you can forget them.
You can forget the burning fire and red blood flowing from people for a long, l-o-n-g time.
It rained like cats and dogs.

You need great, great love and courage to take off the glasses of good and evil.
There are many illusions related to ‘good and evil’ type of thoughts. These illusions tend to cause various tragedies and accordingly millions people become sacrificed (Please refer to my book, *Good and Evil Addiction*).

I have written this picture book with the theme of such an illusion, aiming to reduce these tragedies.

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