



There is a valuable lesson of life in the story below: In order to improve the quality of our lives sensibly, perhaps it is better to change ourselves – our attitudes, our hearts. And, not necessarily, the world. Question for pupils: How does this idea link to our lesson today?

## The King's Idea

*Once upon a time, there was a king who ruled a prosperous country. One day, he went for a trip to a distant part of his country.*

*When he was back at his palace, he complained that his feet were very sore. It was the first time that he had been on such a long trip, and the road that he walked on was very rough and stony.*

*The king thought he had a brilliant idea. He ordered his servants to cover every road of the entire country with leather. This would of course need hundreds and thousands of metres of cows' skin and cost a huge amount of money.*

*Then one of his wise servants dared himself to ask the king, "Why do you have to spend that unnecessary amount of money? Why don't you just cut a little piece of leather to cover your feet?"*

*The king was surprised, but after giving it some thought, the king agreed to follow his servant's suggestion, to make a pair of 'shoes' for himself.*

### Questions

- How important is it for people to challenge other people's ideas?
- Can we be wise without other people helping us?
- Does this story have a moral? If so, what do you think it is?