Read the Chinese story and answer the following questions.

## One Rice, Thousand Gold

1. Long ago in ancient China, there was a poor young man named Han Xin. When he did not have enough food to eat, he went to the river to catch fish. However, he was usually empty-handed. He always had to suffer from hunger.

2. One day, some old women were washing clothes in the river. One of the old women saw Han Xin and came over to him. "Poor young man, you look so thin! You are as skinny as the fishing pole. Please have a bowl of rice," said the old woman.

3. "Thank you so much!" replied Han Xin. He bowed down to the old woman politely. From then on, the old woman would give Han Xin some rice to eat when she saw him. Han Xin was very grateful to her and said, "I will find a way to pay you back someday." "Young man, I don't expect you to repay me. You should find a way to support yourself and remember to help others," smiled the old woman. Han Xin nodded and was determined to work hard in return for the old woman.

4. Later, Han Xin joined the army and helped his master Liu Bang by giving him a lot of strategic advice. The emperor of the Qin Dynasty was eventually overthrown. Han Xin was given land and conferred kingship by Liu Bang, who became the first emperor of the Han Dynasty. Han Xin remembered the words of the old woman and wanted to thank her for her kindness. Therefore, he went back to the village and tried to look for her. At last, Han Xin found the old woman in a small house and invited her to his palace.

5. "I promised I would pay you back someday. Please take the gold," said Han Xin. He bowed down and gave the old woman a big bowl of gold! "Thank you for the gold, but I don't need it. You have already paid me back by becoming a strong and kind king now," smiled the old woman.

