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Think Right Act Right

Two children were fighting after the school hours outside the school. Just out of curiosity I asked them, “What is the matter?”

At once one child pointed towards the other and said that he had complained about him to the teacher, so he was angry with him.

I asked if the complaint was genuine.

That child answered, “This is not the question. The question is as to why he complained at the first place.” At that moment, I could not speak further so I just comforted them by saying that good children don’t fight and moved on.

As I was moving towards my destination, I was recalled of two brothers who were known to me. I had gone to their place and both the brothers were arguing with one another in loud voice. On my asking the younger one complained of the elder for scolding him in front of his friend. If the elder brother had to scold me or

explain me something, he could have done so privately, said the younger one.

Similar things happen in everyday life. Inside the office, the boss often treats the employees in such a way. Master with his servant and between husband-wife, such things often happen.

What is there to ponder over?

Why do these things happen?

Elders consider it their right to correct the behavior of youngsters and unknowingly wound their self respect. Little children get upset if somebody complains against them but are unmindful of their mistake. Brothers start fighting over trifles. The problem is prevalent all around us. If the elder brother scolds the younger one the latter instead of mending himself makes it an issue. Small issues among husband and wife bring them to a verge of separation. The boss insults the servant as if he were a slave.

Friends! Its time to change our attitude and act accordingly. If elders refine their conduct, there would not be any need to say anything rather the conduct will speak for itself. We must remember when we insult some one we lose our respect in the other person’s eyes. Its important to weigh our words before we say lest we should repent later and lose our self respect in our own eyes.

—Vimlesh Ahuja



Poem : Avinash Gujje, Bhiwandi

God's Grace

Oh True Master
I bow to thy lotus feet
Bestow on me thy blessings sweet

May thou ever dwell in mind,
Ever with me may thou I find

I look forward to thy grace,
For every success in life's race.

Fill my life with wisdom and love,
May I be like a tolerant dove.

May I see thou in every face,
Grant me the vision of thy grace.



SAFETY TIPS ON HOLI

- ★ Here are a few tips and suggestions to make your holi safe and joyous.
- ★ Play safe. Don't get too boisterous and do not be rude to others.
- ★ The best option would be to play with natural home made colours. Your skin and hair will feel pampered with the use of skin friendly natural products.

- ★ Buy colours from a reputed shop or vendor.
- ★ Use more of red or pink colours which look good and can be easily taken off.
- ★ Make sure that your face is well oiled before and after the play.
- ★ Apply oil on your face, nails- both in fingers and toes so that they remain protected.
- ★ Oil your hair well, so that colour doesn't stick on your hair and can be washed off easily later.
- ★ Make sure that powder or any other product does not get inside your eyes. Eyes are extremely vulnerable on Holi because of their strategic place in body. Please ensure that your eyes remain protected at all times. Use a sunglasses to protect your eyes from a misfire of colour filled darts or water jets.

- ★ Put on your old clothes so that you won't have to take on the hassles of an immediate washing.
- ★ Rags like tattered denims and bright shades like black, blue, green, purple are highly recommended.
- ★ Try to save yourself off from all possible attacks on the face.
- ★ If possible avoid going outside your home, at least in the peak hours of celebration. The premises of your home ensure that you are safe from pouncing hooligans, even friends who can be a little rough on the day.
- ★ Do not use permanent dyes. If someone has applied it on you, do not rub the face with soap immediately in order to get rid off it, especially when it is wet. Instead, use good quality cleansing milk for removal. It's better than using soap, which will dry up your skin.
- ★ Take a bath much later after the entire Holi celebration is over. Taking frequent baths, washing the face again and again, will ruin your skin. You will also lose hair, for too much soap/shampoo has a drying effect.
- ★ When travelling keep the car windows thoroughly shut, even if you don't

have an AC car. Do not bump into the frenzied group of mobs if you take to streets. Better you cross the road to the sidewalk across. Or, simply stay at a safe distance.

- ★ If you are prone to skin allergies, avoid playing with gulal altogether. Going to a dermatologist (skin specialist) serves no purpose, after the damage is done.
- ★ Avoid running on jumping on wet floors, so that you don't slip and injure yourself. Bones are specially vulnerable on this day.
- ★ Avoid over indulgence in bhang, drinks or food... so that you don't repent later.
- ★ Do not drive if you are high on alcohol or bhang.



KNOW your scriptures



SAMPURAN AVTAR BANI

Ik Tu Hi Nirankar 114

SHABAD GURU DA JE MAN VASSE CHANAN THIN BHARPUR KARE;
SABAR SABOORI GHAR VICH AVE SARI DUBIDHA DOOR KARE.
SAUKHA HO JAE JEEVAN PAINDA HAR MUSHKAL ASAN BANE;
IZZAT MAAN MILE HAR THANH TE JE BANDA NIRMAN BANE.
SADADI BALDI DUNIA ANDAR NAM TON THANDAK AEGI,
NIRANKAR DA SIMRAN KARKE HAR RAHAT MIL JAEGI.
DAR TE BHAJ SABH MIT JANDE NE KHAHASH POORI HUNDIEY;
PREM TE BHAGTI HON JE KATHE ROOH VI NOORI HUNDI EY.
US GHAR DE VICH DERA LAGGE, JIHDA KIH LAFANI EY;
KAHE AVTAR IH KACH DI DUNIA JHOOTHO JHOOTH KAHANI EY

Thou Formless One 114

If the word of the True Master dwells in mind, it illuminates the mind fully;

It brings contentment and peace and removes all duality.

The journey of life becomes smooth and every difficulty stands resolved;

One receives honour and respect everywhere, if one becomes humble.

In this smoldering world, coolness will come only from the divine name;

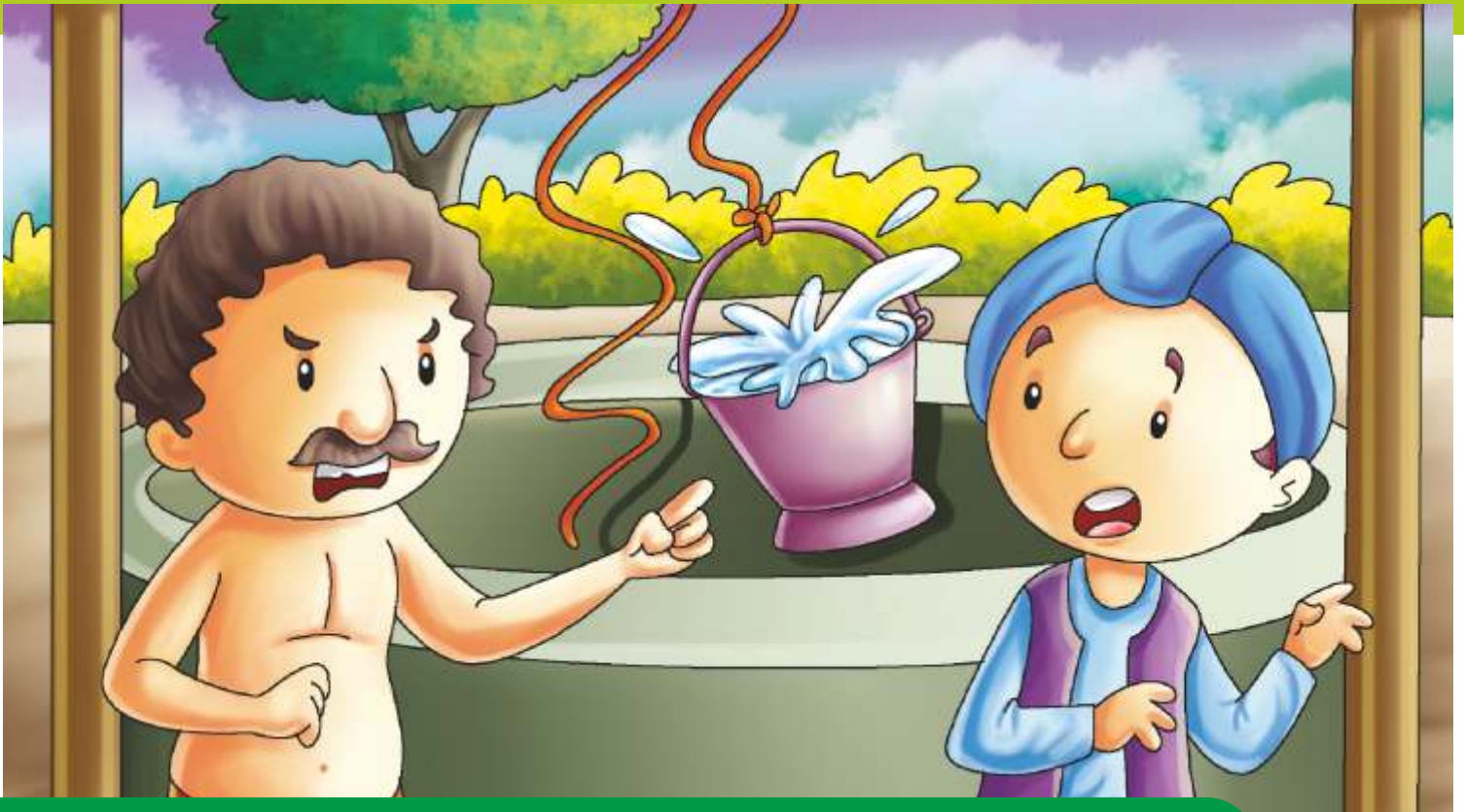
Constant remembrance of the Formless will provide solace and relief.

All the doubts and fears are removed and the cherished desire gets fulfilled;

If love and devotion are combined, the soul also gets illumined.

One starts dwelling in the heavenly abode, which is eternal;

Avtar says, the whole world is just an illusion, a falsehood.



Passerby Returns Thirsty

—Madan Devra

Once there was a village in which everyone had low intellect. That is why it was called 'village of fools'.

Once a passerby was going through that village. He was thirsty. There was a well in that village. A person was bathing there.

The passerby went to that person and said "Dear brother! I am feeling thirsty; please can I have water."

The person cleaned his bucket and hanged it inside the well to fetch water from it.

As he was as pulling up his bucket from the well, the person said, "Brother, isn't it the same village which is famous with the name 'fools village'.

The villager felt hurt and he released the bucket of water back in the well, and spoke in an unusual dancing manner, "Fools existed once
Now no one's a fool

I am saying it truthfully
There is no doubt about it"

The passerby heard it, and then just started laughing out loudly as he had to go thirsty from the village. ●

By Poonam Anandani, Dubai

Simran



It is quite rare to be born as a human being. One does not get this opportunity again and again . The most important objective of human life is to receive God-knowledge from the True Master . No one can ever get salvation without knowing God. But as Satgur Baba Hardev Singh says, mere God-knowledge is not enough. It should be supported by practical living.

After God-realisation, man has to set his soul in tune with the Super Soul i.e. Nirankar. By doing so, he automatically surrenders to the will of God and makes

himself an instrument of it . By keeping contact with God, man will reap right thought and action. These can be achieved with the aids of sangat (Congregation of illuminated souls), Seva (Selfless service). Simran means 'God remembrance.' A newly born baby remembers mother for milk, a brother remembers his sister, a farmer his land or crops, husband remembers his wife because they have love for them. Remembrance brings image of our beloved before our eyes. It creates attachment to the object of love. We are so attached to the creation that we do simran of creation and not the Creator.

Since the creation is temporary, our love for it is also temporary. Our object of simran should be for a permanent friend i.e. Nirankar, through a perfect living master and to achieve the real goal of our life through simran.

Babaji has given us 3 very simple lines of simran ' Tuhi Nirankar' (Thou Formless One), 'Main teri sharan han' (I'm in your protection), 'Mainu baksh lo' (Please forgive me). Simran is not merely a repetition of words. It should be done, realising His presence in every breath, thinking of his form every moment.

One should attend to one's simran in the same way as a water carrier girl keeps her attention in the pitcher on her



— C.L. Gulati (Secretary, S.N.M.)

Save Parents From Addiction

A man who smoked 40 to 50 cigarettes a day abruptly became a non-smoker all because his six year old child complained about the smell of cigarettes. With the aim of becoming an ideal parent, he decided to give up his long-period of addiction to smoking. With the intimate and emotional love for his son, the man came out of the smoke cage after years of addiction.

Another person accounts his son to be the main source of inspiration to leave his 10-year long addiction of alcohol. He has been able to successfully keep away from alcohol for over 2 years, His son's persistence made him quit the addiction, "Papa, my school mates call me –Sharabi Ka Beta. I feel humiliated. Financially also, our family is on the path of destruction" Persuaded by his son and family, his determination resulted in the happiness of his family, which provided a great relief!

These cases spring a hope that parents are more obliged to successfully quit long time addictions for the sake of their children. Their will power is strengthened which can be accompanied with medical guidance and assistance of de-addiction centres.

→ head, while she walks on rough, uneven ground, conversing with her friends. One should attend to one's simran in the same way as a mother doing household work. She doesn't even for a single moment, take her attention off her child. Saints and sages have said, employ your hands and feet in work and your mind in the remembrance of the Lord.

Everybody thinks of God in adversity, but if one were to think of Him with love at all times, then no pain would ever visit him. Simran gives pleasure, puts an end to sins, pain and doubts. It removes

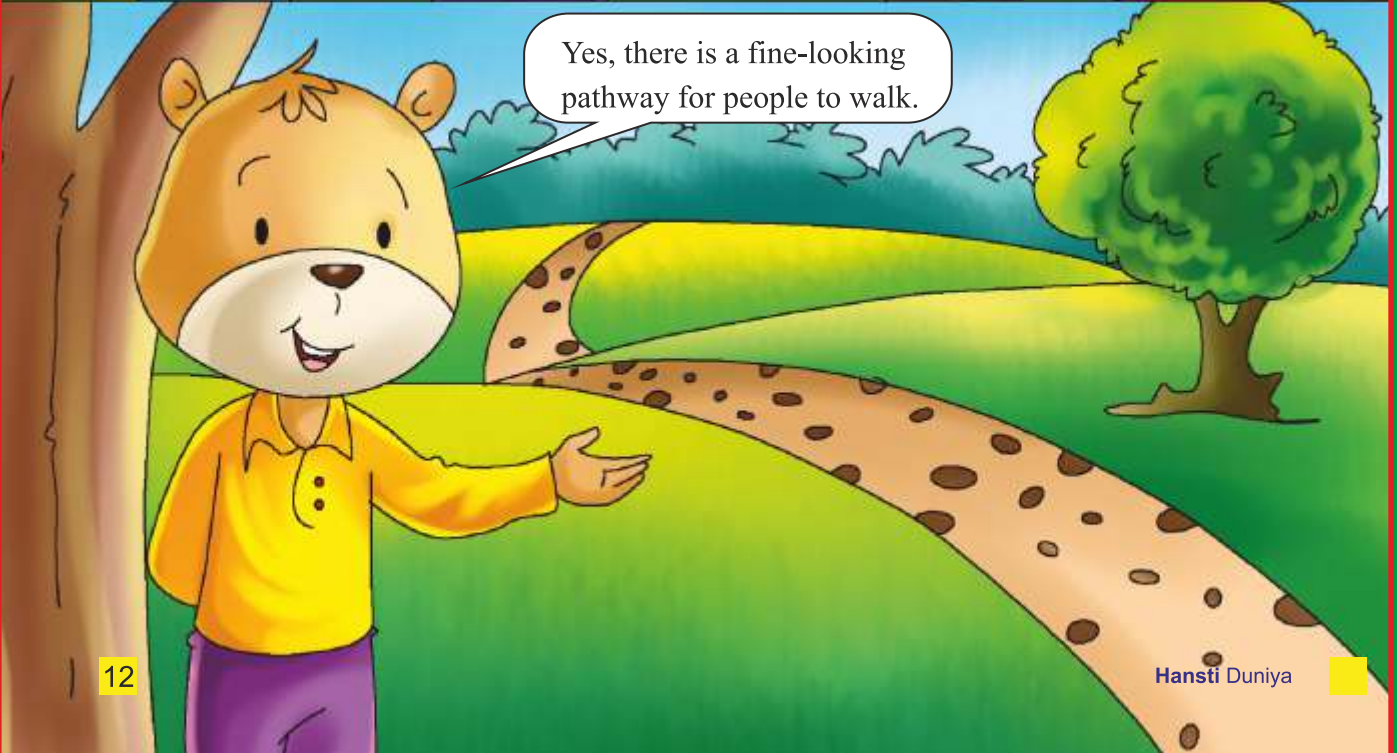
anger and ego. It bestows peace and bliss.

If a person were to carry on simran when in fortunate circumstances, his will power and mind would grow strong. Even if a calamity should befall him, he would remain indifferent to it. Such devotees gain glory in the court of the Lord and to attain salvation. It is said: Persons who remember God every moment remain detached even while living among people. They have angels around them. The grace of God protects them. They enjoy peace and bliss. God remembers them too.



Kitty

Story & Illustration
Ajay Kalara

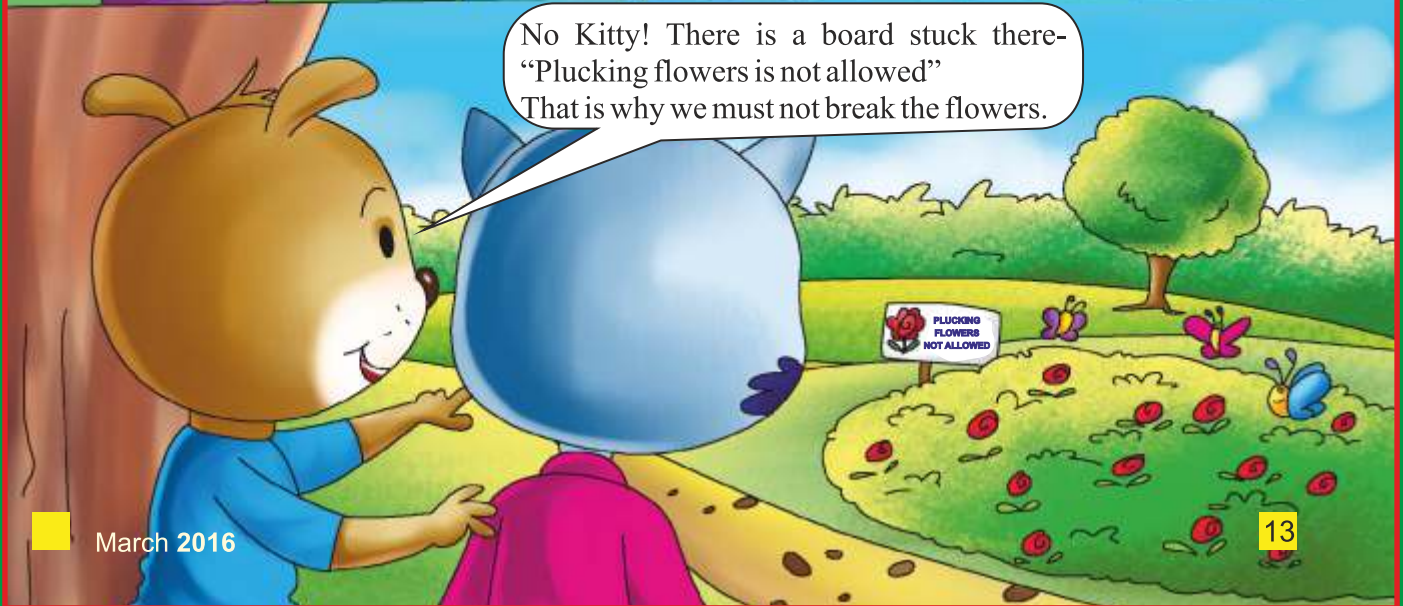




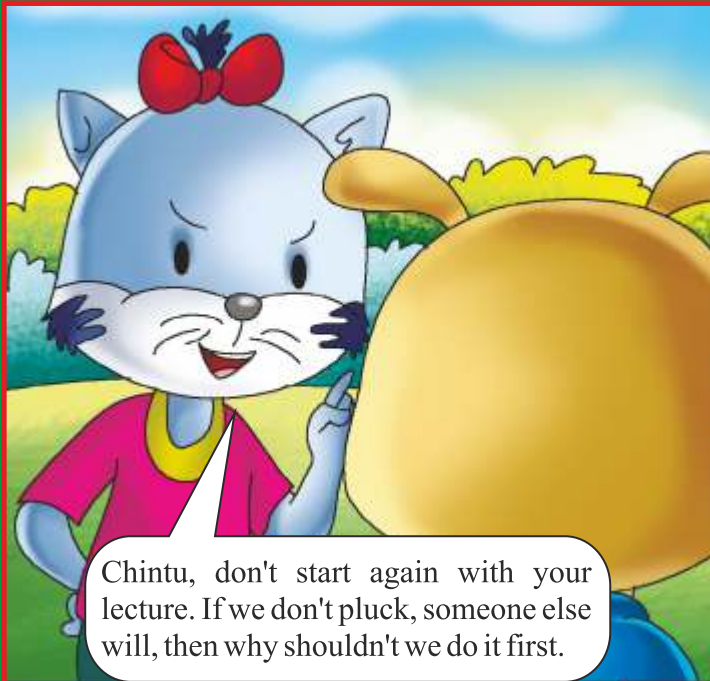
There are so many stunning flowers blooming .Red, yellow, rose, marigold wow. Such sweet fragrance.



Come lets make a garland whilst plucking the flowers. And let's play Holi after breaking some petals from flowers.



No Kitty! There is a board stuck there-
"Plucking flowers is not allowed"
That is why we must not break the flowers.



Chintu, don't start again with your lecture. If we don't pluck, someone else will, then why shouldn't we do it first.



But Kitty, we don't have any right to spoil the beauty of this garden .This is not our property.



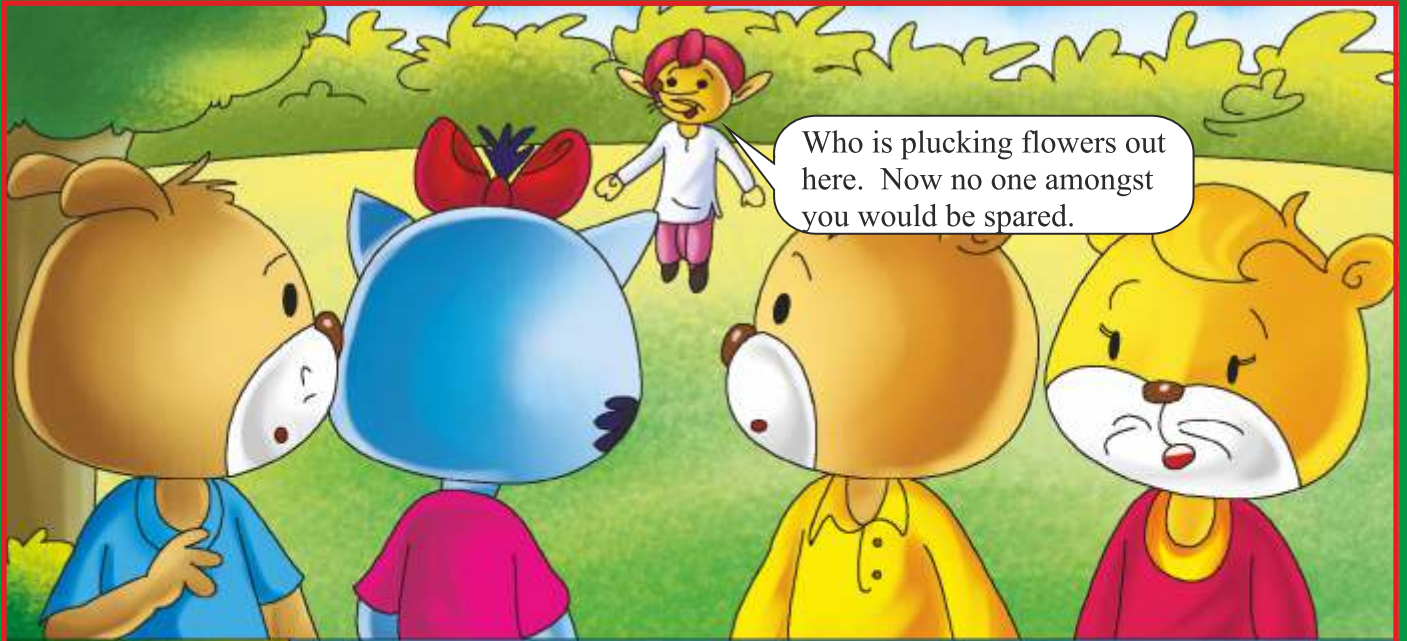
See, now this is our property.



Kitty you don't realize how many different types of materials are made out of flowers. Soap, scents, rose syrup etc and many there things.



If everyone starts spoiling gardens like you then from where will we get all this.



Who is plucking flowers out here. Now no one amongst you would be spared.



Dear gardener, these people were plucking flowers from here. I have been explaining them the benefits of flowers for so long.



Sorry dear gardener, we won't pluck flowers in future.



—Jackie Dulhani

Worth of Food

King Vikramaditya was heading somewhere with his convoy. When the convoy was going through the grain market the king saw some grain was spilt over the ground. Seeing this he got down from the elephant and spoke in a satirical tone –wow. So many diamonds are split on the ground. Saying this he started collecting the grain spilt over there. His ministers followed suit. In a while their pockets filled up. Then addressing everyone he spoke –the main reason for the shortage of food in our state is the disrespect for food and its wastage. At least 8-10 people can be fed with the grains which we have collected and this was spilt over the ground.

It is said that during the rule of Vikramaditya, there was never the shortage of food in our country.

Come. Let's take a pledge that never shall we waste food grain and disrespect it so that our storehouses also remain full and we spend a more fulfilled life.

—Rajat Kapoor, Delhi

Company



A man is known
By the company he keeps

If the company is good
one never weeps

If the company is nice
you will sow good seeds

And if you sow good seeds
There will be fruitful trees



For, as one sows
So shall he reap.

Requisites For Living

Compiled by : Sunil Nagpal, Delhi

- ★ Health enough to make work a pleasure. Wealth enough to support your needs.
- ★ Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them.
- ★ Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
- ★ Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
- ★ Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor.
- ★ Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.
- ★ Faith enough to make real the things of God.
- ★ Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.



Compiled by : Hardik Khinda, Delhi

Thoughts to Ponder

- God- devotion is not possible without God knowledge. How can one love someone without knowing him?
—Nirankari Baba
- Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love; this is the eternal rule. —Buddha
- Hope is life and life is hope.
—Adele Shreve
- Nothing is more disgraceful than insincerity. —Cicero
- Forgive thyself little, and others much, —Leighton
- Never play with the feelings of others because you may win the game but the risk is that you will surely lose the person for life time. —Shakespeare
- A man's best friends are his ten fingers. —Robert collyer
- The reward of one's duty done is the power to fulfill another.
—George Eliot
- Waste of time is the most extravagant and costly of all expenses.—Theophrastus
- Let thy vices die before thee-
—Nirankari Baba
- Only the brave know's how to forgive; it is the most refined and generous pitch of virtue human nature can arrive at. —Sterne
- Those who work for appreciation and fame end up quarrelling and fighting with each other. —D.S. Shauq
- The greater the will, the greater the flow of energy. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it too.
— Prof. J.S. Puri
- Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.
— Demosthenes
- The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate. —Oprah Winfray
- Success without honour is an unseasoned dish, it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good.
- Man's greatness lies in behaving as a man. —Nirankari Baba
- The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.
—William James

The Fastest Runner

Story : Priya Tandon, Chandigarh



A princess once declared that she would marry the person who defeated her in running a race. She was an accomplished runner and was adamant that her suitor should be a better runner than her. Many princes from near and far came to contest a race with her. One by one, she ran a race with each one of them; but each time she was the winner. She hurt the ego of many a vain and handsome princes.

As news of this peculiar condition for the hand of the princess spread, more and more princes and nobles came to try their luck. But destiny was always tilted in favour of the princess. She was getting more and more famous as the fastest runner, here and here and there. But there was one drawback too and that was that she was getting older and her parents feared that she may die an old maid!

One day a handsome young boy asked for an audience with the king. He said, "Lord, I have a request to make. Please give me the finest jewels of your queen, just for a day. I shall return them to you tomorrow, in double the quantity." The king was intrigued. He asked his queen to give her best jewels to the boy. Somehow, he found a strange look of serenity on the face of the lad and his gut feeling said that the fellow was not a crook. The boy tied the jewels in a bandana and went out. A few minutes later he sought an audience with the princess. He challenged her to a race. She guffawed at the sight of his bare feet and his bandana bag. But she agreed to race with him.

As soon as they started, the lad took a giant leap forward and dropped the most beautiful pieces of

jewellery from his bandana there. As he moved forward in leaps and bounds he kept dropping pieces of precious jewellery on the track. The princess saw the beautiful gold necklace; its diamonds and sapphires sparkling in the sun! She dashed forward to pick it up and ran again. A few steps ahead, she found a lovely jhumka for the ear, but it was only one, where was its pair? She ran further in search of the other one and found it further down the track. She continued to run, collecting the jewellery all along.

The young fellow meanwhile had long since reached his destination. By the time the princess reached, she was loaded with jewels, but she had lost the race!

So, as per the condition, the boy was to marry the princess! Imagine the surprise of the king, when he saw his daughter, wearing all the family jewels, standing beside the familiar face that had cast its spell on the king.

This happens in life too. If we stop at each juncture in life to gather, then our burden increases and the race of life becomes hard to run. On the other hand if we travel light with an eye only on the goal, then we reach our destination faster. **Moral: "It is not desirable to crave for money and ephemeral worldly gains."**

– Vikas Arora (Rewari)

CROSSWORD

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Left to Right ⇨

- To ____ is human, to forgive divine.
3. Abbreviation of Greenwich Mean Time.
6. Helsinki is the capital of this country.
8. The word that comes first in the dictionary: MEDICAL, MUSICAL, MAGICAL .
9. Present: _____, Past tense: REPRESSED, Past participle: REPRESSED
12. Feminine: JEWESS, Masculine: _____.
13. A tool with a long handle used to chop wood.

Up - Down ⇩

2. Abbreviation of Reserve Bank of India.
4. _____ proposes, God disposes.
5. Out of these cities, which city lies in the Africa continent (Algiers/Beijing)?
6. The longest bone in the human body.
7. Plural of Doll.
10. Female of sheep.
11. Total number of numerals in the Indian pincode.

H. D. Answers

—Sourabh (Aligarh)

Q. What should be one's state of mind while seeking blessings?

A. Complete surrender.

—Sanjay Basantwani (Badnera)

Q. What's the importance of laughter in one's life?

Ans. Laughter has the same importance as one's deeds and their result.

—Sanjay Nandwani (Panchkula)

Q. How can we bring change in the world?

A. You must be the change you want to bring in the world.

—Prveen Indra Vikas, Delhi

Q. What is the difficult task in life?

A. To rise above selfishness and maintain divine character.

—Jyoti Modgil (Jalandhar)

Q. Who is a true man in this world?

A. One who is truthful.

—Neelima Sharma (Delhi)

Q. What is the most beautiful thing in the whole universe?

A. Satguru is the most beautiful who introduces us to the Creator of the beautiful universe.

— Samdish (Pune)

Q. What is the striking slogan of the Mission?

A. Know one, Believe in One and Be one.

—Arpit (Chennai)

Q. How to win other's heart?

A. By being good and virtuous to them.

—Namrata Sharma (Jalandhar)

Q. What is man's biggest possession ?

A. Contentment.

Q: Question A: Answer



Test of Patience

—Radhela Navchr

This is an incident from the life of famous scientist Thomas Elva Edison. The year was 1914.

One day suddenly the laboratory and factory of Edison was engulfed in flames and in no time everything got burnt. The flames rose so high as if trying to touch the sky.

Edison kept staring at the terrible sight without any movement. All his hopes were burnt to ashes and he was looking as a silent spectator. There was neither a way out nor an effort to save it. Everything was burning to ashes.

Close by was standing his young son, who wasn't very old himself. He was seeing this play of fire with stunned eyeballs. Edison said to his son " Go and call your mother also. This moment in our lives is unforgettable one. She can also get a glimpse of this Incident. Such an Incident won't be seen ever again. Go, fast, don't get late."

Next moment the child ran and brought his mother at the place of incidence. Seeing this view, Edison's wife got shocked; Just kept seeing it, quietly.

After a while she spoke to her husband an estimate of 20 lakh

dollars tools have been destroyed by this fire. Not only this, whatever experiments you did in your entire lifetime, all Important documents relating to them have also been. Now what will we do.

“Whatever had to happen, has happened, nothing bad has happened. Edison spoke with strong heart.

“How come?” wife asked just like that?

“All our faults have also turned to ashes in this fire. Our mistakes have also been destroyed. For this thank God.” Edison spoke further, “Do you know that behind every loss there is a huge gain hidden underneath” This is God’s unique governance.”

“What gain is hidden?” The wife asked as she was praiseworthy of the tolerance of the husband from within.

“Now we will start our work with new Inspiration, will reach newer heights.” Edison spoke.

And then the Edison family kept seeing the fire as witnesses as if they were never associated with the things.

Edison indeed had amazing patience and extreme tolerance. This kind of mindset saves us from getting upset and feeling miserable during a testing time in life.

Improve your Grammar

Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	B	A	B	A	A	B	B

Q.No.Explanation

1. While pronouncing the word 'CASTLE', the letter 'T' is silent.
2. When a point of time in the past (when the action started) is given, we use SINCE. For a period of action, we use FOR.
3. If you say that something is dirt cheap, you are emphasising that it is very cheap indeed.
4. The adverb formed from the word 'CAREFUL' is 'CAREFULLY', not 'CAREFULLY'.
5. Aids are granted and policies are implemented.
6. If you have a quick temper, you get angry easily. The use of BUT suggests the adjective required should convey a meaning opposite this. Hence, meek.
7. The Superlative degree of THIN is THINNEST, not THINNER.
8. If you carry something off, you do it successfully. Example: If you carry off a trophy, you win it. If you carry out a task or instruction, you act according to it.

Story
—Radhelal Navchakr

OUR WATCH



Today morning, grandpa left from home early.

Didn't tell anything to anyone ; as if leaving for some important work. It was difficult to say as to when he would return.

Chandan asked Vandana, "Any information as to whereabouts of grandpa".

"No", Vandana spoke casually as if feeling... "What happened"

"Dear, it's Sunday". Saying this Chandan hit her on the back in a friendly manner.

"Then?" Vandana could not understand anything even then.

"Didn't understand, today its Grandpa's day of storytelling"

"Oh yes", Vandana got excited.

Just then Madhulika, Archana and Monu also arrived. Everyone was looking for grandpa. But grandpa's room was closed. It was locked.

"Then let's do something" Madhulika kept her word In front of everyone. "Let's complete our homework, then as soon as grandpa comes, we will listen the story from him. "

"Rightly said" everyone agreed.

Next moment all the children sat down for studying. Grandpa returned home almost

after three hours; opened his room, kept the wall clock which he brought with him at its place. Then relaxed as he sat down on the chair.

Children had come to know of grandpa's arrival. They had completed their home work by then.

The kids dropped by in grandpa's room in the noon. By then grandpa was almost ready to attend to kids.

Can you see the clock on that wall, it has been kept with the clock repairer since last one week. I had given it to him. Did the watch get damaged? Monu interrupted

"Yes" replied grandpa. I could never get hold of the shop owner. Only his servant could be seen sitting there. Without the clock I had difficulty in completing many tasks. Today is Sunday, thought the shop would be closed. So after some research, I reached the house of the shopkeeper. He was there at his place. Then I took him to his shop. Got the watch repaired. So I have just reached home after getting my clock fixed. So that's what's been happening since morning.

The children now knew why grandpa's has been absent from home since morning.

"Now you will be narrating the story,



right?" Monu pointed his questioning glance at grandpa.

"Surely "Grandpa replied. Will you narrate the life story of an object"? Chandan asked. "You all decide. "Grandpa replied. "It shall be wonderful, today you narrate us the story of a wall clock" Madhulika kept her word In front of grandpa"

"Yes yes "all children agreed promptly.

"Ok good. I will narrate to you the life story of wall clock today"

"Then narrate "everyone replied swiftly. Clearing his throat after coughing, grandpa started "there was a man in Germany- Peter work hard for almost 2 years".

"Means that Peter Henlein was the first person who made a watch ever "Madhulika spoke all of a sudden.

"Yes it's true, "Grandpa spoke, "This credit goes to Heinlein.

How did the watch made by him look like? Chandan asked curiously.

His watch was in shape of drum and was 6 Inches high. Grandpa further said, "this watch was made of Iron"

"It had only one arm, the arm of hour, and there was a problem with this clock" Grandpa said.

Then "Archana spoke as she was listening to what Grandpa was speaking.

Grandpa proceeded with his story. "In the effort to make a small watch, a watch was made which could be easily worn by women

as a necklace like a pendulum around their necks."

"Very nice" Vandana giggled.

"So since then many watches were manufactured in different designs. Grandpa continued "Before the first world war, watches of pocket size were also seen. During the times of war, soldiers often felt the need to have a look at the time from such watches. But the soldiers had problems seeing time from such watches.

"What kind of difficulty?" Chandan couldn't understand.

Because of any reasons If the soldiers were hiding in a trench or for some reason there both hands were stuck, in that situation it wasn't possible to put the hands In pocket and look at the time. Grandpa further cleared "When such things came into focus, the need for making more useful watches arose"

"Ok, then?" one of them asked.

"Mary Queen of Scotland had a watch which was in form of shape of human skull," Grandpa spoke after coughing a little and clearing up his throat spoke after a gap. "All these watches were very inconvenient. Then the attention went towards making a watch that could fit easily on the wrist. Do you know when was the first wrist watch made?"

"No, "the children replied

"In the year 1581, grandpa gave further Information, and this watch was presented to the Queen Elizabeth first as gift. It was studded with diamonds and pearls. It was very expensive. This watch also had just one arm."

Speaking of this Grandpa coughed little bit again and when he cleared his thought throat he said "In the year 1676 there was



improvement In quality of watch. Now there started the use of two arms in watches. The watch which would run with the help of key began being used in 1708 for the first time .Switzerland took the lead . Wall clock was also manufactured.

“Is the story over?” Madhulika asked.

“No”. Came the reply.

“What happened after that?” Archana asked out of curiosity?

“As time passed the watch got seconds arm also.”

Then the alarm clock was made. Not only this, now there was calculator and calendar in watches.

Speaking watch was also invented?” Monu asked with anxiety

“There was a small speaker in this. A sound also was heard on pressing a button,- “what the time is” Grandpa informed everyone.

“Oh wow.” Everyone asked, “Is this true?”

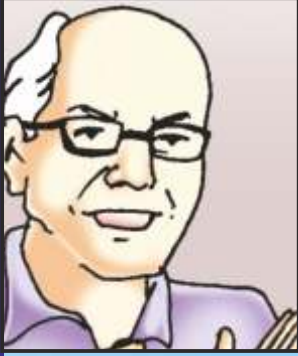
“Of course” Grandpa spoke. In the beginning men didn’t wear watches. Its

usefulness was found only for women. But when soldiers started wearing them, it became a trend and slowly men also started wearing watches on the wrist. Today men and women, both wear watches on their wrists. But there is still one difference. Watches made for women are differently designed as compared to watches made for men.

Grandpa said while ending the story, “So this way the life story and biography of watches is no less interesting. These days you would have seen even those watches which don’t have arms / needles at all. They have four to six divisions in which one can see figures. First division from left would show hours, middle one would show minutes and the last one would show seconds.”

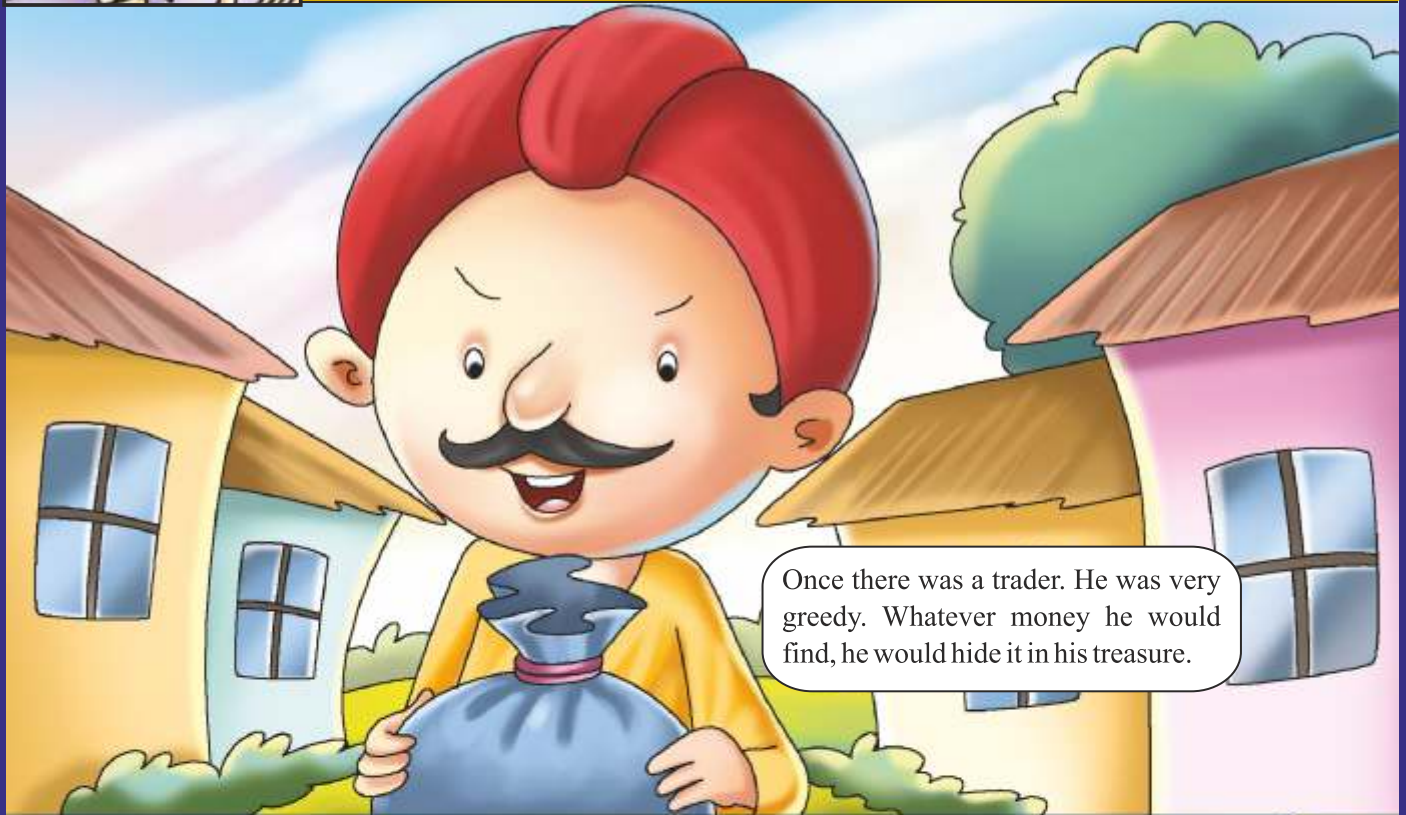
“Yes, we have seen.” Children spoke in unison.

“Now go” Grandpa heaved a sigh of relief.

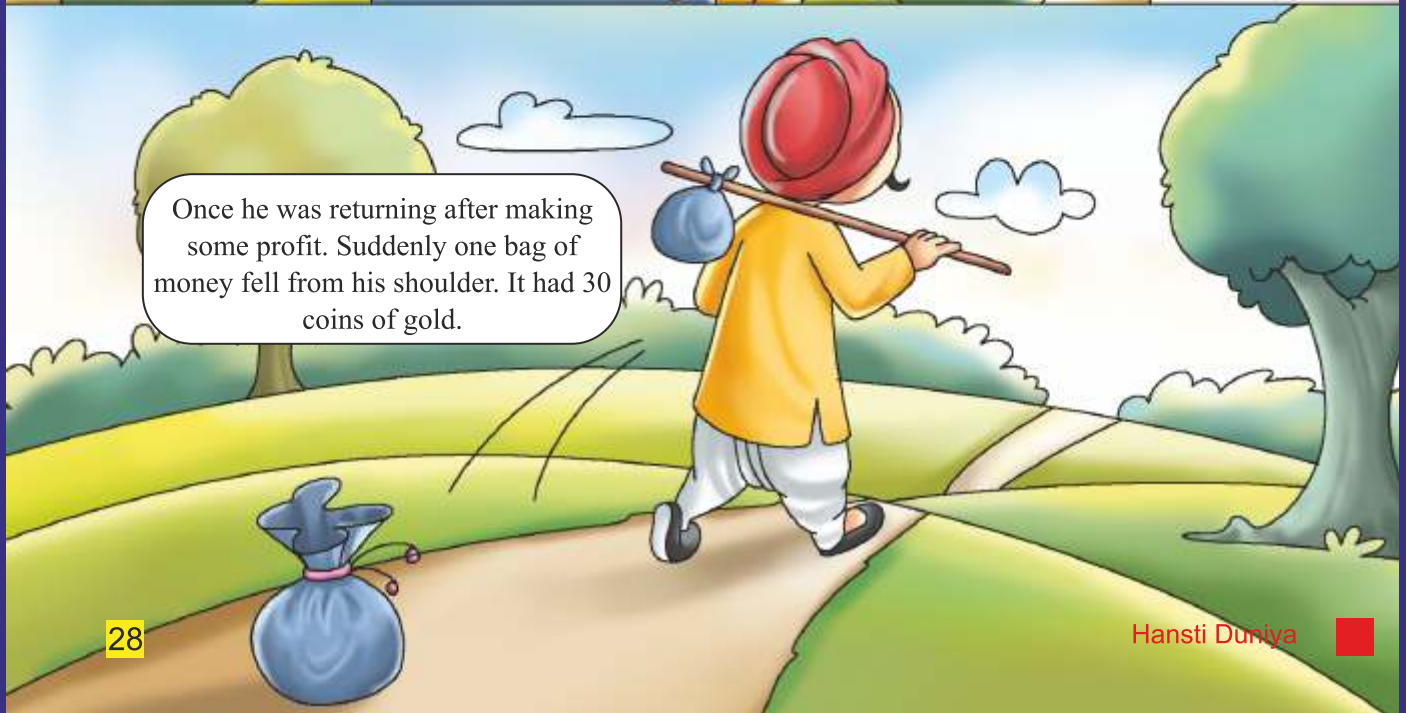


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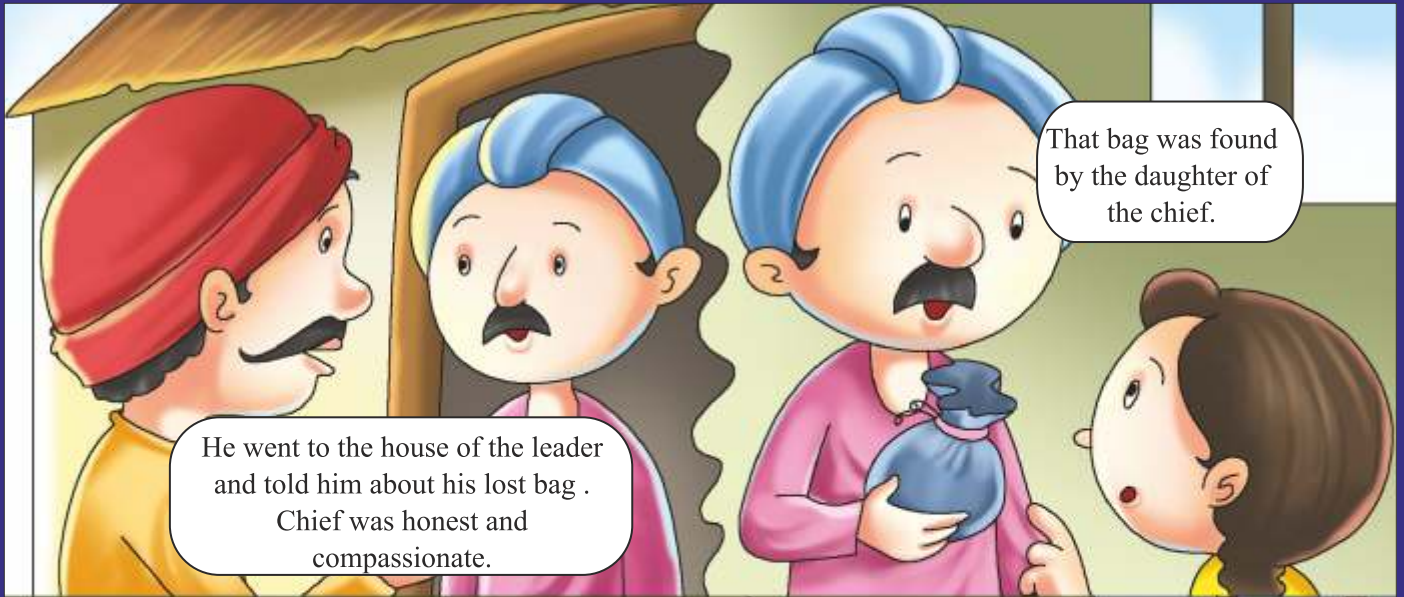
Story & Illustration
—Ajay kalara



Once there was a trader. He was very greedy. Whatever money he would find, he would hide it in his treasure.



Once he was returning after making some profit. Suddenly one bag of money fell from his shoulder. It had 30 coins of gold.

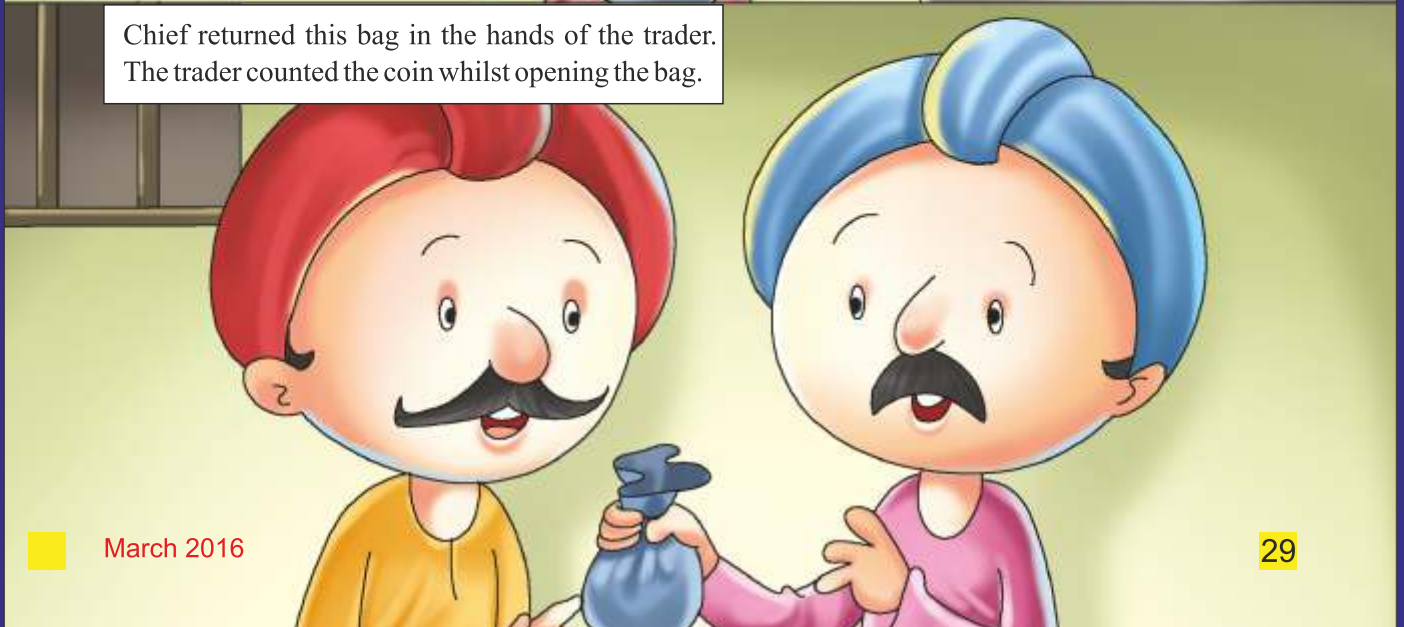


He went to the house of the leader and told him about his lost bag . Chief was honest and compassionate.

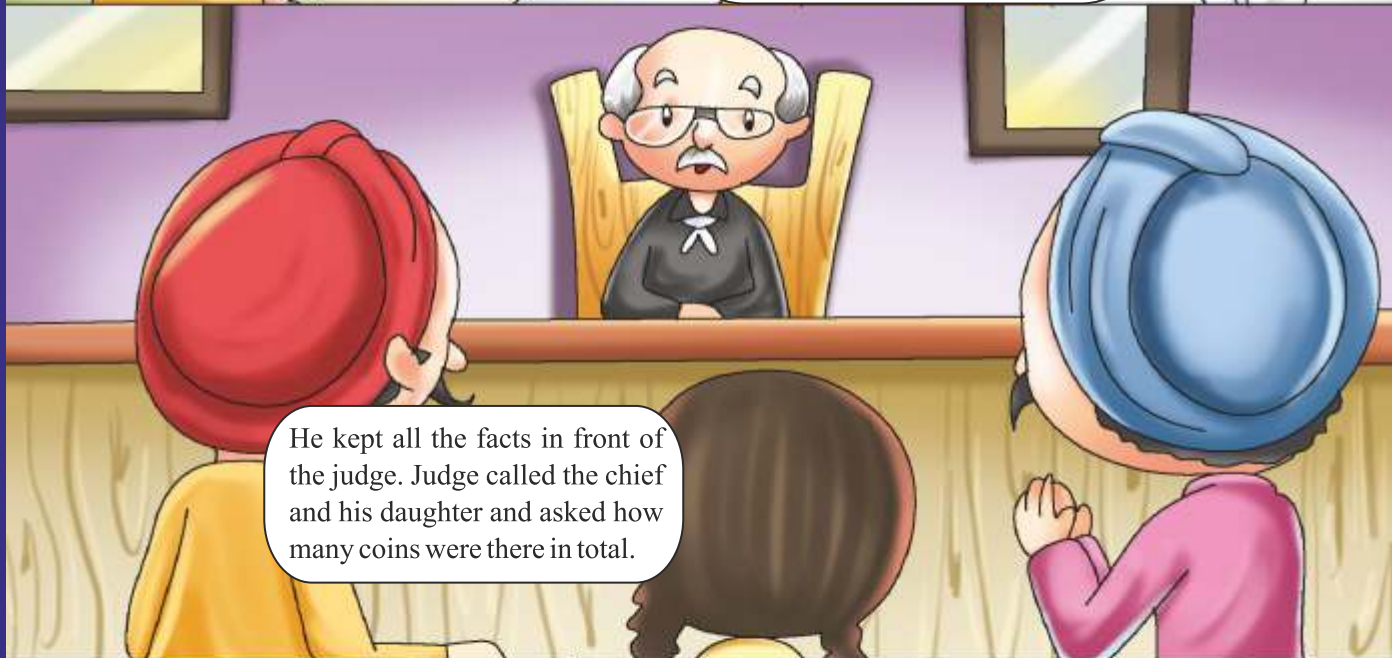
That bag was found by the daughter of the chief.

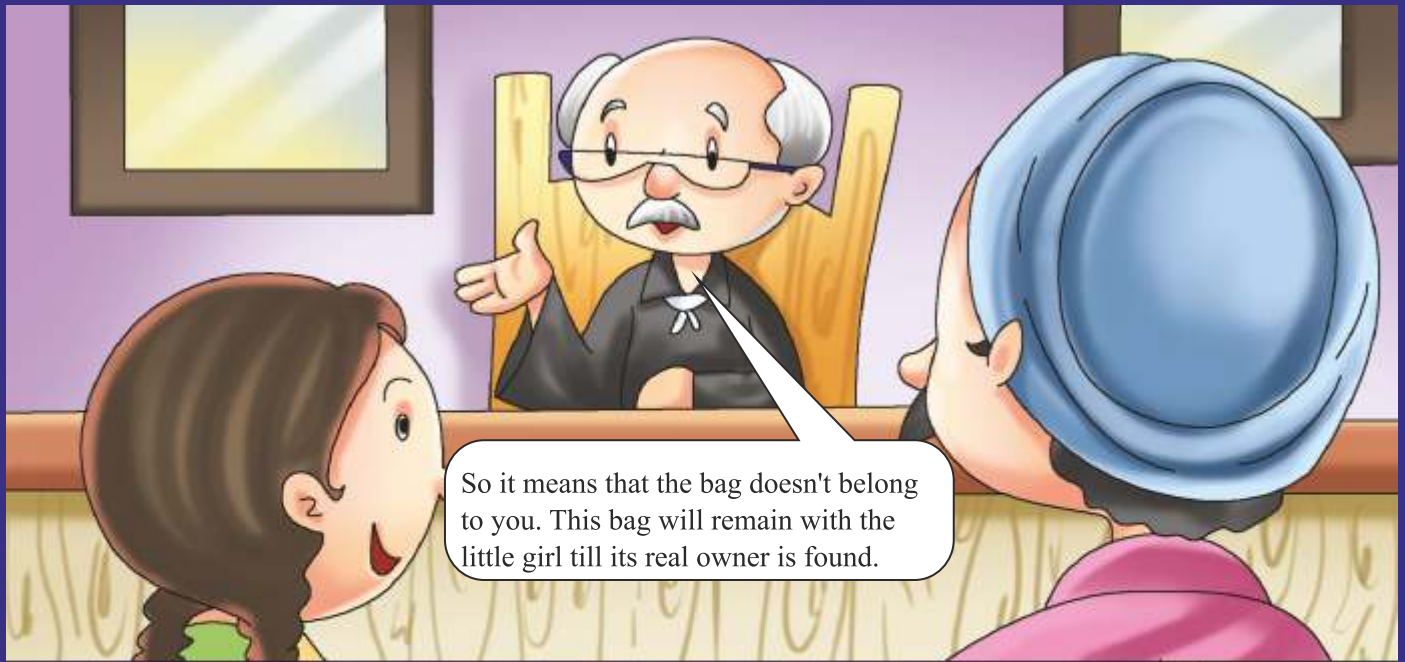


The Chief opened the bag and found thirty gold coins in it.



Chief returned this bag in the hands of the trader. The trader counted the coin whilst opening the bag.





So it means that the bag doesn't belong to you. This bag will remain with the little girl till its real owner is found.



And if any bag is received which has 40 coins, I will call for you.

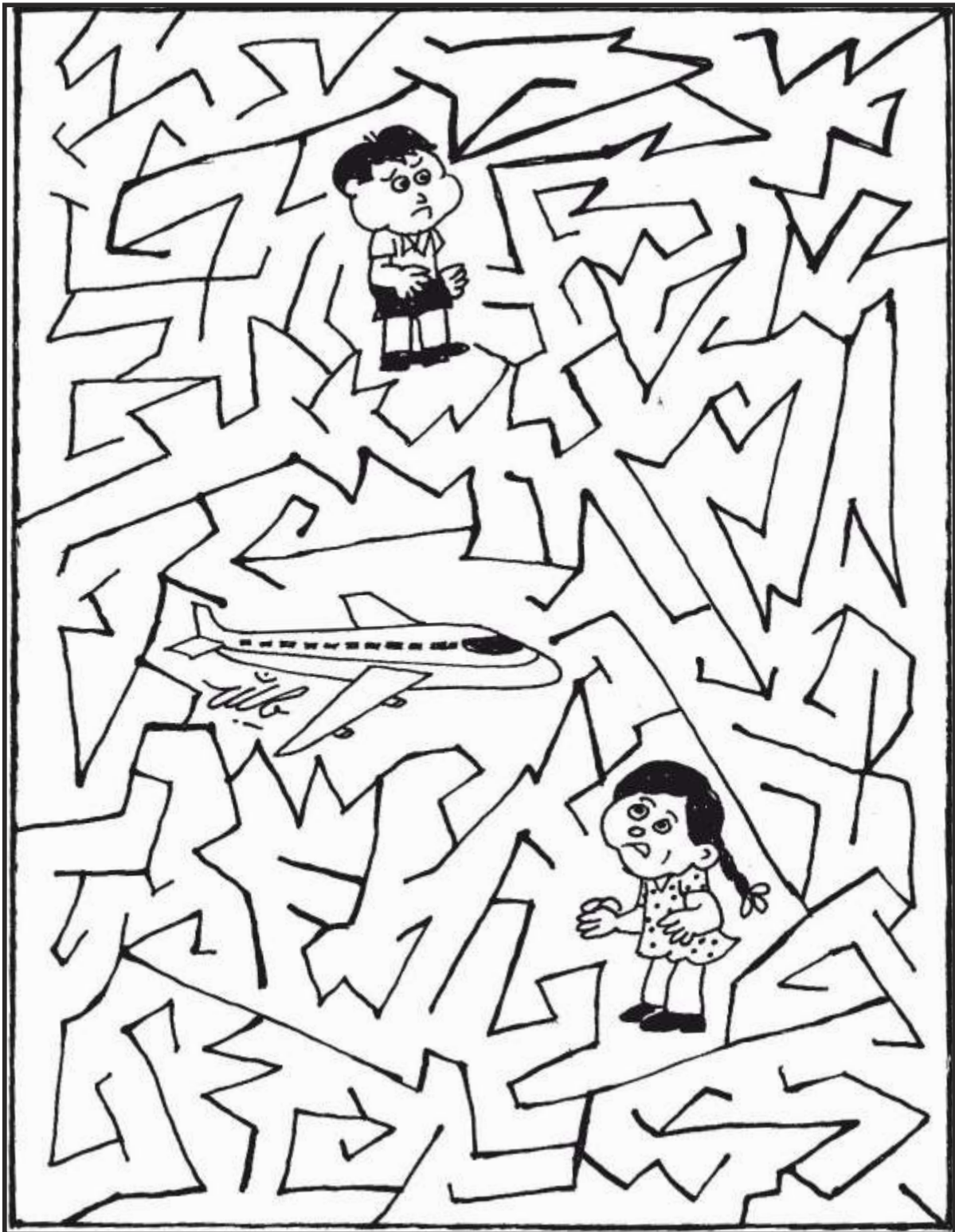


Then , the trader felt a sense of loss and he just shouted, no, I have just lost 40 coins.
But the judge didn't pay heed and just asked him to go out of the court

So in this way, Greed is curse.

Who will travel by air?

By: Chand Mohamd Ghosi





Holi, the festival of colours, is one of the most important festivals of India. It is connected with the story of Holika, sister of a great demon named Hiranyakashyap. His son Prahlad always recited the name of god. But Hiranyakashyap did not believe in god. So, he made several attempts to kill the boy. Once he asked his sister Holika to burn him. Holika took Prahlad in her lap and sat on fire. The result was that Holika was burnt in fire and nothing happened to Prahlad. People remember this story and set fire to the huge pile of sticks believing that the fire will burn the wicked demoness Holika.

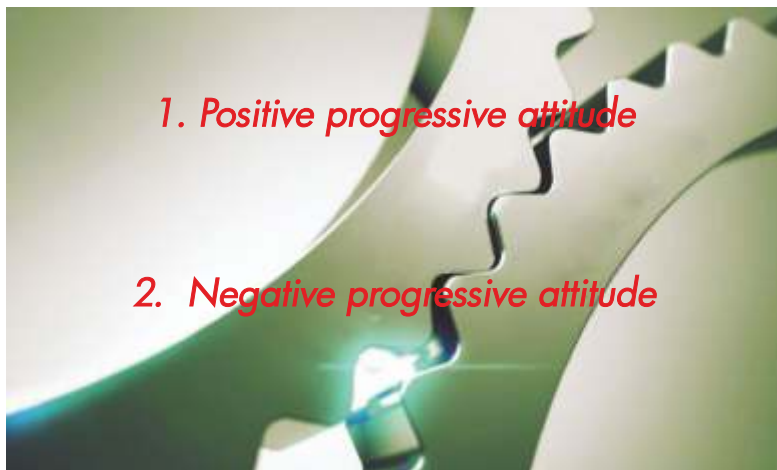
The main celebration follows the next day. Holi is a festival of joy that gives us the message of friendship and goodwill. On this occasion, people forget all their enmities and throw gulal and coloured water on each other. After playing Holi, many people get together again in the evening to celebrate the occasion with delicious food and desserts.

Holi has got some evils. Many people get drunk on this occasion. They indulge in rowdy behaviour. One should celebrate Holi in a decent way. Everyone should realize that it is a festival of joy and friendship and it's real spirit should be maintained.

—Tarun Chandna (Gurgaon)

Attitude

One should have progressive attitude all the time. The progressive attitude means that the person is ready to learn more and to accept and rectify his mistakes. A great philosopher said: Those who have stopped making efforts for making themselves better have put their efforts for making themselves bitter.



The progressive attitude is of two types:

To understand these two types of progressive attitudes, let us take an example. Two persons work hard and become chemical engineers. One invents a chemical for increasing the

fertility of land. As a result, good quality crops can be cultivated at cheap rates. The other person invents an explosive chemical to be used for destructive purposes. Though both have progressed a lot, the first person has positively progressed while the other has negatively progressed.

So, we must have positive progressive attitude. We should never think to develop ourselves by harming others. Our development should be for the betterment of the society and not for the destruction thereof. We should always try to develop ourselves for making this earth peaceful. So, let's have positive progressive attitude for making ourselves capable of spreading the message of peace and love in this universe.

My Mom Only Had One Eye

Compiled by : Taruna Arora (Faridabad)

I hated her... She was such an embarrassment. She cooked for students and teachers to support the family.

There was this one day during elementary school where my mom came to say hello to me. I was so embarrassed.

How could she do this to me? I ignored her, threw her a hateful look and ran out. The next day at school one of my classmates said, "EEEE, your mom only has one eye!"

I wanted to bury myself. I also wanted my mom to just disappear. I confronted her that day and said, "If you're only gonna make me a laughing stock, why don't you just die?"

My mom did not respond... I didn't even stop to think for a second about what I had said, because I was full of anger. I was oblivious to her feelings.

I wanted her out of that house, and have nothing to do with her. So I studied real hard, got a chance to go abroad to study.

Then, I got married. I bought a house of my own. I had kids of my own. I was happy with my life, my kids and the comforts. Then one day, my Mother came to visit me. She hadn't seen me in years and she didn't even meet her grandchildren.

When she stood by the door, my children laughed at her, and I yelled at her for coming over uninvited. I screamed at her, "How dare you come to my house and scare my children! **GET OUT OF HERE! NOW!!!**"

And to this, my mother quietly answered, "Oh, I'm so sorry. I may have gotten the wrong address." – and she disappeared out of sight.

One day, a letter regarding a school reunion came to my house. So I lied to my wife that I was going on a business trip. After the reunion, I went to the old shack just out of curiosity.

My neighbors said that she died. I did not shed a single tear. They handed me a letter that she had wanted me to have.

"My dearest son,

I think of you all the time. I'm sorry that I came to your house and scared your children.

I was so glad when I heard you were coming for the reunion. But I may not be able to even get out of bed to see you. I'm sorry that I was a constant embarrassment to you when you were growing up.

You see.....when you were very little, met with an accident, and lost your eye. As a mother, I couldn't stand watching you having to grow up with one eye. So I gave you mine.

I was so proud of my son who was seeing a whole new world for me, in my place, with that eye.

With all my love to you, Your mother."

This gave life time repentance to him.



SMS

of The Month

*The possibilities are numerous when we decide to act and not react.

—Kiran, Delhi

*Ups and downs in life are important to keep us going. A straight line in an ECG means that the man is not alive.

—Ashok Nirankari, USA

*In order to have a comfortable journey of life, reduce the burden of desires.

*"Zindagi me aap kitne khush hai," this is not important. "Zindagi me aapki wajah se kitne log khush hai", this is important.

—Raunak, Mumbai

*A very short but very nice line for a true relation "Hurt me with the truth, but never comfort me with a lie"

—Avneesh Gulati, Chandigarh

*Heart is not a basket for keeping tension and sadness. It's a golden box for keeping roses of happiness. Let your heart be happy always

—Ankita Rai, Delhi



* Insaan mayus isliye hota hai kyonki wo Parmatma ko razi karne ki bajaye logon ko razi karne me laga rehta hai. Wo yeh bhool jata hai ki Rab razi to sab razi.

—Sukhbir Shah, Canada

* When your commitment is deeper than the Sea and your ambition is taller than Mount Everest, your future will be brighter than the Sun. — Maha Singh, Sultanpur

* Reasonable planning in life is our concern. Worrying about future is not our concern. It is Satguru's concern. Why worry when He is the caretaker in our life - "Jeevan'da rath Tuhi chalaane, assa taa kewal behnahai."

— Ramesh Rai, Bihar

*If your eyes are positive, you will like all the people in the world. But, if your attitude is positive all the people in the world will like you.

— Harjeet Nishad, Indore



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