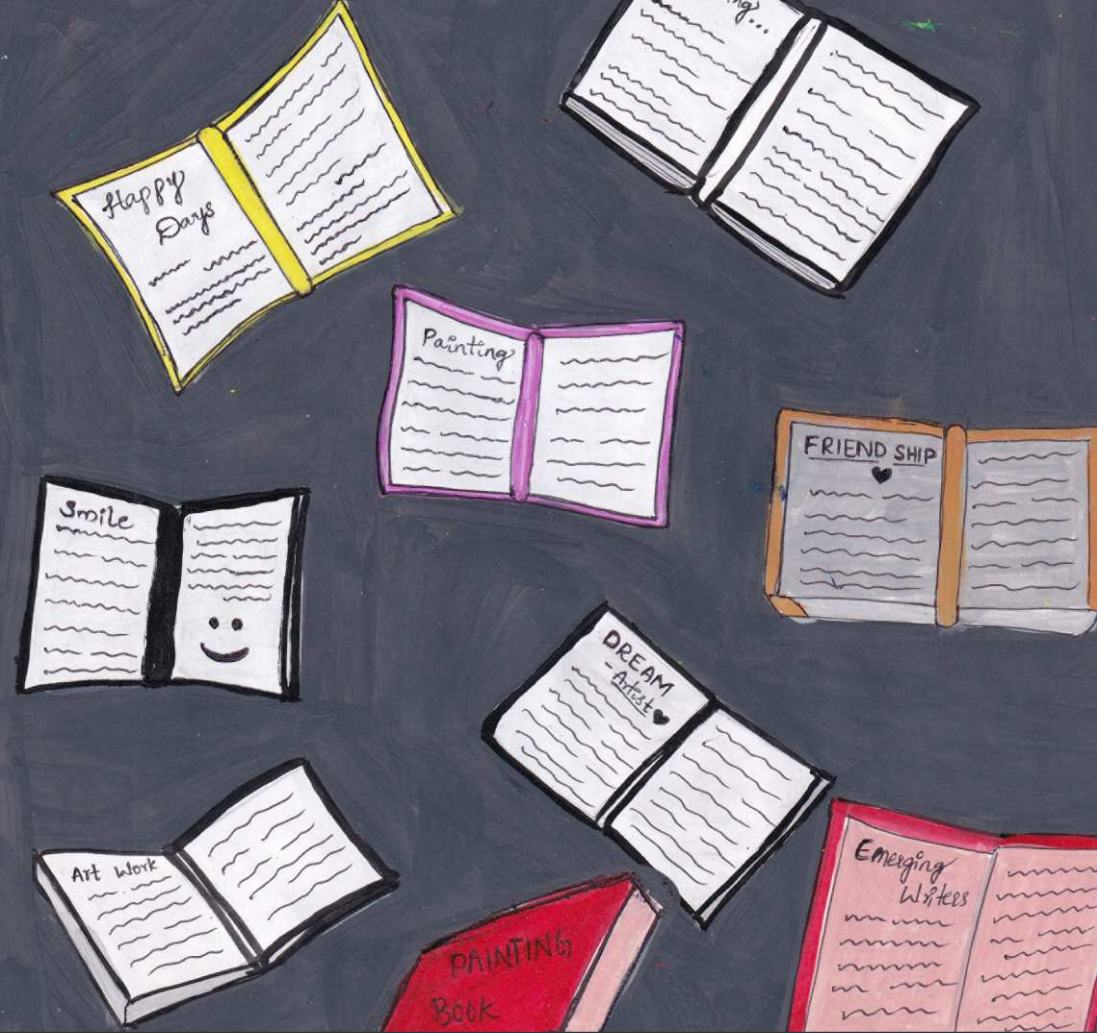




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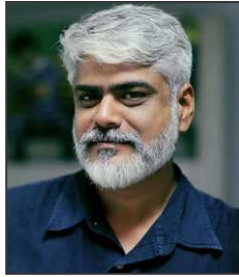
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FOREWORD



It is with great pleasure and humility that I introduce to you this remarkable collection of short stories titled, 'Milestones' by M. Rachana. These stories, in simple English language and structure, offer a unique and profound perspective on the world around us. The budding writer has managed to capture the essence of life, love, hope, and resilience in their narratives. Her words are raw, honest, and heartfelt, reflecting their experiences, dreams, and aspirations. Through her stories, we are given a glimpse into the author's world - a world filled with challenges, but also one that is brimming with beauty, wonder, and potential.

Each story is a testament to the power of imagination, creativity, and the human spirit. Despite the challenges she may have faced, Rachana has chosen to express herself through the written word, sharing her thoughts, feelings, and experiences with the world. As you read through these pages, I urge you to approach each story with an open mind and heart. Allow yourself to be transported into the life and experience of the young author, and experience the world through her eyes. Her voice may be small, but her stories are powerful, and they deserve to be heard.

I am deeply grateful to Ms. Rachana for sharing these stories with us. Each of the narratives show us that no matter what our circumstances are, we all have a voice, and we all have the power to create change. Her stories serve as a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always light, and there is always hope.

- Anish Yohan Kuruvilla
Writer/Director/Actor

Author's Note

Writing this book has been an unforgettable journey for me. I thank all my readers for taking this special time to read this book. My gratitude knows no bounds, especially towards my parents, teachers and friends for inspiring me in every step of the way. A teacher is not a teacher the moment she becomes a good friend—she become an endless inspiration for students to create at our Telangana Social Welfare Residential College, Nizamabad.

Every short story in this book has come through my heart. I have been longing to create something special and unique, so I gathered some ideas about the present society and how children treat their parents. Eventually, the ideas turned into efficacious efforts which led me to write this book. As a child, I was always inspired by the short stories of Ruskin Bond and R.K. Narayan.

I promise my readers that this work is going offer you a fantabulous read and it I hope it will give you fresh perspectives about various aspects of human life. Also, the illustrations are going to leave you stunned as you travel through the stories. I wish to thank Dr. K. Sandhya Deepthi for her wonderful support and encouragement throughout my writing journey.

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Letter to the Readers

To exist, is to create. We wish our young souls to become creators of stories —stories that talk that sing, that move; stories that show and wish to be seen. School of Emerging Writers is enthralled by the essential vision, which is to democratise creativity: to let the minds of our up-and-coming generation of story-tellers delve into every possible dimension of thought, to let their imagination unfold the ‘very own’ narratives and to let their expression be channeled around ways which leave a liberal room to manoeuvre in the process of self-discovery.

The Book-Writing Project is keen to reconnoiter the process of sharing common imagination and how such a united creative spirit eventually shapes assertiveness among students towards thought. Academics establish strict frontiers; sometimes, institutionalise the charisma of growing and learning within the classroom contexts. Nevertheless, no one is better than a mentor who can map through the mental geography of student community. As a diverse range of skills among students are ceasing to evolve due to a lack of diversity in opportunities— primarily in the arts — one needs to choose to be disquiet about limiting someone’s potential by not creating opportunities. Because, as teachers and leaders, we need to create spaces; spaces that accommodate all variety of talents. For that reason, an initiative as this becomes instrumental in constructing one’s own creative capabilities outside the traditional framework of academics; discovering and trusting their own selves as capable individuals. We therefore, dream of a liberal space where the boundaries of language, of genre and of subject are discerningly alleviated, helping students stand up to their own individual and collective anxieties.

The famous martial artist, cultural icon and often ideally referred to as “artist + philosopher”, Bruce Lee states, “You must be shapeless, formless, like water. When you pour water in a cup, it becomes the cup. When you pour water in a bottle, it becomes the bottle. When you pour water in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Water can drip and it can crash. Be water, my friend.” ‘To be water’, as Bruce Lee unequivocally suggests, be the life-force of this endeavour; be immeasurably accommodative of everything and every infinitesimal idea sparkling far away in the imaginative minds of this young generation. Discover the brightest and the farthest stars.

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About the Artists

The illustrations for the work 'Milestones' were done by Deepika Kondra. She is pursuing B.Com (CA) III year at TGSRDC, Nizamabad. Ms. Deepika Kondra hails from Nadipally, Dichpally mandal, Nizamabad district. Her interests include painting and engaging in creative works. Deepika says, "I felt great to do illustrations for this work and it had a positive impact on her. "There are several meaningful



stories in the work and each story offers a wonderful moral like friendship, motherhood, parent's love etc. I really felt excited and happy for making this book colourful. I am very thankful to my friends, Rakshitha and Rachana for letting me engage in this delightful work and also special thanks to Dr. K. Sandhya Deepthi who have encouraged me all along to engage in art work."

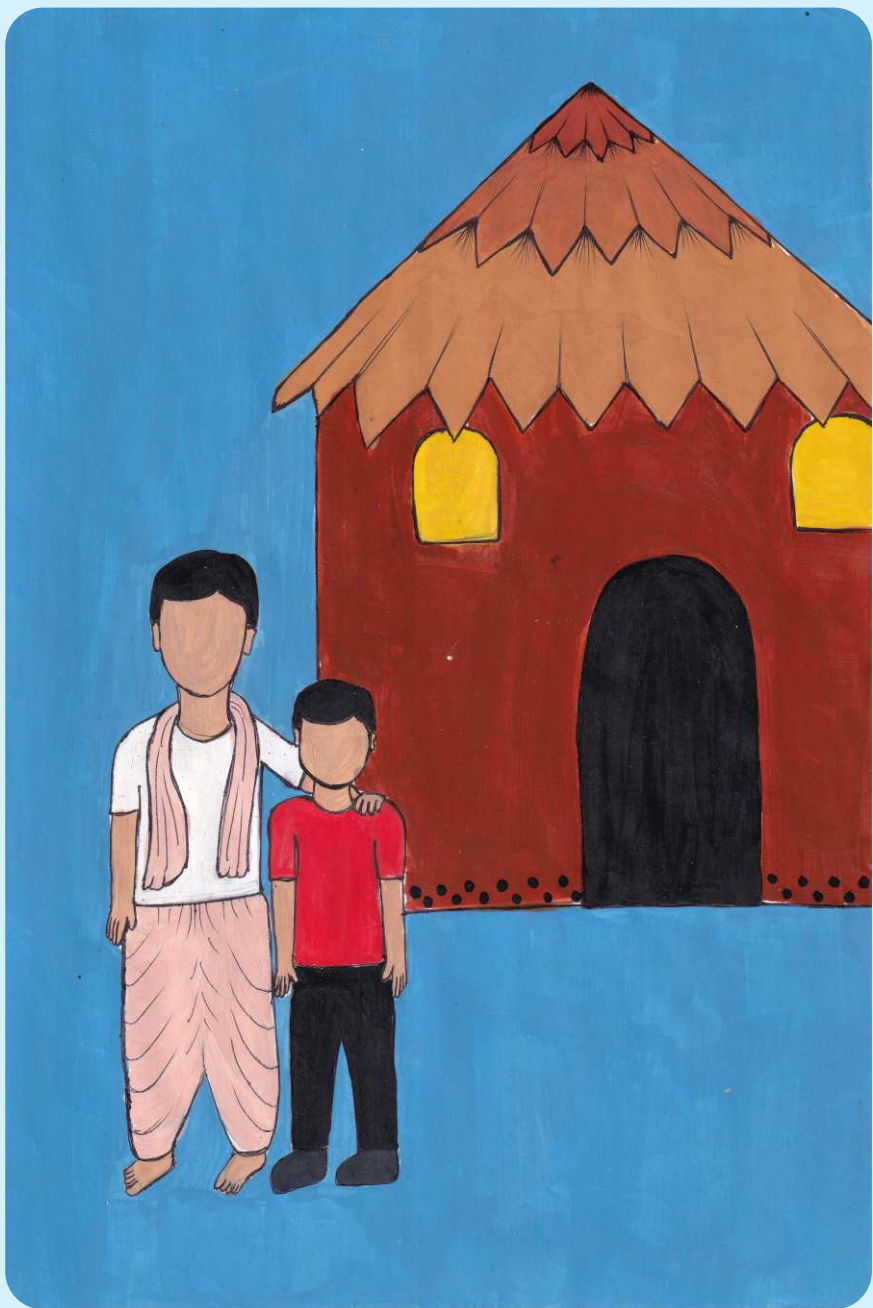


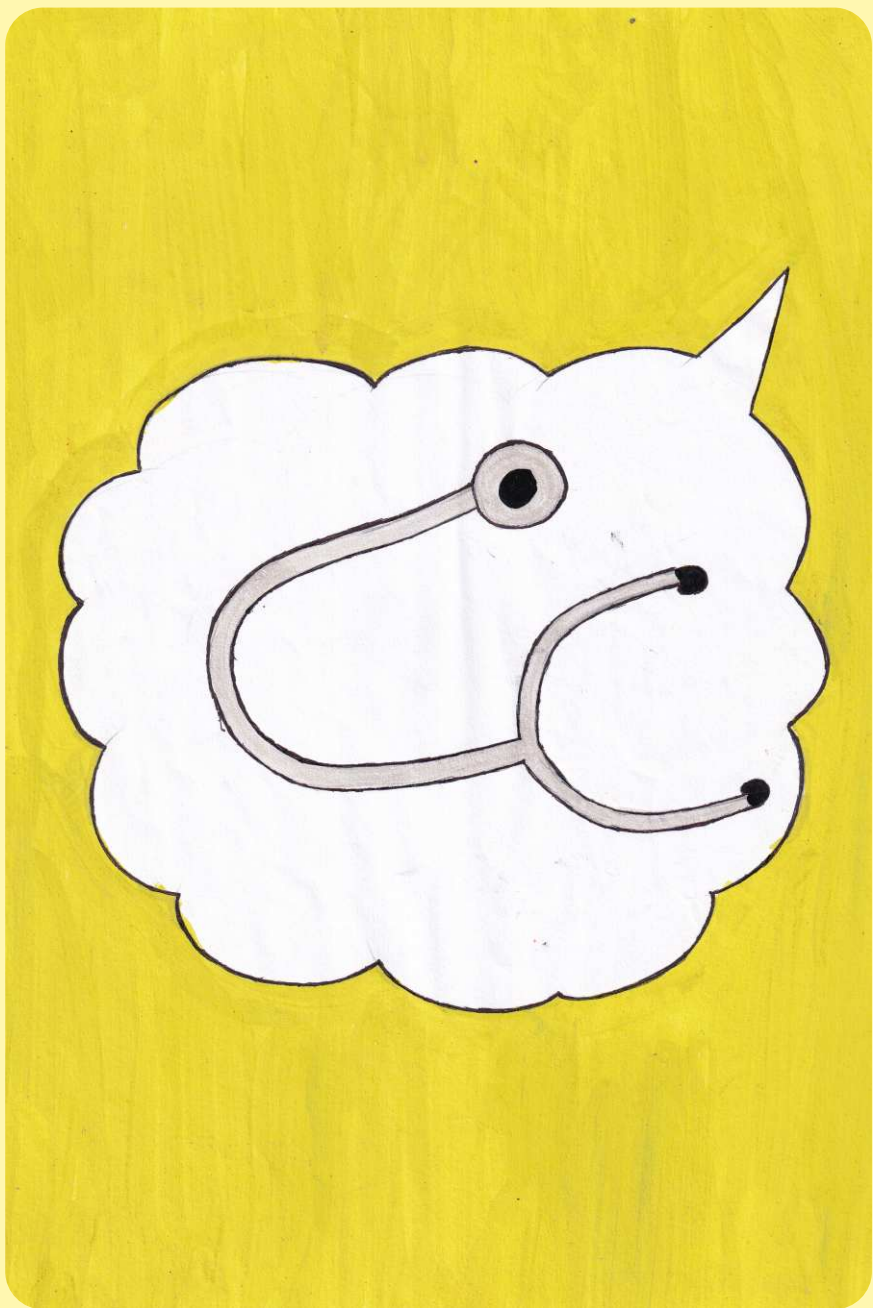
The illustrations for the work 'Milestones' were done by Gaikwad Dhamma Rakshitha. She is pursuing B.Com (CA) III year at TGSRDC, Nizamabad. Rakshitha hails from Shekhopoor village, Madnoor Mandal, Kamareddy district. Her parents are Gaikwad Chandrakanth and Laxmi. Her siblings are Ashirvad, Mahapriya and Pradeep. She enjoys art, especially mehendi designs. Her favourite book is *Baundham*

Vygnanika Margam. Rakshitha says, "I have done paintings for the book *Milestones* in which there are 18 short stories and each story unfolds itself with a beautiful moral to the reader, like love and affection towards parents, nature, true friendship, helping nature, value for money, and also struggle of the farmers. In the process of working for this book, I have intensified my imaginative and creative skills. This is the first book for which I have contributed art ideas. I really felt excited to add colours to Rachana's stories. I am very thankful to my friends, Deepika and Rachana; also special thanks to Sandhya Deepthi Ma'am who encouraged me so much."

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There lived a person named Ram who lost her mother in his childhood. So his father takes care of him but they are very poor. They lived in a village called Velmal. It was very small and there were no hospitals, medical facilities or even sufficient drinking water. Narsaiah, who is Ram's father always used to think about his son's education because they don't have





Ram decided that he would become a good Cardiologist because it was his mother's dream. Also because his mother suffered from heartache while she died. So he concentrated on studies and scored good marks in SSC and Intermediate. He further wished to pursue higher studies. He completed MBBS as he got a free seat. But Ram sometimes regrets because he doesn't

One day Ram was sitting alone. At that time, his father came and asked why he was seated alone. Ram bewailed about his mother and they both grieved. After a few days, he received good news from his friend that he got a job. He started giving free treatment not only for poor people but for all.





But Ram's father was not happy because he wanted Ram to get married. So he is trying to find the best bride for his son, a person who cares like him. On a good day, Ram's father asked him to get married because he is getting old and he wants to see his grand children and also wishes to play with them. Therefore, Ram agreed to get married and Ram's marriage was very

Ram built a hospital with his wife's support and help. He flourished in his village. Ramya, who is the wife of Ram is always helpful to her husband. She also cares for him as a mother and always respects him. The couple is very kind and Ram is happy to have such a beautiful, caring and understanding wife. They start social service and won many awards.

Moral : Money alone does not give success.



EXAMS



The Lasting Friendship 2

Goldy is a good girl. She completed her tenth class in TSWRJC, Eklara. During her school days, she enjoyed a lot with her friends. After completion of her tenth, she wrote an exam to secure free seat at TSWRDC college but secured less marks. So, she did not show any interest to join the college.

But, she got a seat in KGBV college. She visited the college along with her mother and friend Kavya; both Goldy and Kavya joined the college. They introduced themselves to new friends and spent time happily.





After a few days, Kavya and Goldy started fighting like Tom and Jerry. The fights grew bigger and bigger. Though they stopped talking to each other, they still care about each other. Goldy's classmates thought that they would never talk to each other but Kavya wants to prove it wrong.

Kavya approaches Goldy and they both start talking to each other. Kavya talks to Goldy about what friendship is. It's like a fight between Tom and Jerry but they cannot live without each other and cannot stop caring for each other. Finally, Kavya and Goldy come to a conclusion that if friends are always fighting like Tom & Jerry it doesn't mean that they are enemies but they care for each other.

Moral : Friendship is like a fight between Tom and Jerry but friends care so much for each other.





Naveena was studying 10th class in a government school. Her parents, Swamy and Gangamani were poor but they do a lot of hard work. Naveena started preparing for final exams. She usually wakes up early in the morning to go to school and returns at 7:00 pm. Her mother always anxiously waited for her daughter because the present society is not good and also her daughter is in her

Naveena always secured good marks but her friend Akhila failed to get good score. In this regard, Akhila's parents scolded her a lot. Naveena then said to Akhila, "Dear friend, don't feel sad! Concentrate on your studies and you will surely have a bright future." Akhila said "OK" and they joined a Junior college as they both got free seat in that college.





Their parents felt happy but Akhila's mother always compared her daughter with Naveena as she got good marks in SSC but Akhila never thought about her parent's comparison. She started working hard for Intermediate final exams. On the other hand, Naveena skipped her studies and she completely spent time with friends and mobile.

Akhila worked hard, so she got good marks. Akhila's parents felt very proud and they realised that they must never compare their daughter with other students and each one of them have their own talent. Akhila's parents started encouraging her for higher studies. Eventually, Naveena also started to work hard and also stopped wasting time with friends and mobile.

Moral : Don't compare your children with other children, everyone has their own talent.





Anjali is a good reader. She always went to the library to read books and also attended school daily. She made new friends. Anjali and Shravya became good friends. Anjali is a good story reader so when she comes across any new stories, she starts sharing the stories with her friend, Shravya. And in return, as Shravya is well versed with English grammar, she explains it to Anjali.

Anjali always gives more importance to reading than friendship but Shravya gave more importance to friendship. One day Anjali was reading a book on "How to become a good person", then Shravya said, "lets play a game" but Anjali said "no", so Shravya felt sad because she left her works to play with Anjali because she gives more importance to friendship. Shravya again

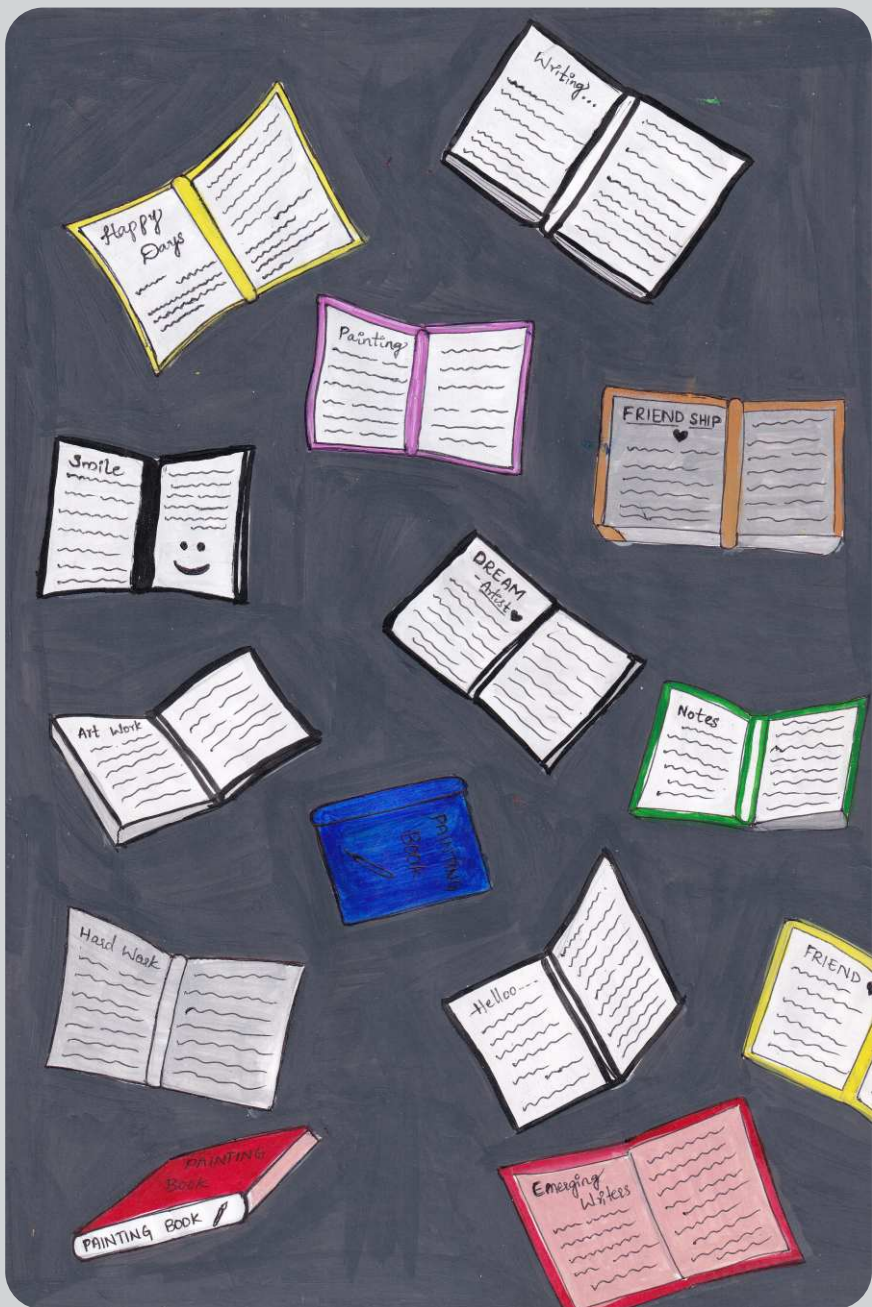




As their exams were approaching, both start preparing for exams. Anjali missed some classes as she went to library, so she asked Shravya to explain the answers. Shravya helps her and they write exams very well. Both of them scored good marks in all the subjects. Anjali starts narrating stories that she had read and they play everyday in playground.

Shravya says to Anjali that reading is a good habit but when you read more, you cannot spend time with friends and also that they cannot get happiness without playing. Shravya proves that reading hundred books is equal to a good friend but a good friend is equal to hundred books.

**Moral : Hundred books are equal to a good friend
but a good friend is equal to hundred books.**

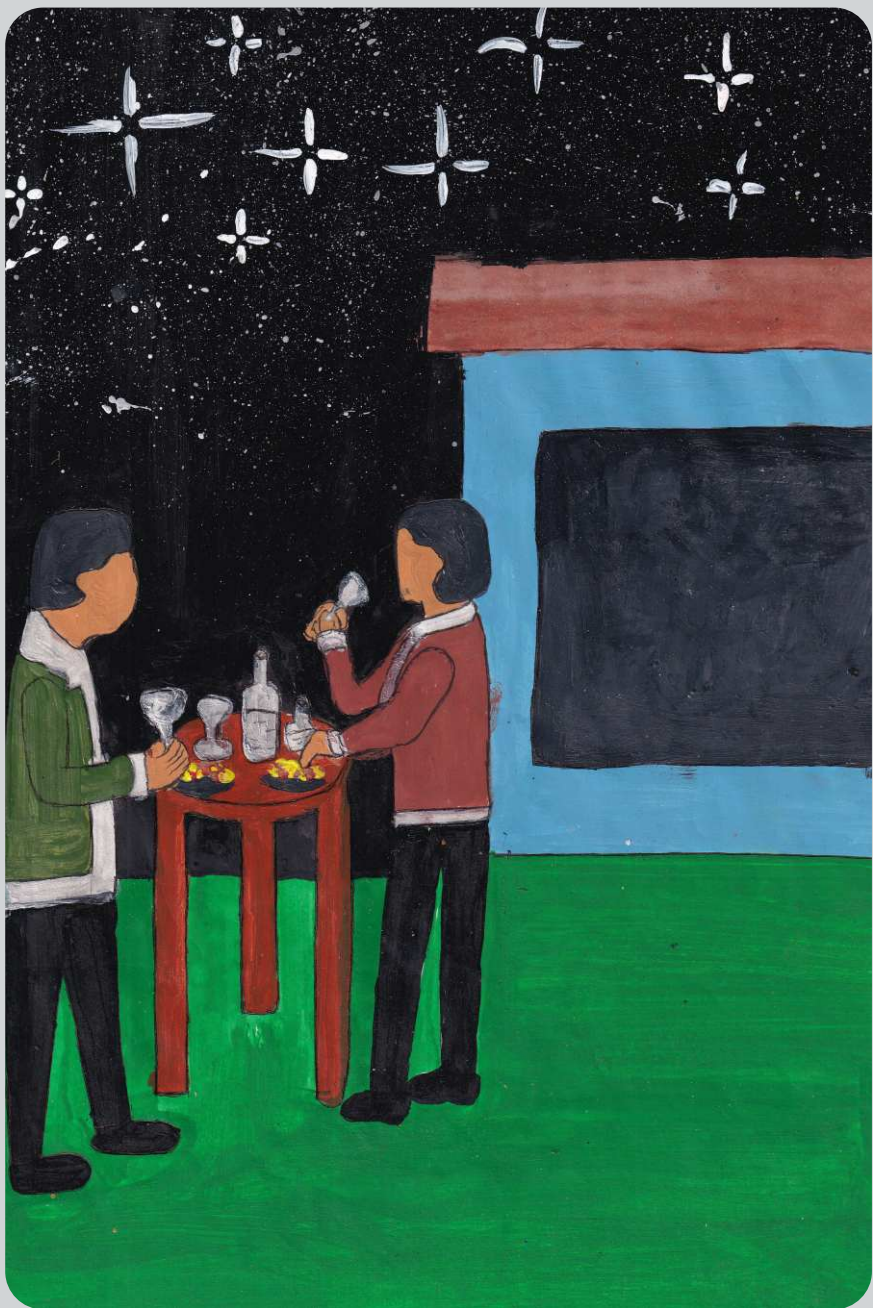




In a picturesque village named Ramavaram, there lives a rich person and a poor person. They are good friends. The rich person's name is Praveen and the poor person's name is Bharath. When Bharath needs any help he approaches Praveen. Praveen is rich and he is good at helping others.

Bharath is a lazy person so Praveen always insists him to engage in some work. But Bharath neglects his words. Praveen is a good friend of Bharath so he always cares about Bharath's life. Praveen offers some work to his friend and Bharat starts working on it.





Bharath slowly becomes rich like Praveen and after a few days they plan to start a new business. Bharath wants to give a grand party to his other friends, so he invites all his friends and they enjoy the party to the fullest. Bharath openly announces that they are ready to start a new business.

But one of his friends provoke him not to start a new business with Praveen and that he would to cheat you in business because Bharath would become equally rich as Praveen. Bharath believes in his friend's words and starts to think about it. And he confesses it to Praveen that he is not interested in starting a new business. Praveen is shocked and asks him the reason. Bharath says that, "I





After a few days Bharath loses his job because he spends most of his time with his friends and eventually he becomes poor. Then Praveen consoles him and offers him a job in his office. Bharath is happy for the new job and apologises to Praveen. They both are happy. Bharath says to Praveen, "I always owe this to you" and that he learned how to live a simple life and think brilliantly in

Moral : Live simply, think brilliantly

Lipsika was a beautiful girl. She was good at helping others. Her friend Hema was more beautiful than Lipsika. They studied in same school and were very good friends. They both were very happy because they scored good marks in all subjects. Hema was blind. She always felt sad as she cannot see this marvellous world and also Lipsika, who was her best friend.

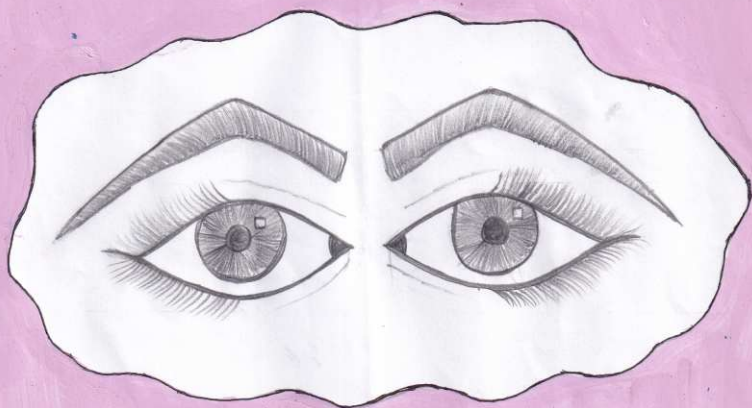




Lipsika tried so much to get good medical treatment for her friend though she doesn't have a job. Lipsika felt very sad because Hema cannot see this beautiful world. During her childhood Hema enjoyed a lot with her because she had eyes. One day Lipsika and Hema went out for a movie and when they were returning from the movie they met with an accident. Hema lost her eyesight.

Lipsika went for higher studies and wanted to get a good job. She decides to do part time job as well for a better life. Lipsika was enjoying a lot with her new friends. She sent money to Hema and they both continued their friendship. After a few days, Lipsika had exams and Hema was waiting for Lipsika's phone call but she did not call her at least once. Hema was very saddened but still





Hema thought that Lipsika forgot her but Lipsika completed her studies and got a good job in campus placements. Lipsika got her first salary, so she decides to get good treatment done for Hema's eyes. They went to the hospital for surgery and operation was successful. Hema regains her eye sight and witnesses this beautiful world and their beautiful friendship as well.

Moral : Beautiful eyes will witness beautiful world.

Once upon a time, there was a village named Annavaram. In that village there was a beautiful couple who were poor but were good at helping others. Ramulu and Uma were very hard working. Opposite to their house, lived a very rich couple, Gangadhar and Swapna. Both the families were living happily.





The rich couple do not mingle with the poor because they think they feel superior to the poor. One day Uma got fever and they didn't have money for treatment and medicine. So, Ramulu went to Gangadhar to ask money for treatment. Gangadhar refuses to give money nor did he ask the purpose for asking money.

So, Ramulu felt sad by the behaviour of Gangadhar and decided to get a better job to meet his family needs. He started searching for a job that pays him well. By God's grace he finds a good job. He already was a good worker. So he daily attended to his job and slowly becomes rich. Ramulu provides best treatment for his wife and they were very happy. Gangadhar saw this and was stunned

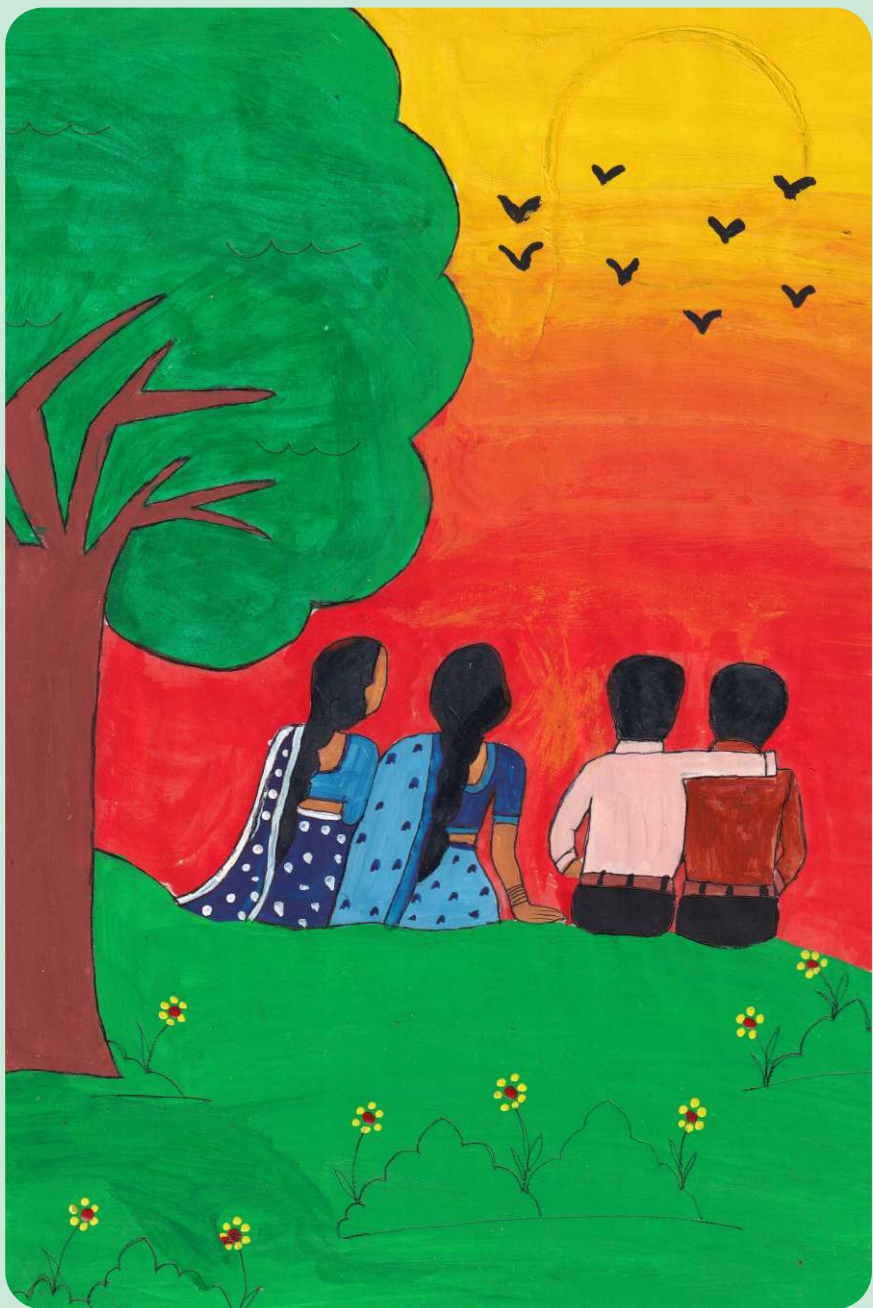




Ramulu wanted to develop his village. After few days, Gangadhar loses his business and falls into great debts. In this situation, Ramulu wanted to help his friend and he gives some money to Gangadhar without him asking for money. Gangadhar felt very happy to receive help from Ramu. He also realises that one must never judge a person by their looks.

Both the families were living very happily and they become good family friends. Gangadhar then starts to mingle with poor people and forgets that he is rich. And also comes to a realisation that one must stop seeing the difference between poor and rich.

Moral : Never judge a person by their looks.





Rishi was a good person and had a good family. He had a friend called Chanakya. Chanakya doesn't have a family, he lives with his friend Rishi. Rishi's parents are good at helping, so they treat Chanakya also as their son. They joined Rishi in a good school but Chanakya feels sad because he doesn't have parents to care for his education. Yet, he was happy with Rishi and

They both completed Intermediate from a good college, and both were interested to prepare for EAMCET exam and writes the exam. Rishi get less marks compared to his friend Chanakya, so he feels sad. Chanakya asks him not to feel bad irrespective of him securing a free seat or getting into a good college, because says that he would never go anywhere without Rishi.





Rishi felt thankful for their friendship and replied to Chanakya that, “we are best friends and I feel very proud to see you in a good position.” Fortunately, to their surprise, both of them get admitted into the same college and their happiness knew no bounds. They both go to the city for higher studies. Chanakya feels that if he had parents, he could share his happiness with his

During their stay at the city, they enjoyed a lot. After few days they happen to celebrate Chanakya's birthday. Chanakya's friends asked him to introduce his parents to them. Listening to this, Chanakya did not talk anything and walked away. Rishi went to Chanakya and said, "you know that our life is like a Maths text book and every problem has a solution. So if you have any problem share with me because I am your family."

Moral : A good friend is equal to a good family

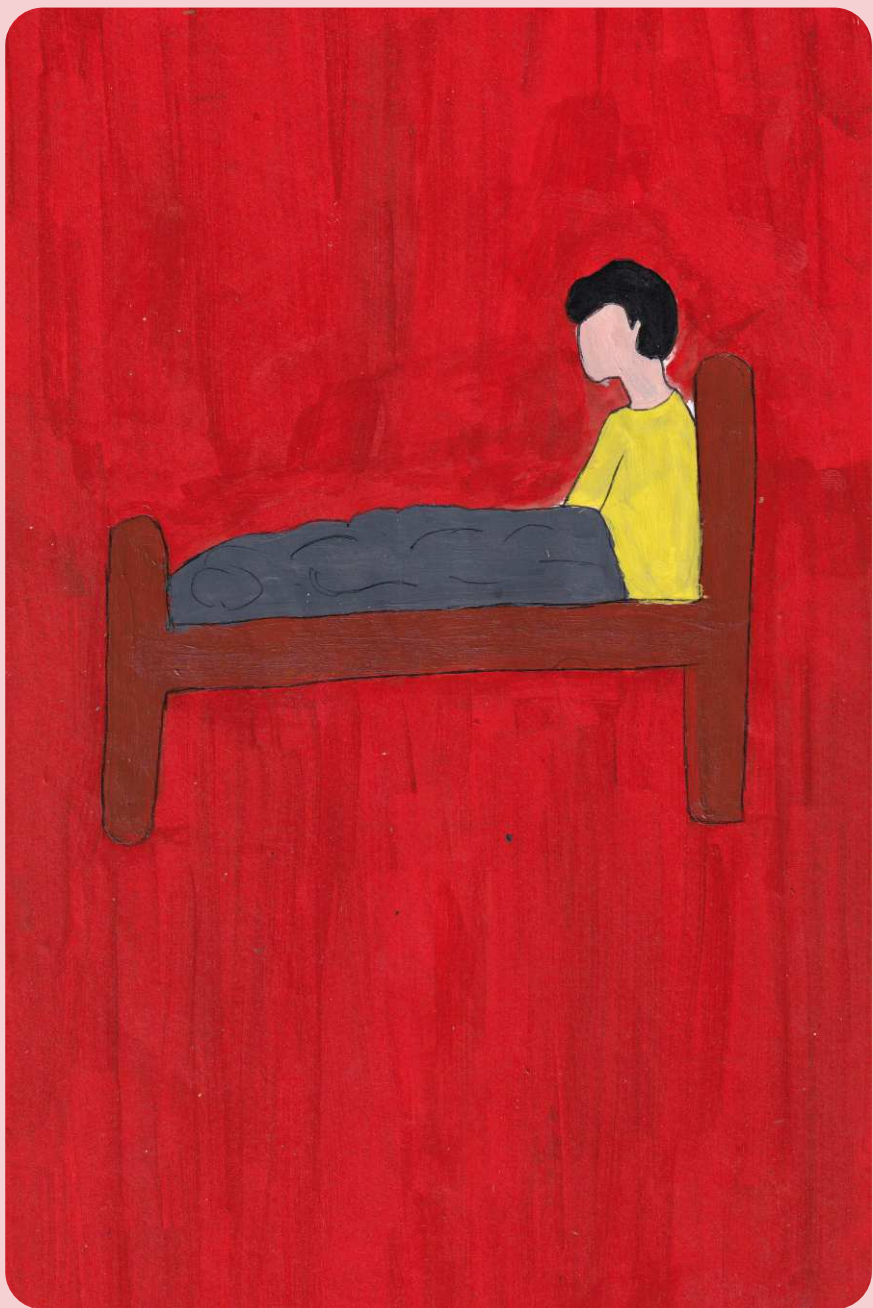




Once upon a time there was a small village named Rajampalli. In that village, a beautiful couple were living happily. After a long time, they gave birth to a cute little baby boy. They felt very happy. After a few days Ranjith and Vishala wanted to give a beautiful name to their son. They both invited guests to celebrate a grand party. Guests arrived and also Ranjith's sister came and

Vineeth started growing up and his parents decided to send him to a good school. Vineeth's father joined him in a school and he started going to school every day. He made good friends and they played together happily. Vineeth never hesitated to go to school. His parents were happy to see this. He studied well and scored good marks in all exams.

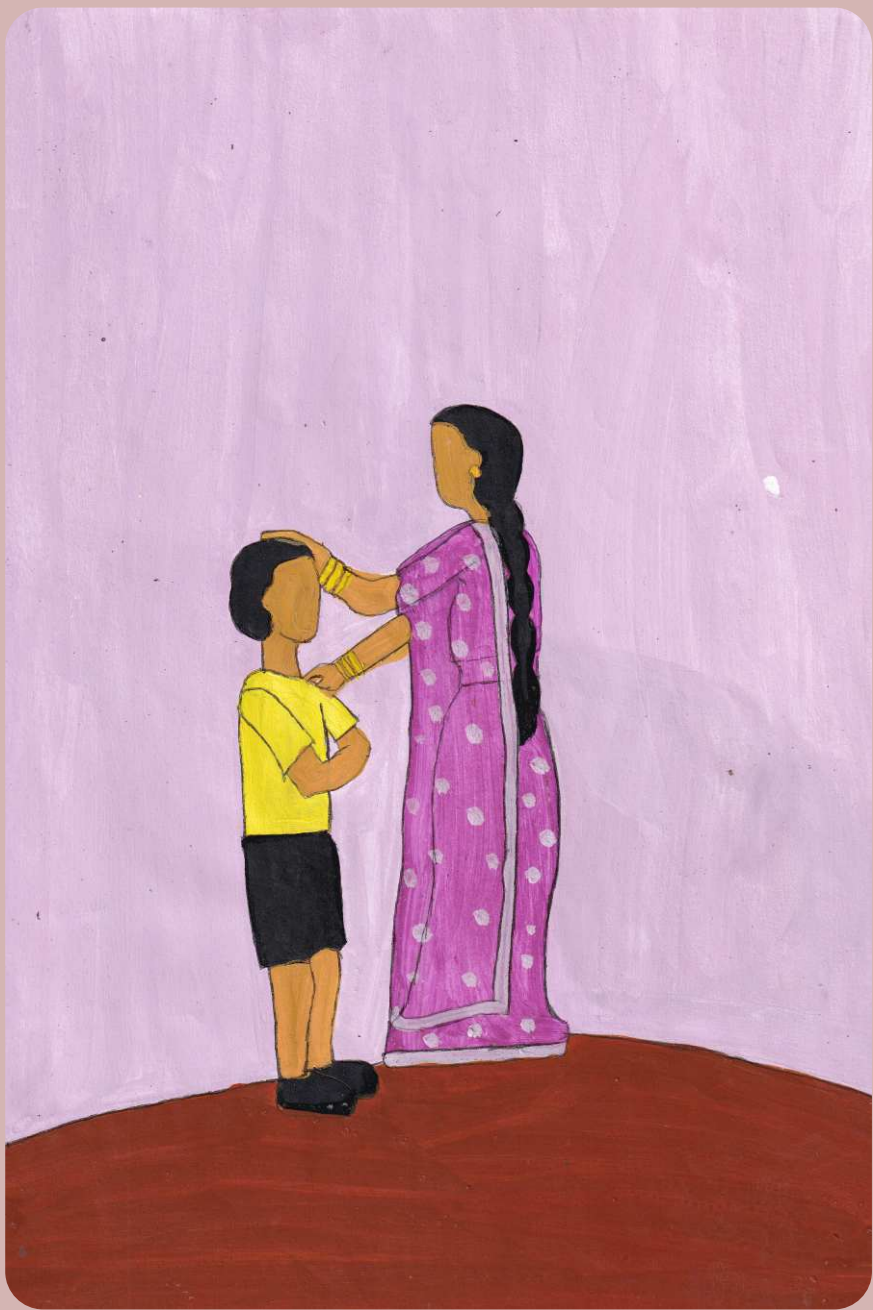




After few days,one of his friends stopped coming to school. Vineeth was worried about him and approached his parents to find out about his absence. Their parents had found out that the friend's mother was suffering from fever and they don't have money to buy medicines.Vineeth's parents then decides to help the friend's mother. They also tell Vineeth's friend that,"Don't feel sad dear, if you need money we can help you as you are our Son's friend.

Ranjith and Vishala tell both the kids that, “Our life is like a book, God had already written two pages—the first and last page, i.e. about the birth and about the death. God gave us a choice to fill the middle pages. We can fill them with good deeds and happy memories.” Both Vineeth and his friend thought about what Vineeth's parents said and began to trust more in their friendship.

Moral : A good family always encourage good deeds.





Once upon a time there was a beautiful village, in that village two best friends Rachana and Sandhya lived together happily. They both didn't have parents so they cared for each other. As the time passed, they decided to go to a hostel to pursue their studies, so they wrote the entrance exam and got admitted into the hostel. They made new friends.

The college encouraged students to take flipped classes, and each day one student took charge of teaching. Raju and Ravi were good at Maths in their class. Students formed as two groups in the class. The opposition group always quarrelled with Rachana and Sandhya's group. During a quarrel, one student challenges Rachana and Sandhya if they can take a flipped class



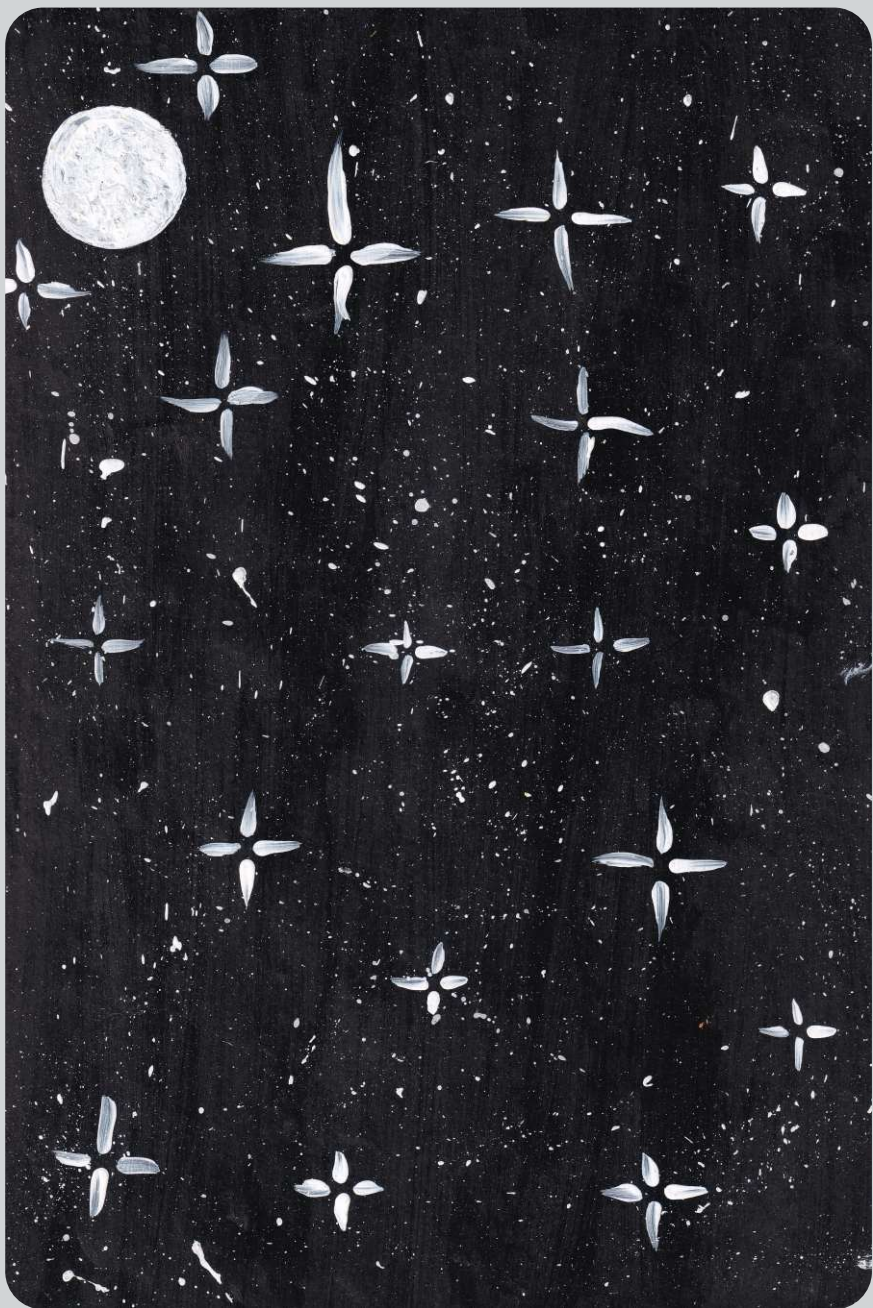


After few days they had exams. The opposite group students were absent for some classes. In this situation, they couldn't find anyone but Rachana to help them with the missed classes. So, they wanted to seek Rachana's help. They realised that what they did was wrong and asked Rachana to excuse them. Rachana and Sandhya, with a big heart had forgiven their classmates who

After the exams, all the students were happy and wanted to celebrate a farewell party. Everyone called their parents to bring a dress for the party but Rachana and Sandhya didn't have parents so they felt sad and sat alone. The classmates came to them and asked, "what happened? why do you look so sad? They both said nothing. Their friends wiped their tears and asked them not to feel

Moral : Forgiveness and gratitude are the greatest gifts one can have.

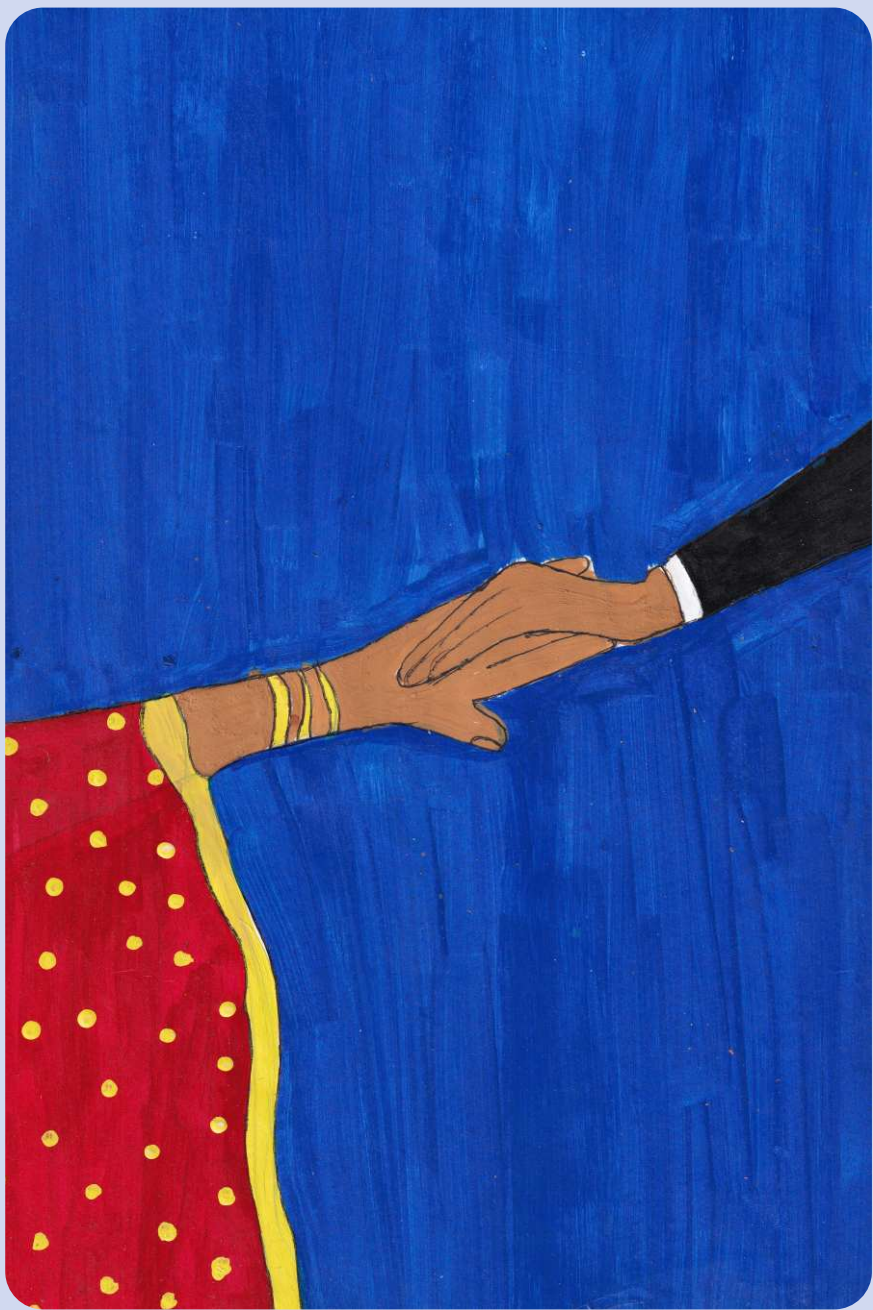




Vivek, a nine year old sat on the steps of his house. While playing with ball he saw many stars and called out his mother. His mother wondered why he was calling her. He called her again, so his parents got a bit worried and asked him, why are you calling us so much? Then Vivek pointing to the sky says, "Mom look at the sky! The stars are shining and the night is so beautiful with

Then his mother asked, "shall we go to the zoo park tomorrow?" Vivek felt very happy. They finished their dinner and got things ready to go zoo park the next day. As planned, they went to the zoo park and Vivek was very happy to see different types of animals and birds. His mother showed Vivek a beautiful aquarium in which all sorts of colourful fishes and marine creatures were





After a few days he went to school. He was an obedient student and scored good marks in all subjects. His parents always felt very proud and they decided to send him to a hostel for better education. Vivek too felt happy about his parent's decision and decided to go to the hostel. However, his parents were worried about their son because they loved him a lot. Vivek promised his

At the hostel, Vivek made new friends and played happily. He shared his feelings with his friends but sometimes he missed his parents. He never cried because he promised his parents. As the exams approached, he got very busy with preparation. The students explained lessons to each other and attempted the exams well. After the exams, they planned to celebrate a party with everyone's parents and Vivek wanted to invite his parents too. He gave a speech about his parents and told everyone about the beautiful stories his mother narrated to him during his childhood. Also, he shared his experience at the zoo, especially how he was fascinated by the aquarium. He says that life is beautiful

Moral : Mothers love is pure,so don't neglect it in any situation.Make your parents proud.





Priya and Prakash are lived in a small village named Bheemavaram. Prakash's brother, Rakesh lived in town. Prakash was a good farmer. He did a lot of hard work. He loved plants and everyday went to his fields to water the plants. After a long time they gave birth to a cute little boy. They felt very happy to see him grow up. The couple had to celebrate a festival and to meet the festival expenses,

After the festival, they the couple got worried about returning the money. So, Prakash asked his brother Rakesh to help them. But his brother gave them only little amount with which they couldn't clear the entire debt. Prakash was worried about his debts. Prakash started selling vegetables and fruits that they planted in his garden. Slowly he gained money and he cleared all his loans. Prakash's brother Rakesh asked him, "how could you clear your debts though I

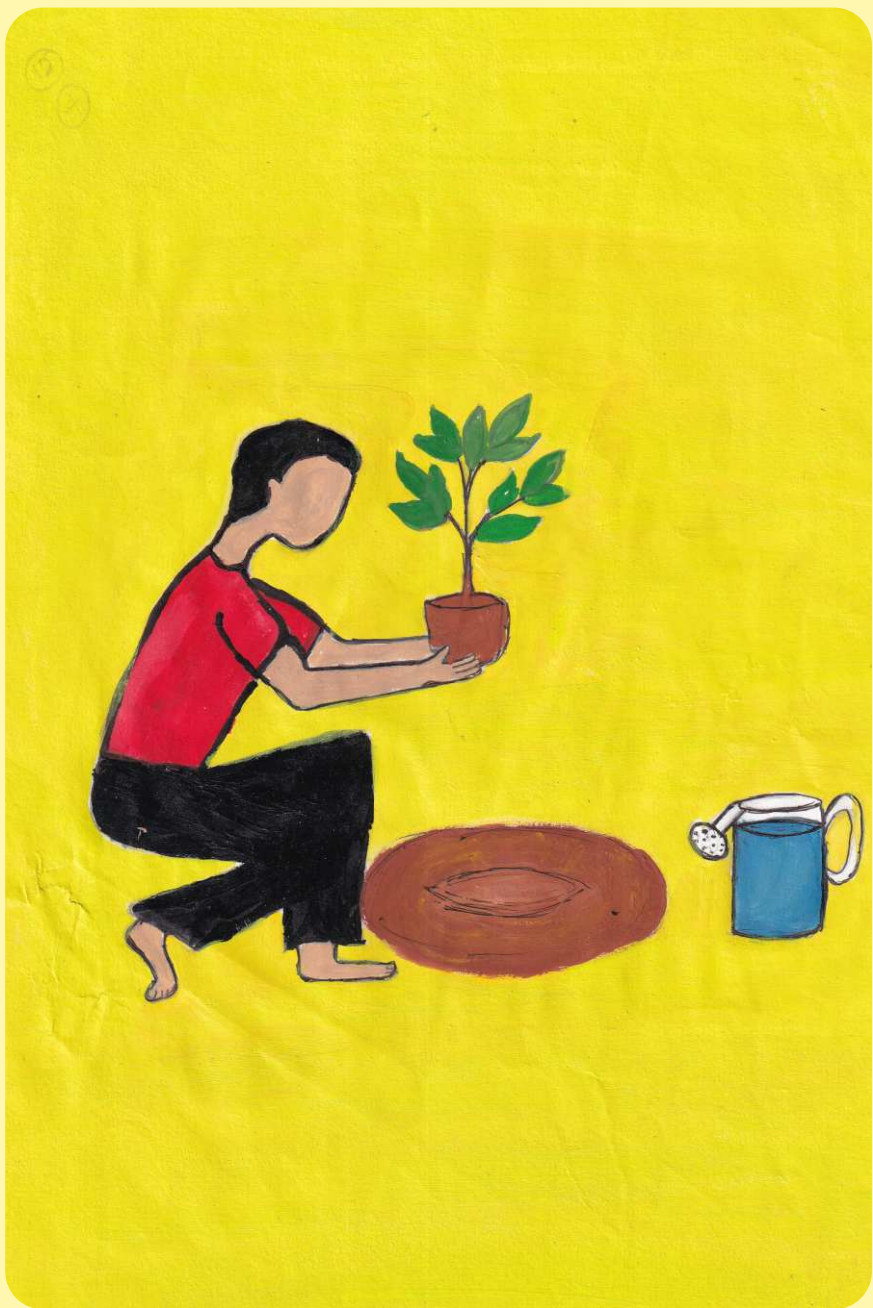


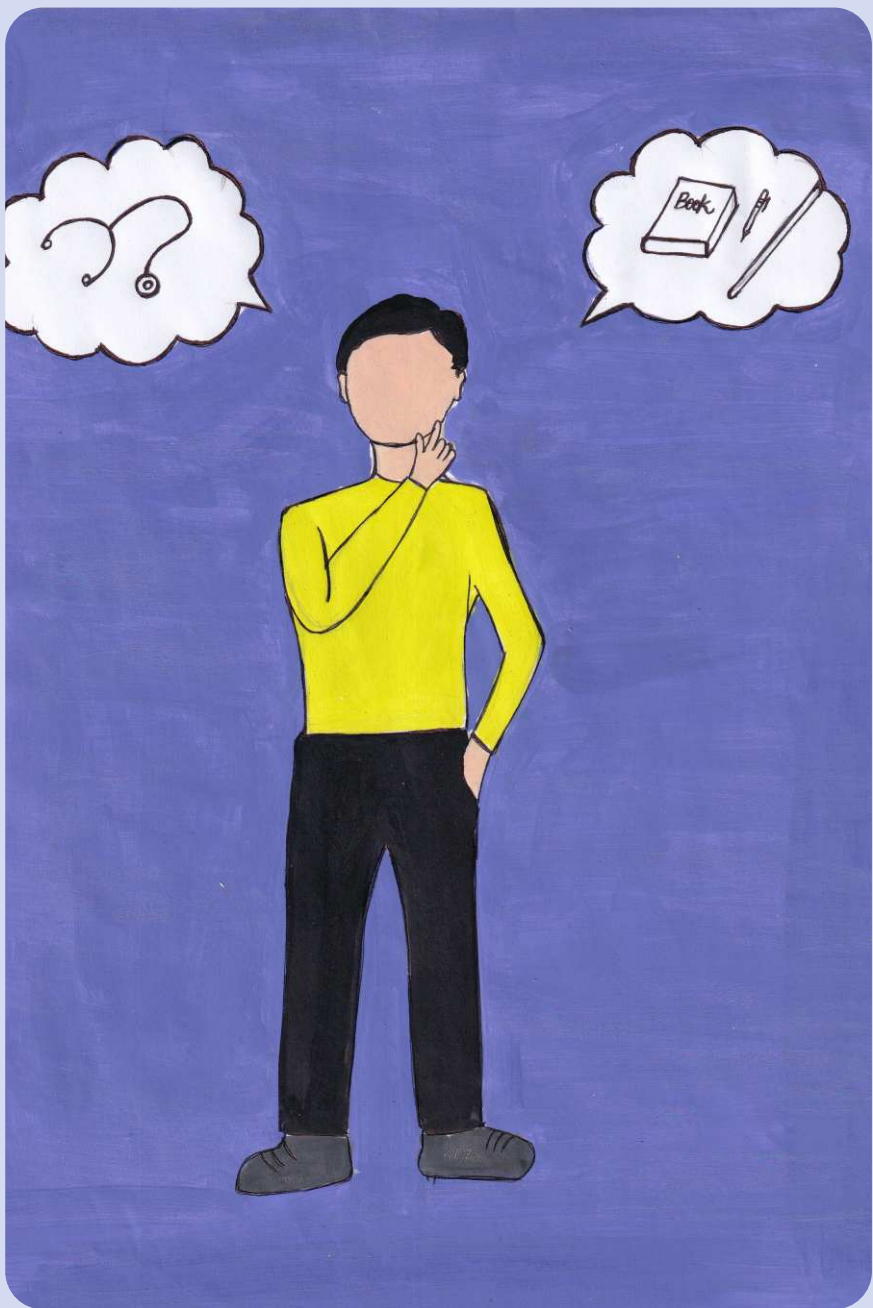


A few years passed by. Prakash's son, Sriyansh grew up and started going to school. As Prakash was becoming old, he wanted his son to take care of the garden because without the garden they cannot meet their expenses. Prakash asked his son to water the plants everyday and Sriyansh obeys his father. They sold vegetables and fruits and were happy.

But after few days, Sriyansh stopped watering the plants and the plants started to die. The family couldn't sell the vegetables anymore which is their only source of income. Then Prakash asked his son, "why have we lost our garden?" Then Sriyansh begged his father to pardon him and confessed his mistake. He regrets that he couldn't water the plants regularly. Prakash consoles Sriyansh, and tells him that nature is a good friend. When we take care of it, it gives good result but when we neglect it will yield bad result. On

**Moral : Doing mistake is not at all a mistake
but not realising it is a big mistake.**





Once upon a time there was a village, Neela. In that village there lived a beautiful couple, Saahas and Manvitha. Saahas had a good job and earned good money. The couple lived happily. During his childhood, Saahas wanted to become a good doctor but his father did not agree to it and compelled him to become a good teacher. Saahas fulfilled his father's wish. The couple gave

Sahas cared a lot for his daughter and he bought everything she wished for. Rithwika grew up and started attending her high school. She made more new friends at school and she was good at studies too. Sahas wanted Rithwika to become a good doctor. After completing her SSC, she was compelled by her dad to take up Bi.PC. Though she was really not interested in Bi.PC, she pursued it only to fulfil her father's wish. She performed well and scored good marks





Saahas purchased a lot of books for Rithwika to prepare for NEET. During her preparation, she always enjoyed listening to music. Also, she attended music classes in between, but never revealed it to her father. As the exams approached, she started to focus on preparation. But around the same time, she also had to participate in a singing competition. As Rithwika had to shift her focus more towards singing, she couldn't prepare well for the NEET exam and eventually did not

So Saahas curious about Rithwika's performance in NEET, asked her how she had done the exam? She fearfully discloses that she didn't attend the exam. Saahas is shocked and gets very upset and scolds Rithwika for her negligent attitude. Rithwika also felt very bad and sobbed uncontrollably. She apologised to her father and told him that she is interested more in singing. Saahas understood his daughter's interest. He forgives her and encourages her towards

Moral :Don't impose your dreams on your children because they have their dreams to achieve.





Once upon a time there was a beautiful village named Chandur. The village was very peaceful with beautiful garden in every home. In that village, there lived a lovely couple named Ashmitha and Eshwar. They always planted new plants and made their garden more attractive. After few months, they gave birth to baby boy and named him Harsha. They all lived happily together.

One day Eshwar fell sick and they did not have money for the treatment. When he approached his friends for money, he couldn't find any help. With the suggestion of his elders, he found some medicinal plants in his garden and started to prepare a medicine from it. Few days after using the medicine from his garden, he was completely cured. Eshwar felt very happy.





Harsha grew up and started going to school. He was told by his father to water the plants everyday. He was good at studies and he participated in all activities and played with his friends. Every night Harsha's father narrated him stories about nature. One day, Harsha and his father went to a garden to see different flowers. As they took a stroll in the garden, Harsha asked his father the difference between 'like' and 'love'? Eshwar answers, "when you like a flower just you

Harsha understands the value of nature and always watered the plants without skipping. In the process, he develops a bond with each and every plant in their garden. He also started planting a new plant on each of his birthday. He distributed plants on every occasion as well. His father felt very proud about Harsha's patience towards caring for the plants as well as his love towards nature.

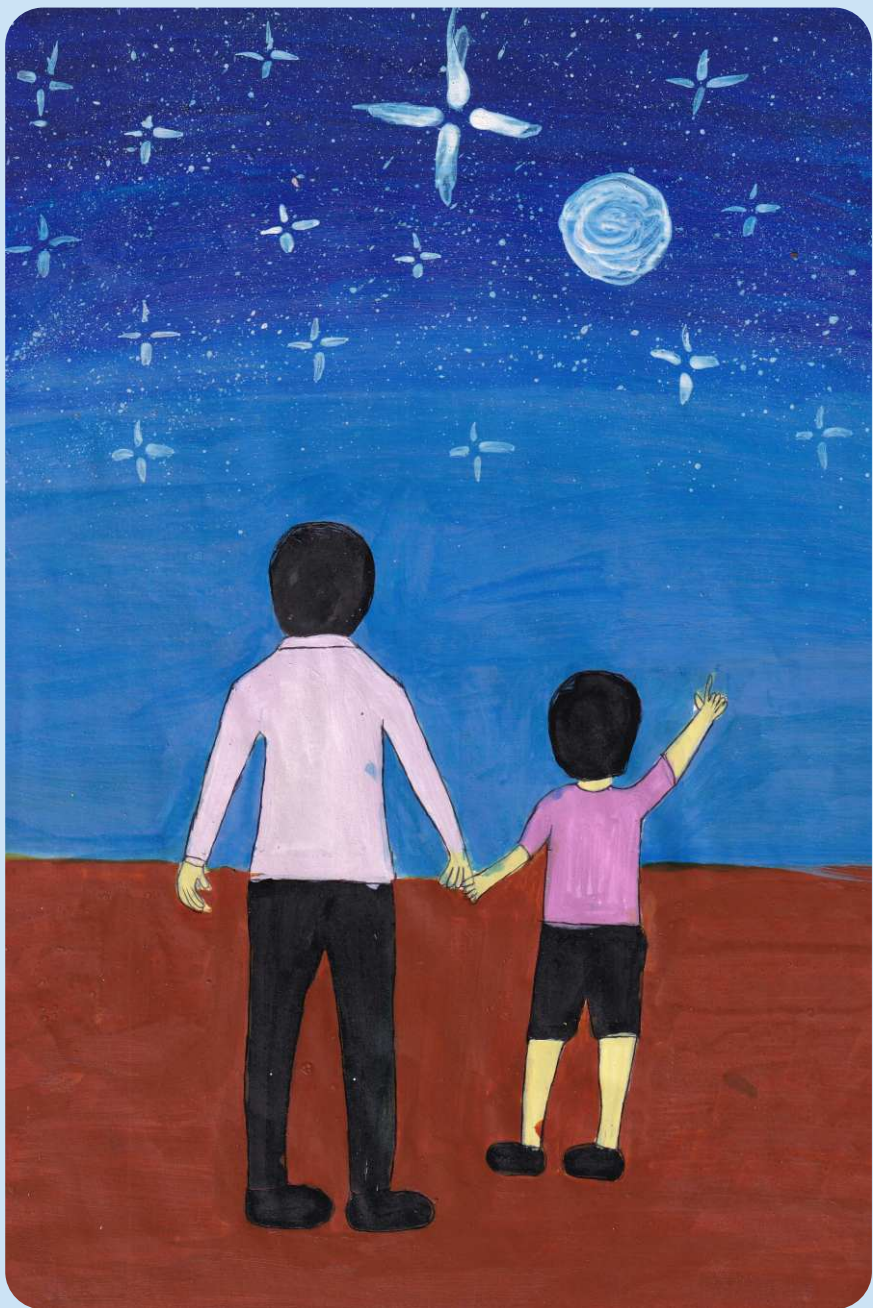
Moral : Sow a new plant but don't cut an old tree.





Arjun and Preethi are very poor, but they work every day. One day Arjun's friend called him to find a job for him. So he began to search for a job for him. Arjun is a hard worker and also helps everyone around him. After few days Arjun and Preethi gave birth to a cute little baby boy. They always wished to spend time happily with their baby boy, but they couldn't do it as they are always occupied

Their baby boy completed 5 months. The boy's name is Rajashiva. They felt that the money they get is not sufficient to meet their needs. What they get is not enough because their son was growing up and they also must put him in a good school. Rajashiva always played with his father, and he enjoyed when his father narrated stories. After few days, they all celebrated Rajashiva's birthday



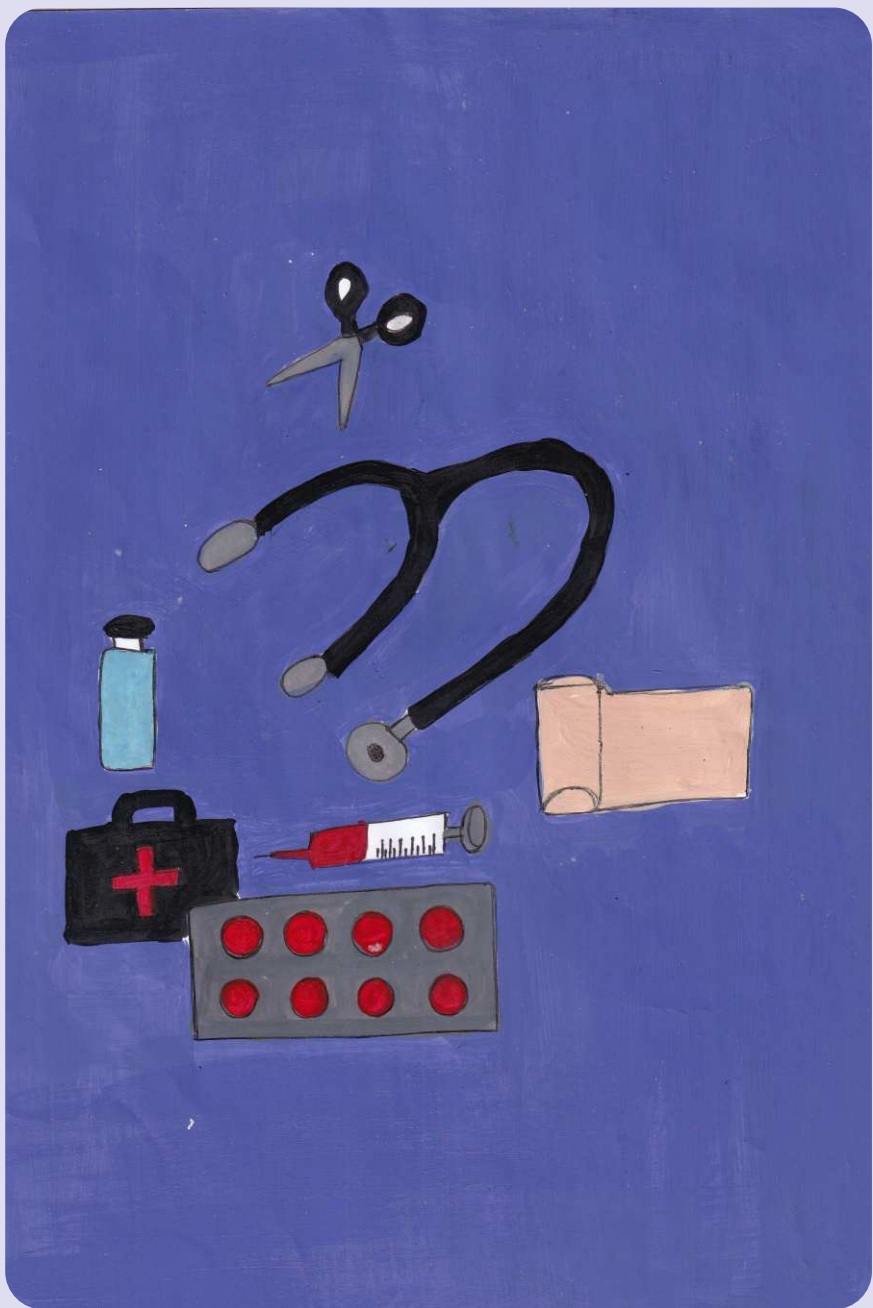


As the time passed by, Rajashiva has grown up into a young lad. He went to hostel for higher studies and his father felt sad because he can no more spend time with his son, but on the other side, he also thinks of his son's bright future and encourages him. After his graduation, Rajashiva got a good job and the family is very happy to know. He attended to his work daily at another place and made sure that he spoke to his parents everyday over phone. After he received his first salary, he felt very proud and sent the money to his parents every month. But after

They consoled themselves that he is busy with his work, so they never dared to disturb him. One day Arjun, Rajashiva's dad called him and tells him that we never expect any money from you but we long for your affection and wish that you spend time with us. It is the only way you can make us happy. Rajashiva realises that his parents never desired his money, but they only longed for

**Moral Our parents never want our money
but they only wish for our love.**

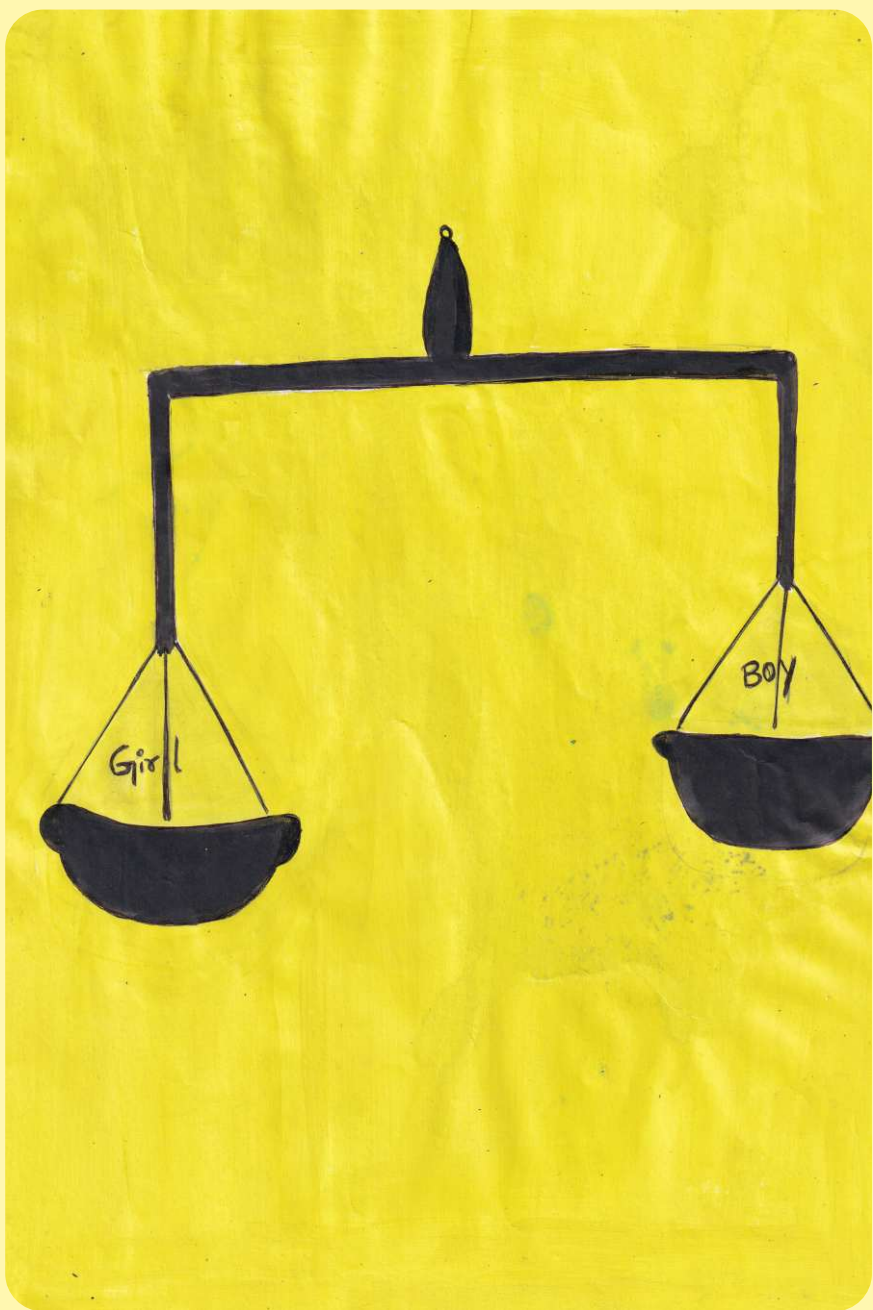




Vijay and Harisha are a beautiful couple. They lived together very happily in Nandipet village. The village is very small, but has a very pleasant environment with beautiful gardens in every home. Vijay is a doctor by profession and is inclined towards helping the poor. He gives free treatment for the people in his village.

Harisha works as a teacher and she has to do more work than her husband but she never felt tired. They both attended to their works but Harishahas got more work than her husband as she has to take care of cooking and cleaning the house.



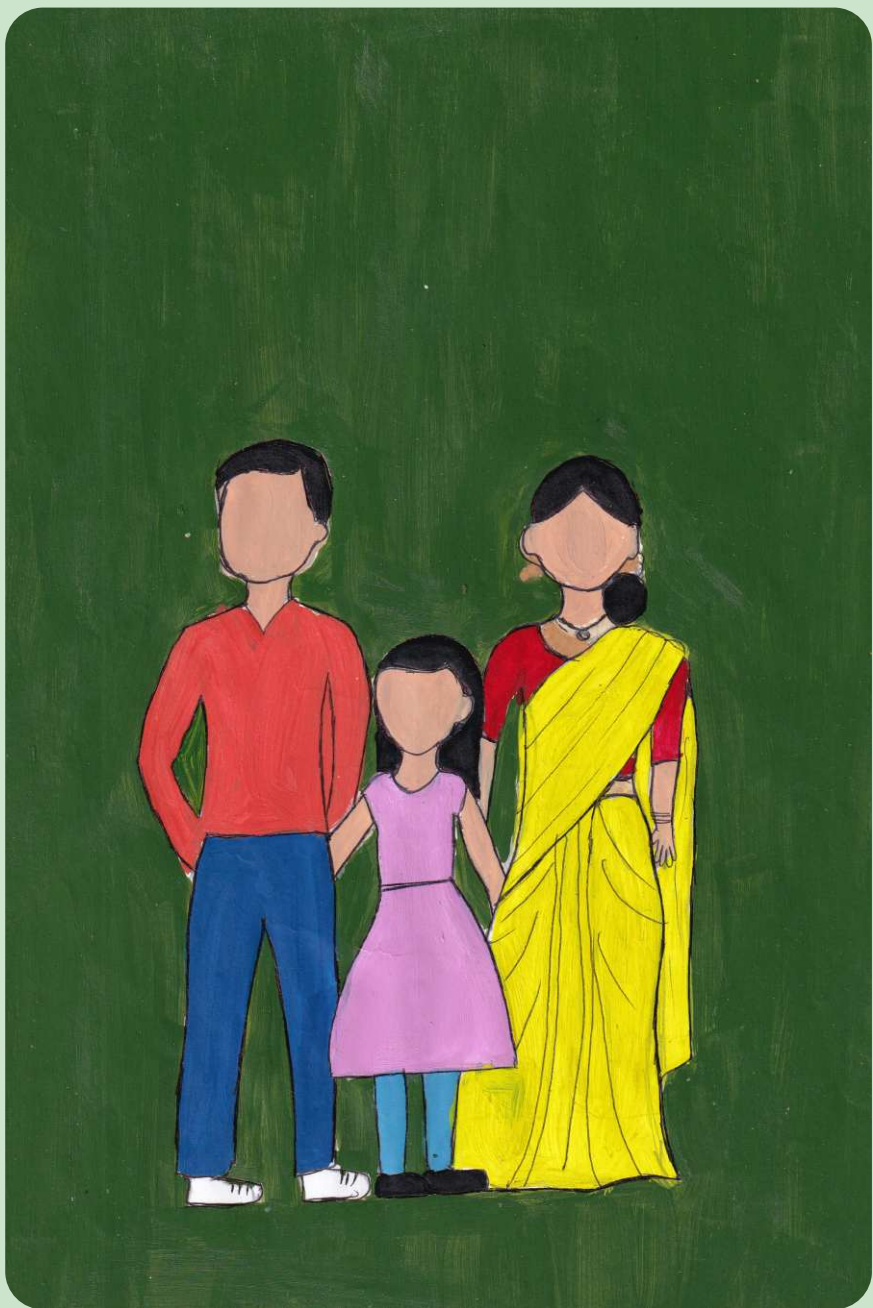


After a long time they give birth to a baby girl. They wanted to celebrate her birthday, so they invited her family members and the celebrations went on very well. They named their daughter as 'Pinky'.Pinky's mother worked a lot in the birthday party and everyone appreciated her work more than Vijay. He felt guilty because he always thought that men are great than women.

One day as Vijay suffered from fever, Harsha takes leave for a week and takes special care of her husband and also she managed the household work. Their daughter Pinky also helped her mother. Vijay was surprised to see how his daughter worked and help her mother. He then realised that women are not less than men in every aspect and change his opinion

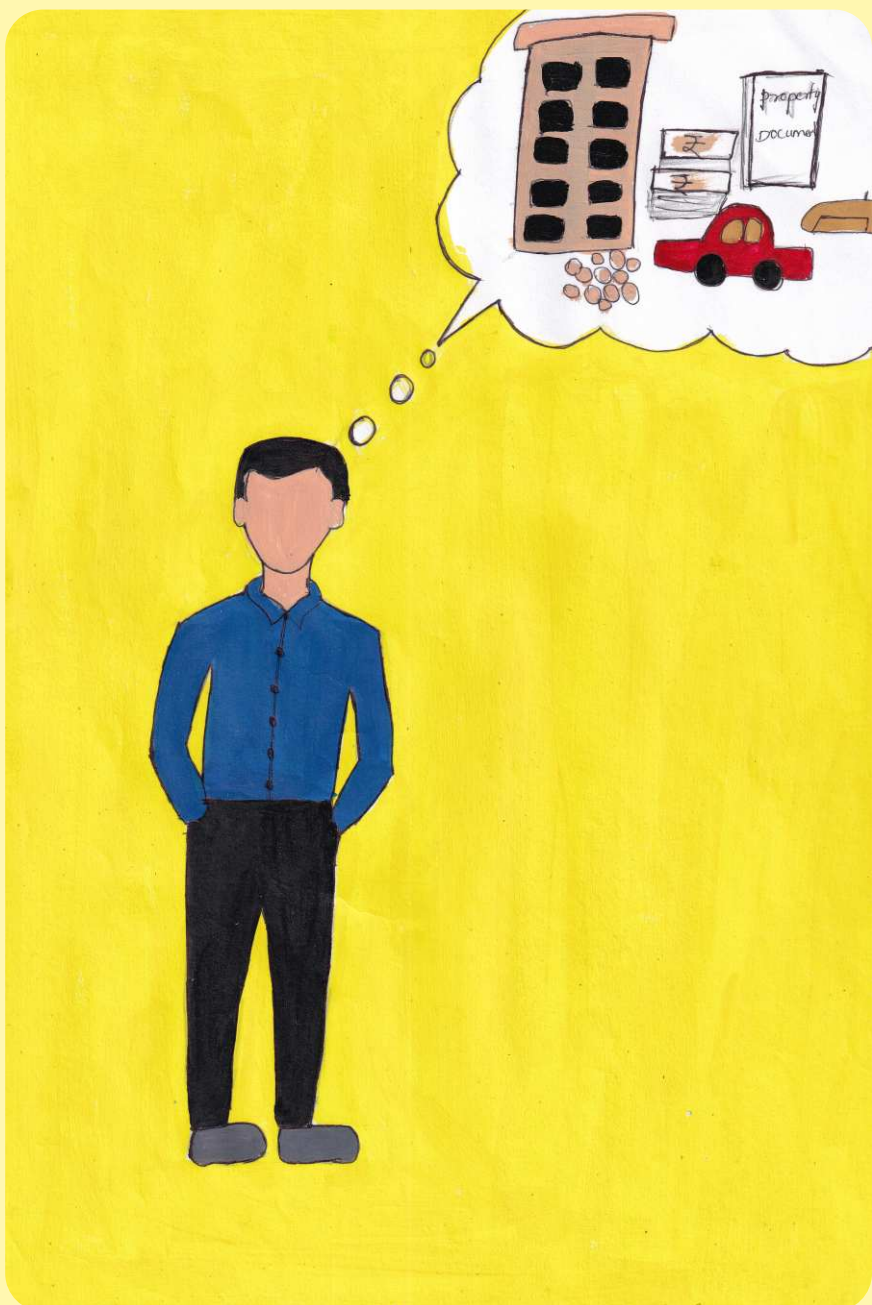
**Moral A girl or a woman is not a tension,
they are equal to ten sons.**

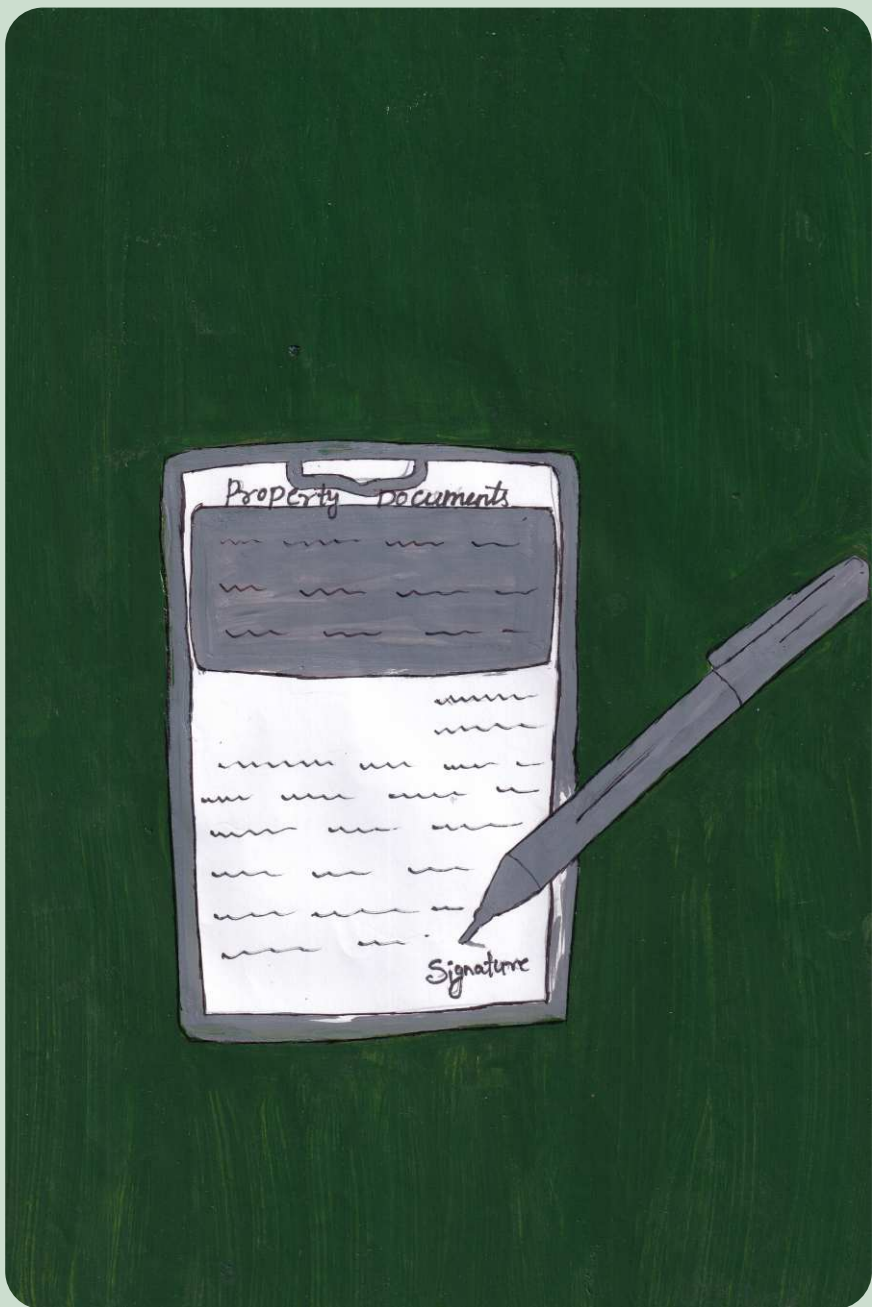




Chinni is a beautiful girl and lived in a village called Annaaram. They are very rich and her parents were good at helping others. She spent most of her time with her parents and loved them a lot. Unfortunately, on one evening her parents died in an accident. So Chinni's responsibility was taken up by her uncle Vishal who is poor.

Greedy about Chinni's property and possessions, Vishal took care of Chinni like a father. As she struggled to cope with the loss, Vishal stood by her and consoled her. He joined Chinni in a good school and cared for her more than anything. Every single day he dropped and picked her from the school. Chinni was very happy to receive her uncle's love and care.





On one fine day, he asked Chinni to sign on the property papers and connived her that he is struggling with many financial problems. As Chinni was very kind towards her uncle she readily signed on the papers. After few days, her uncle started to avoid her presence and also did not provide proper food and clothing to her. Chinni felt very sad.

She decided to leave home and joined in a hostel to pursue further studies. Also she told her uncle that she is never going to come back. Vishal is a good person but his greed for money made him behave him such a way. He too felt very sad for so many days without Chinni. One day, he visits Chinni and Vishal and asked her how she was. She said that she is doing great with a happy face. They both

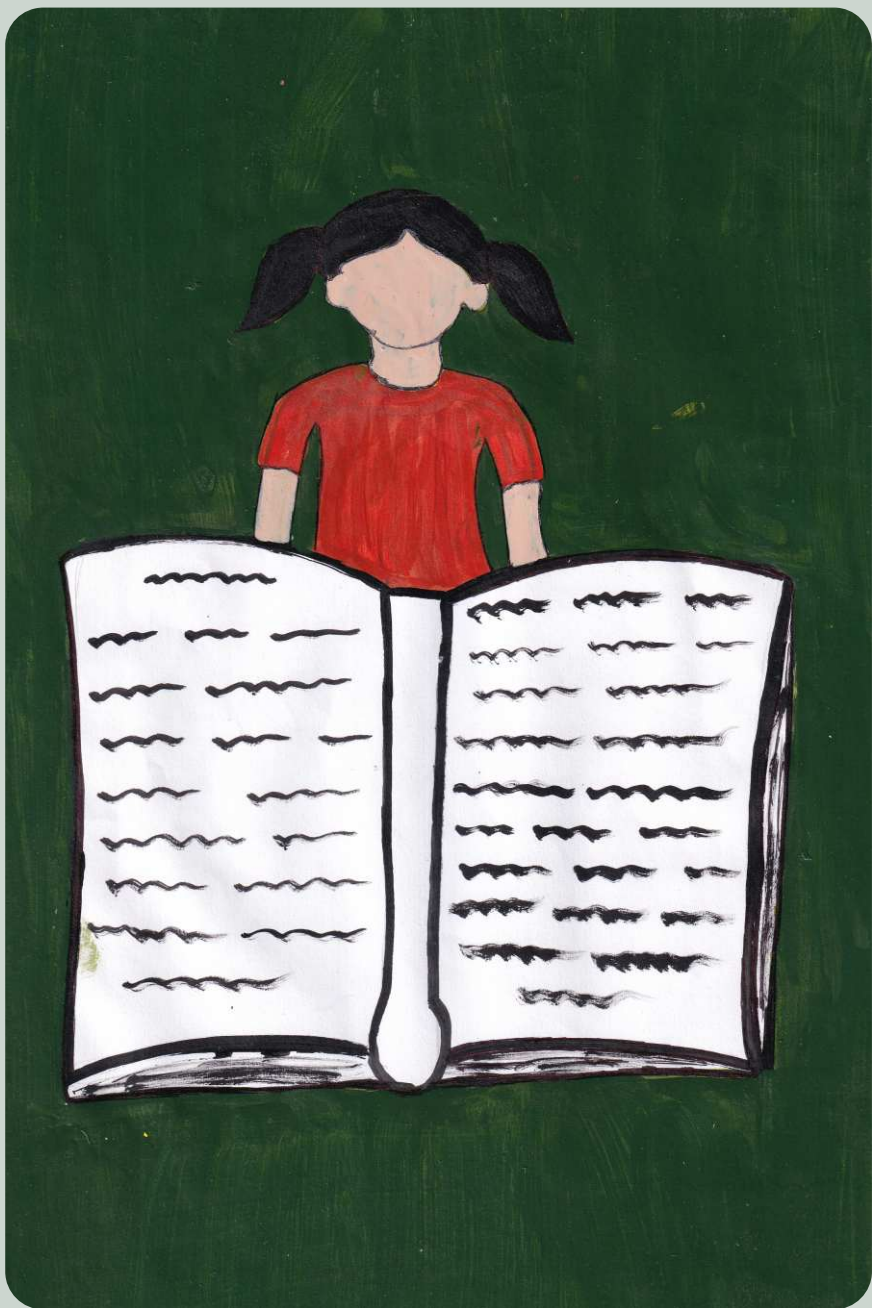




Suddenly Vishal asked if she knew about the paper he insisted her sign on. She smiled and said that she knows what those papers are. Chinni tell him that, "Uncle I never need property, because you treated me just like my dad and that is enough to me. Your care towards me has made me remember my dad's love. But when you stopped talking to me, I was devastated but I pull myself together started to concentrate on studies. I tried my best to get a good job and I finally secured one and proved myself." Vishal felt bad for what had happened and

Moral Never try to cheat anyone as they completely believe in you.

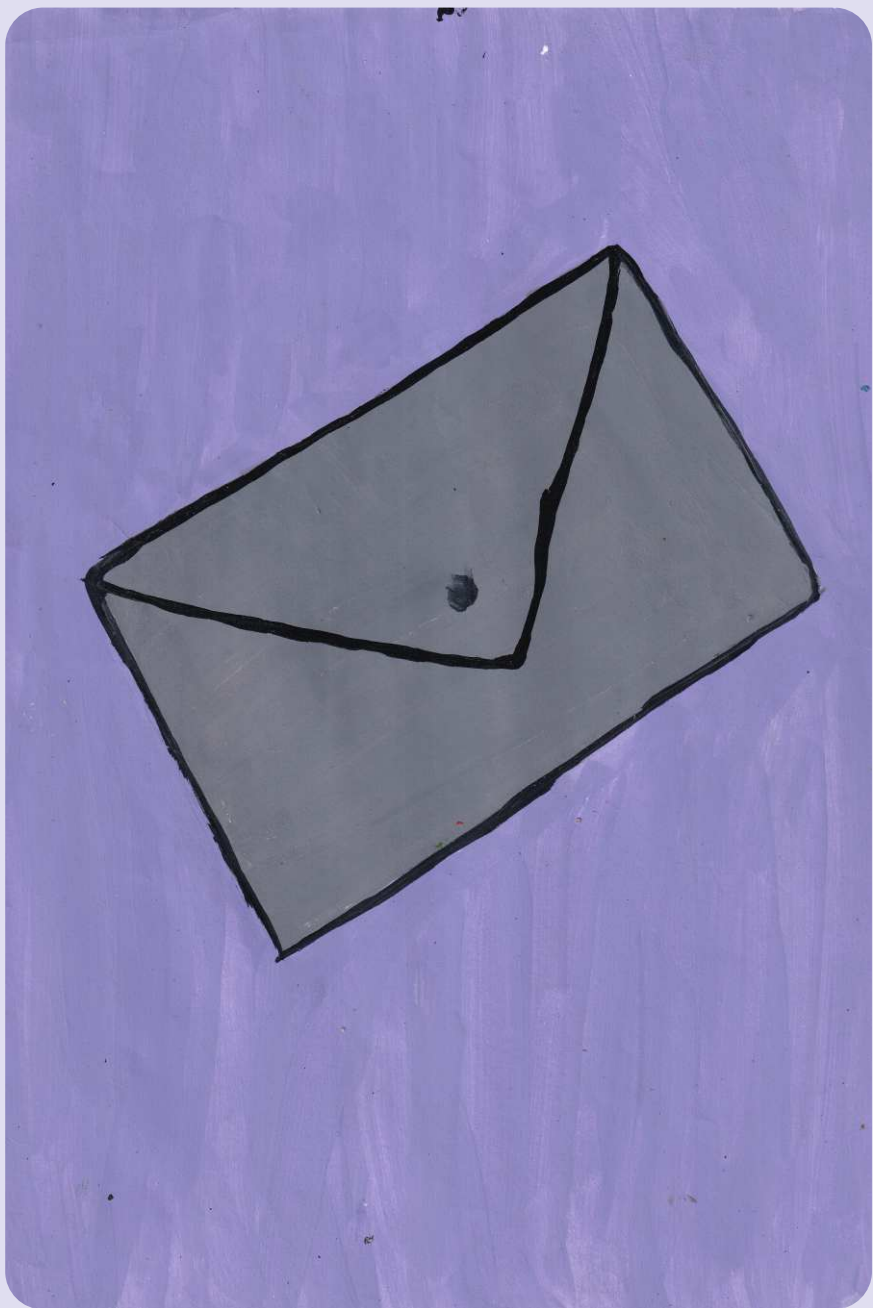
Chandu and Chaitra are charming couple. They live in Kothapalli village. In that village there are no schools, so they go to another village for studies. Chandu and Chaitra have two children. The boy is named Shiva and the girl is named Navya. The couple are very poor and they do not even have enough food and clothes for basic needs. Navya has interest in studies but her parents never sent her to school as they felt girls do not need education. They encouraged Shiva





Navya is always confined to doing household chores but she always believed that girls are equal to boys. She requested her parents but they never allowed her to study. One day she asked his brother to teach what he learnt at school. So her brother started teaching Navya. Shiva always enjoyed playing with friends and is poor at studies. Sometimes Navya helps her brother with homework when their parents

One day the father gets a letter from his friend but he couldn't read it as he is illiterate. At that time Navya goes to his father and reads the letter to him. She tells his father what the letter is about and he is surprised to know. Although she is not going to school, she reads easily.





Her father asks Navya if she is interested to go to school. She immediately agrees to her father's proposal. So the parents decide to send Navya to school and they realised that they made a big mistake by stopping her from attending school. Navya started going to school and she felt proud of herself as she scored more marks than Shiva. Because Shiva never cared about his studies

Moral A girl can achieve anything if she is given a chance.

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