



TOPIC: Vyaktitva Nirmana

| Value | Age Group | Type of illustration |
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| Patience | G3: 6, 7 & 8 | Classroom Discussions |

The teacher enters the class and narrates a story on Patience.

Once there was a king in Bharat. He used to travel in his kingdom to know the problems of his people. Once the King was returning back to his Kingdom from a visit to a nearby town. He had to pass through the forest. The whole day, he and his troop of soldiers were traveling and were tired by the evening. At that moment, he found a deer moving around. It captivated the King's attention. In order to catch the deer, he hurriedly went behind the deer leaving the soldiers behind. It became dark and shortly he lost his way back to the soldiers.

He kept walking and climbed onto a small hillock. He looked around from the small hilltop but could not find any trace of people. After sometime, at a distance he found light shining. He moved in the direction of the light and found a hut. He saw an old lady cleaning the place outside the hut. Seeing him, she welcomed him into the hut and gave him water.

She spread a mat and asked the King to relax. She did not know that it was the King who had arrived. The King relaxed for some time. The old lady brought some cooked rice and dal and gave it to the King in a plate. The King who was hungry put his fingers into the hot food. His fingers got burnt, and some food spilled outside the plate.

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The teacher pauses and asks a few questions...

1. Do you think it was advisable for a King to venture out alone in the jungle trying to catch the deer?
 2. What quality does that suggest of the King?
 3. The old lady welcomed the King who was a stranger and offered him water and food. What does that indicate about the lady's behavior?
 4. Why do you think the King burnt his fingers and spilt food?
 5. How do you think a person should have his meal?
 6. Do you also eat in a hurry when you are very hungry? Do you think it is right?
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The teacher continues the story...

The old lady looked at him and smiled, "Oh! You are impatient and hasty just like our King. That is why you have burnt your fingers".

The King was surprised to hear this. He asked, "Why do you think the King is impatient?".

She replied, "Our King has big dreams of capturing big kingdoms and many times gets defeated".

King questioned, "What is wrong for the King to have big dreams. He wants to expand his kingdom".

Observing his impatient question, she replied, "Wait my son, let me explain. Like you were impatient in eating the food, you burned your fingers and wasted some food. In the same way, the king's impatience to defeat the enemies quickly resulted in the loss of men in his army. Instead, if you eat the less hot food, at the edge first and then at the center, you would not have burnt your fingers and not wasted your food. Similarly, the king should target the small forts and strengthen his position. It helps him capture the massive forts without losing his men in the army."

The King realized his mistake and understood that decisions should not be taken in a hurry without proper thought and planning. He thanked the old lady for her food . He also presented her with a few precious coins for her hospitality. He thought that he not only got food for his hunger, but also food for thought. The old lady had taught him a very big lesson.

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Teacher can ask few more questions.

1. How did the old lady identify the behavior of the King?
 2. Comment on the intelligence of the old lady.
 3. How did the king receive the old lady's opinion?
 4. Do you think all can listen to other's opinions with the same open mindedness?
 5. What do you understand from the quote "Haste makes waste"?
 6. What do you understand from the suggestion given by the old lady to the King?
 7. Why do you think it is required to execute any work with patience and proper planning?
 8. How do you think the King would win more kingdoms by being patient?
 9. What do you think about the king who took the old lady's comment with respect?
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Quotes:

1. He who has infinite patience and infinite energy at his back, will alone succeed. – Swami Vivekananda

Activity

1. What are the activities you do in a hurry and end up spending more time doing damage control? Mention such activities that you do in your daily routine.