

Human Values - Lesson 6

We have been learning that there are five basic human values essential for every one. The education of those five values helps us in building a character, and that leads to become a good citizen. Here is a poem based on those five values

*There are five values that I cannot see
Five values that are you and me.
The first is Truth, which rings a bell inside,
The second Love, to give, not hide.
The third is Peace, we feel when mind is still.
The fourth is always Doing Right,
When out of view, as well as within sight.
Fifth, totaling the other four,
Is called Non-violence, which means being kind
In what we do, and say, and think in mind.*

There are tens and hundreds of sub-values for each of these basic values, and we will learn about TRUTH in this lesson again.

Today's lesson is on -

Human Value: *Truth*

Sub Value: *Honesty – having people always believe you*

Objective: *Honesty is important to good behavior and human relationships*

Quotation: *“Honesty is the best policy”*

Story – The boy who cried “Wolf! Wolf!”

There once was a shepherd boy who was tending the sheep for the villagers. He became bored as he sat on the hillside watching the village sheep, running rabbits, and flying butterflies. He thought about the animals that lived in the forest that surrounded the meadow, and remembered the stories the villagers told about the wolves that killed the sheep. He shuddered by that thought. He wondered if the

villagers would come to his aid if he called out like they had told him. He thought he would test them.

“Wolf! Wolf! The Wolf is chasing the sheep!” he called out. His voice echoed through the hills. Immediately, the men in the near by fields grabbed shovels and pitch forks and ran to the shepherd’s aid. But there was no Wolf. “Don’t cry Wolf, shepherd boy”, said the villagers, “when there is no Wolf!” They went grumbling back down the hill for their chores. The boy laughed at the sight of their angry faces.

The shepherd boy liked the attention he got and the next day when he became bored again he called out “Wolf! Wolf! The Wolf is chasing the sheep!” To his naughty delight, he watched the villagers run up the hill to help him drive the wolf away. When there was no wolf the second time also, they scolded the shepherd boy before returning to their work. But the boy just grinned and watched them go grumbling down the hill once more.

The third day the shepherd sat counting the sheep. A wolf came out of the forest and stalked a lamb. Alarmed, he leaped to his feet and called out “Wolf! Wolf!” No one came this time. The villagers thought the boy was trying to fool them again, and so they didn’t come for his aid. The wolf carried the lamb into the forest.

At sunset, everyone wondered why the shepherd boy had not returned to the village with their sheep. They went up the hill to find the boy. They found him weeping there. “There really was a wolf here! The flock has scattered! I cried out, “Wolf!” Why didn’t you come when I called?” the boy cried. “A wolf has taken a sheep.”

“We didn’t believe you,” a villager replied. “Now you must work in the fields to repay for the lost sheep.”

Moral: Nobody believes a liar ... even when he or she is telling the truth.

Questions:

- Why did the shepherd cry “Wolf Wolf!” when there was not one?
- Why didn’t the villagers come when he called “Wolf” the third time?
- Are villagers happy with the boy when they saw no Wolf? Why?
- Do you think crying “Wolf” when there is not one is the same as telling a lie?
- What does honesty mean?
- What was the consequence of the shepherd’s lie?
- Do people believe a liar? Why?
- What did you learn from this story?

Sloka for Lighting the Lamp

Shubham Karothi Kalyanam
Arogyam Dhana Sampadam,
Shathru Budhi Vinashaya
Deepa Jyothir Namostute

Meaning:

*Salutations and salutations, To the holy flame of the lamp,
Which bestows on me all that is good, Health as well as wealth,
And destroys all my enemies.*

Connect the dots from a to r, and color it

