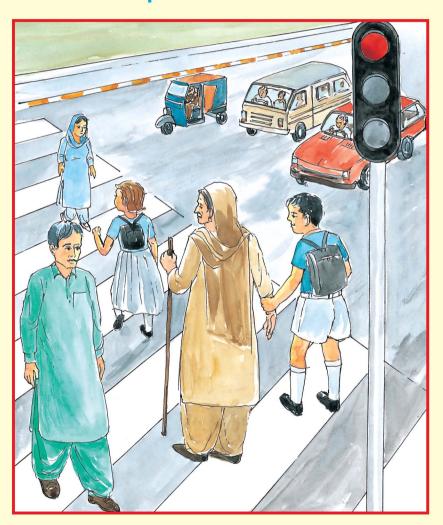
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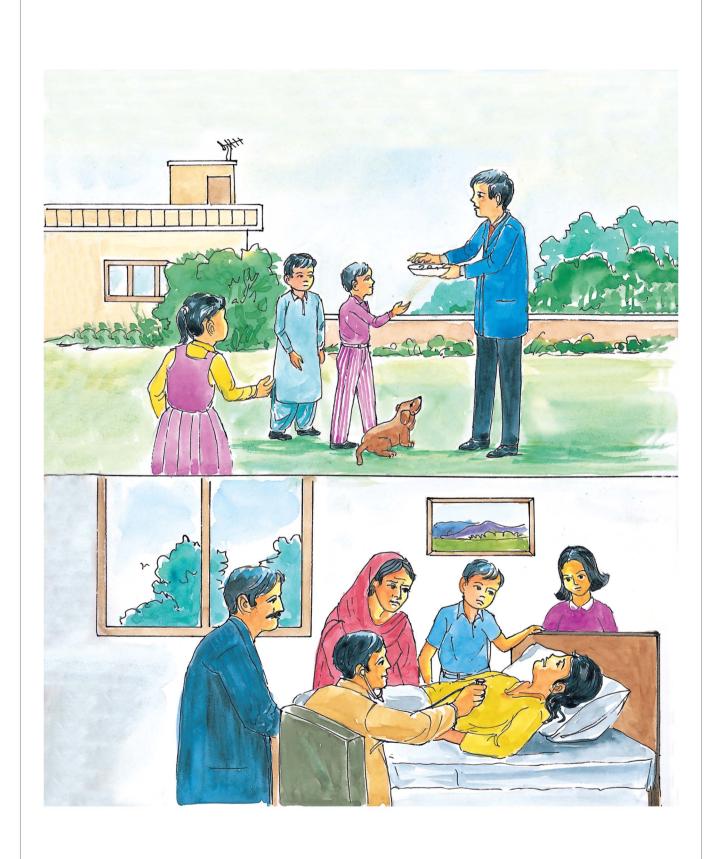


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LEARN to SHARE

You must have seen people gobbling their food. Some children are always hungry and crying for more. Their mothers have a hard time trying to keep them happy.

As we grow older, we are more easily satisfied. But there are some people who are always greedy. They have to learn their lesson the hard way. These people do not care to share anything with their friends, brothers or sisters. They want everything for themselves. The thought of sharing seems unpleasant to them. These children are greedy and selfish.

There are children whose parents and teachers have taught them that there is pleasure in giving and sharing. These children have more friends and are liked by everyone. They are happy because they make others happy.

But greedy little Meena was not one of them. She learnt her lesson the hard way.

Meena was a chubby girl. She loved sweets and cakes. Her mother had to work very hard to keep her happy. One day, Meena's aunt came from Lahore with all kinds of sweets for her. Meena could hardly wait to get started on them. Her mother told her to share them with her friends, but do you think she did? She went quietly into the garden, sat in a corner where she could not be seen and started stuffing herself with the sweets. Her mother thought she was sharing her sweets with her friends, and so did not worry about her. At lunch time, Meena's mother called her indoors.

Meena had finished all the sweets but to please her mother she ate some lunch too. Naturally, she soon had a severe stomachache. Her mother tried to ease her pain by giving her some medicine. But Meena screamed all the more loudly. Her mother called the doctor. The doctor shook his head sadly, and told her mother that Meena's stomachache was the result of overeating and greed. He gave her an injection and Meena now tiredout with her crying fell fast asleep. When she woke up she felt better. Meena had learnt her lesson. She promised her mother that she would never be greedy and selfish ever again.

Poem to learn

Of greed and selfishness beware,

Be good and learn to share,

How was Meena punished for her greed?

For a selfish child is not a happy one.

And without friends, there can be no fun.

Exercises

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2	Write about some incident in your own life when you were
	greedy and selfish, and what was the result?
