

Sharing and Caring

Once there was a little girl named Kavya. She had a brother named Joshua. They were very poor. Kavya used to visit the nearby shop on most of the days. The shopkeeper's name was Raju. Raju was a very kind man and he gave Kavya some money for Christmas. Kavya was very happy and she decided to spend the money on two water bottles, one for herself and one for her brother. When she brought the water bottles home and gave Joshua his water bottle, he was very excited. They were both very happy and proud to take their water bottles to school and show it to their friends.

One day Kavya left her water bottle in school and when she returned the next day it was not to be found. Kavya was very sad. She returned home crying that day and narrated the story of the lost water bottle to her brother. Joshua consoled her and offered his water bottle to her. They decided to share Joshua's bottle. So everyday, Kavya would go to school in the mornings with the water bottle. She would run back home after school and give the water bottle to Joshua who went to afternoon school. But waiting for the bottle meant he would often get late for school.

One week it was announced in Joshua's school that the school sports day would be held the following week and the second prize in the race was a water bottle. Joshua thought this was a great opportunity to win a water bottle and give it to Kavya. As Joshua was very good at running he entered the competition with the hope of winning the second prize and getting the water bottle for Kavya. As they were very poor, Joshua knew that this was the only way he could get a water bottle for his sister.

On the sports day, Joshua ran very well and he came first!! His teachers and friends were all very happy and congratulated him, but Joshua was sad. He did not want to win the first prize. He wanted the second prize - the water bottle!

With his eyes full of tears, he returned home. He was surprised to see a really happy Kavya waiting for him at the door with her water bottle in her hand. One of the girls at her school had taken the bottle by mistake and returned it to Kavya that day. Joshua could not believe his own eyes. He jumped with joy and gave his little sister a big hug.

Joshua and Kavya cared for each other and were very thoughtful of each other's happiness. Real happiness comes from sharing with and caring for your family and friends.