



Once upon a time, there was an 8-year-old boy in grade 3. He was new to the school, and at first, everything felt difficult. The lessons seemed hard, and when he gave wrong answers, some classmates laughed. This made him feel lonely and sad.

One evening, he sat quietly under a big tree in the garden, thinking: “Why does nobody help me when life feels so hard?”

Suddenly, a kind little monkey jumped down from the tree and sat beside him. “Why are you so sad?” the monkey asked gently.

At first, the boy was scared, but the monkey’s soft voice made him feel calm. He shared all his worries.

The monkey smiled and said: “My grandmother taught me something very special: *Never lose hope. Face challenges with courage. Stay calm, study hard, help others, be kind, and trust Bhagwan Baba. Hard times will make you wiser and stronger.*”

The boy thanked the monkey, who became his friend. From then on, he studied carefully, listened to his teachers, and stayed calm even when friends laughed. He also helped others whenever he could.

Months later, his hard work paid off. He became good at his studies, and his classmates began to admire him.

One day in the school assembly, the Principal praised his effort and good manners. Everyone clapped and cheered, thanking him for inspiring others.

The boy realized: **Challenges are not enemies—they are teachers that make us stronger.**

Question and Heartwork: Did you face any challenges? What did you do?