



In a happy forest, little animals—Deer, Owl, Squirrel, Elephant, and Horse—played together every day.

The **Deer mother** taught them kindness and sharing, while the **wise Owl father** told stories of wisdom. Together, they ran Shri Sanjay Sai Soul Blossom [SSSSB] class under the big banyan tree. The small animals tried to practice these values, and their parents felt proud.

In the same forest lived a strong **Lion King**. He felt proud because of his great strength. His mighty roar could silence the whole jungle, and no animal dared to challenge him. Yet sometimes he helped the forest by gathering animals to share skills and protect themselves.

One day, the Lion became very sick and could not hunt. He grew weak. The kind Deer mother and Owl father wanted to help, but the Lion refused—his pride was too strong.

In class, talking about kindness, the Deer asked: “Children, if one member of our forest is sick, how can we help?”

The children replied: “We will ask our parents—they will find a way!”

So, all the animals gathered. They knew the Lion would not accept direct help. Instead, they planned a **special ceremony**. They gave the Lion the title “**Protector of the Forest**” to thank him for his past guidance.

During the celebration, every animal brought food to share. The Lion ate happily, thinking it was part of the feast. The Lion felt honored. Slowly, he grew strong again.

The Lion realized: “Without the animals’ kindness and nourishing food, I would not have recovered”. He learned that **true strength comes from kindness, respect, and helping each other**.

Question and Heart-work: Have you ever helped someone when they are sad or sick and need support? How did it make them feel?