English Version - SSSSB Story 017a: Honesty Brings Peace [5-12 years]

There was a little boy of 6 years who loved chocolates very much.

One day, he saw that his mother had kept some money under the fruit basket. Tempted, he secretly took ten rupees, bought chocolates, and shared them with his friends.

Later, when his mother needed the money for grocery shopping, she found ten rupees missing. She asked the boy if he had taken it. Scared, the boy lied and said, "No Mummy, I didn't."

But inside his heart, he felt guilty. The lie made him sad for many days.

One Saturday, in the Balkot Soul Blossom Class, Meena Ma'am spoke kindly to the children: "Never tell a lie. Bhagwan Baba teaches us that honesty, truthfulness, and good character are most important. If we do good karma and live with good values, God will always help us."

The boy listened carefully. He prayed in his heart: "Dear Bhagwan Baba, please give me courage to tell the truth. From now on, I will never lie."

Right after the class, the boy went straight to his mother and confessed: "Mummy, I took the ten rupees and bought chocolates. I also ate them with my friends. I am sorry."

Instead of being angry, his mother hugged him and said, "I am proud of you for telling the truth." But she was curious, so she asked gently, "But, son, what made you decide to be honest?"

The boy smiled and replied, "Today in Soul Blossom Class, Meena Ma'am taught us Swami's message: never tell a lie and always practice good values. When we do this, God gives us courage and grace. That is why I wanted to tell you the truth."

From that day, the boy felt peaceful and happy. He learned that **truth brings courage, peace, and God's blessings.**

Question and Hear-work: Have you ever told a lie? What did you do afterward?

Om Sairam 🙏 [November 2023, ✍ The Hague, Holland, SSSSB Guru Sunil Marapin]