



One bright morning, the school bus was filled with laughter as children rode together for a picnic by the riverside. An 8-year-old boy sat with his friends, happily sharing snacks.

Halfway through the ride, the bus stopped, and a stooped elderly man with a walking stick climbed aboard. The children giggled—it was unusual for a stranger to join their school bus. But without a second thought, the boy stood up and said warmly, “Grandfather, please sit here!” He even offered his water bottle.

His friends whispered, “But you’ll have to stand the whole way!”

The boy smiled gently. “If this were our own grandfather, wouldn’t we want someone to help him?”

He continues: “My Gurus in SSSSB class remind us that we should always practice values like **love, service, and kindness** with everyone—family, friends, strangers, and all living beings – like monkeys, parrots, dogs etc.”

Just then, a mischievous monkey swung onto the bus roof, snatched a banana, and made silly faces. The children laughed so hard that even the grandfather chuckled.

Next, a bright green parrot flew in through the window, squawking, “Share! Share!” as if it were the picnic referee. The boy offered it a biscuit, and the parrot repeated, “Kindness! Kindness!” until everyone’s tummy ached from laughter.

Finally, when they reached the riverside, a playful puppy ran up, wagging its tail and licking everyone’s hands. It curled up happily near the grandfather, as if saying, “I belong to all of you.”

The teachers smiled with joy. “Children, today you learned that kindness makes everyone—grandfathers, monkeys, parrots, puppies, and friends—feel at home.”

The picnic became unforgettable, filled with laughter, chirps, and wagging tails. And the children’s hearts felt light, knowing that love beyond boundaries makes life sweeter.

Question: Can you recall a moment when you helped someone who needed it?

Heart-Work: Practice helping those in need. Later, share how it made you feel.