



During the school holidays, a cheerful Boy went to stay at his maternal uncle's village. He was excited because there were many animals there, including a playful monkey named **Momo**, a clever goat named **Golu**, a rabbit named **Lili**, and a slow-moving turtle named **Tinku**.

Every evening, Boy sat with his grandmother under a big mango tree. One day, he proudly said,

"Grandma, this year I want to get the highest marks in my class and become the best student!"

Grandmother smiled and replied, "Getting good marks is wonderful, Boy. But do you know what is also important?"

Boy shook his head. Just then, Momo the monkey jumped onto a branch and began showing off. "Look at me! I can jump the highest! I am the best animal here!"

While Momo was busy bragging, he slipped from the branch and landed in a pile of hay. All the animals giggled. Grandmother laughed softly. "Being the best is not only about talent."

The next morning, Golu the goat found that Tinku the turtle had fallen onto his back and could not get up. While Momo laughed, Golu gently helped Tinku stand. Lili the rabbit said, "Thank you, Golu. You are so kind!"

Later that day, Boy noticed something interesting.

- Momo was clever, but impatient.
- Lili was fast, but sometimes careless.
- Tinku was slow, but always calm.
- Golu was not the smartest or fastest, but he was helpful, disciplined, and kind.

In the evening, grandmother asked, "Boy, if there were a prize for being a good friend, who would win?"

"Golu!" shouted Raju. "Why?" asked Grandma. "Because he helps others, stays calm, and never shows off."

Grandmother smiled. "Exactly! In life, becoming a good human is more important than becoming number one. Good marks are valuable, but kindness, discipline, focus, service, and a calm mind help us grow into wonderful people."

From that day, Boy decided that along with studying hard, he would also help others, be disciplined, and stay calm.

As they walked home, Golu the goat gave a happy little "Maa-aa-aa!"

Everyone laughed, even Momo!

Question: Which is the most important for you? Getting the first in the class or something else?

Heart-Work: This week, try doing one helpful act every day at home or school. How did it make you and others feel?