

🇬🇧 SSSSB Story 042b:Shakina and the Speaking Tree [13+ years]



Shakina was a sixteen-year-old girl, a joyful member of the SSSSB family. She was born into a simple, hardworking family, where her parents lived contentedly with whatever life provided.

Though her friends often wore branded clothes and traveled in expensive cars, Shakina never felt sad or jealous. Instead, she rejoiced for them. She reminded her parents:

“Mother, Father, being rich is not the most important thing in life. My gurus in SSSSB class teach us Bhagwan Shree Sanjay Sai Baba’s words — *Character is the most important.*”

Each evening, her parents sold noodles and doughnuts to support the family.

One evening, sitting beneath a huge tree near her home, Shakina sang bhajans she had learned in her classes. As she drifted into sleep, she dreamed the tree spoke:

“Sai Ram, Shakina. You have a beautiful voice. May I inspire you to sing new songs whenever you come here to rest?”

Awakening with a smile, Shakina felt blessed. From that day onward, whenever she sat beneath the tree, divine melodies flowed into her heart, and her lips sang them naturally.

While her parents sold noodles and doughnuts, Shakina’s songs filled the air. People stopped not only to buy food but also to listen. Her voice brought joy, and soon the family’s small business blossomed. Over time, they opened a restaurant — not for profit alone, but to serve people with healthy food and kind words.

Shakina greeted customers with folded hands: “Sai Ram, Welcome.” She offered inspiring cards with Swami’s messages: *Be grateful for what you have. See God in everyone. Do Good, See Good, Be Good.* She even placed her toys in a corner for children to play.

She spoke with customers about Swami – Lord Shri Sanjay Sai Baba and her SSSSB classes, where she learned the importance of practicing human values in daily life.

Question and Heart-Work: *What special talent or gift do you have that could bring happiness to others?*