

## 🇬🇧 SSSSB Story 022a: The Wise Sparrow and the Lonely Boy [5-12 years]



Once there was a boy who was kind and helpful. He always tried to practice good values like being calm, polite, and caring. But sometimes he felt lonely at school.

His classmates often spent time gossiping and making fun of others. When the boy and a few friends tried to be kind, the others laughed at them. One day, the boy sat sadly under a big tree in the schoolyard. Just then, his little cheerful sparrow, flew down beside him. "Sai Ram! why are you so sad?" chirped the sparrow.

The boy sighed, "My classmates don't want to practice good values. They ignore me and make fun of me. I feel lonely."

The sparrow nodded wisely. "I understand. Do you know, in the forest I also had friends who were greedy and fought all the time. At first, they laughed at me because I shared food and helped others. But I kept practicing kindness every day. Slowly, one by one, they started changing too. Now, we play together, share seeds, and live peacefully."

The boy's eyes lit up. "So, if I keep practicing values, even if others don't, they might change too?"

"Yes!" chirped the sparrow. "True transformation begins inside us. When we stay calm, kind, and helpful, others will be inspired."

From that day, the boy stopped worrying about what others thought. He smiled more, helped his classmates, and stayed calm. Slowly, his friends noticed his cheerful nature. Some began to change, just like the sparrow's forest friends.

The teacher smiled and said, "Look at the boy and his friends. Good company and good values bring positive transformation."

The boy felt happy. He had learned an important lesson: *We cannot always change others, but by practicing good values ourselves, we can inspire them to change.*

**Question and Heart-Work:** What is one kind thing you can keep doing every day, even if others don't?"