

SSSSB Story 076a: The Peacock and Children of Kindness [5-12 years]



Deep inside the jungle lived a beautiful peacock. Every morning, he danced with his shiny feathers—spreading the good values - twirling so much that the monkeys clapped and the parrots sang. The jungle was full of joy because every creature practiced kindness and good values.

One day, the peacock wondered: *“How do humans live?”*

He flew high above the trees. But when he reached the human settlements, his eyes grew wide. *“Oh dear feathers!”* he cried. *“What a mess!”* There were heaps of garbage near the rivers. People cleaned their houses but dumped waste outside. Old cows were munching on banana peels, dogs were sniffing broken shoes, and even birds were pecking at plastic wrappers. The river water looked so dirty that even the frogs said, *“No swimming today!”*

The peacock shook his feathers sadly. *“Oh humans! Why did you forget that kindness is not only for people, but also for the Earth and its creatures?”*

He walked slowly, searching for kind humans. His feet got tired, and he sighed, *“I’m a dancing peacock, not a marathon runner!”* He sat down to rest.

Suddenly, he heard cheerful voices from an **SSSSB class**. The Gurus and children were talking about kindness, helping others, feeding the hungry, and keeping nature clean.

When the class ended, the children came outside. They saw the weak peacock sitting like a tired grandpa bird. *“Look!”* one child said, *“The peacock needs help!”* They quickly brought food and water.

The peacock gobbled the food so fast that the children laughed. *“Wow, he eats faster than our puppy!”* His feathers perked up again, and he danced a silly jig to thank them, shouting his famous call: *“May-awe! May-awe!”*

The peacock said: *“Thank you, dear children. Your kindness has healed me. Truly, humans can bring light to the world when they practice good values.”*

With joy in heart, it flew back to the jungle.

Question: If you were the peacock, what funny thing would you make to thank the children?

Heart-Work: Do something kind for an animal—feed a bird, give water to a thirsty dog, or show love to a pet. Share your experience in the next class.