

## Skit 2: Humility

*Narrator: Vishnu was a smart boy of 11 years. He did very well in school and became very proud and arrogant of his intelligence. Let us see what happens as a result of this.*

Teacher: Okay students. I will now give you some practice problems which you must finish before class ends. If you do not finish, you will receive a bad grade. If you finish early, you may help your classmates.

*Narrator: The teacher had given very hard problems, and very few students were able to finish early. All of those who finished early tried to help their classmates. All except Vishnu. Several of his friends asked him for help, but he just made fun of them. Meanwhile, his best friend Keshav is struggling, and he decides to ask Vishnu for help.*

Keshav: Hey, Vishnu can you help me on this problem? I do not understand it.

Vishnu: Hahaha. That is the easiest problem Keshav. If you cannot do that one, then I cannot help you. Haha.

*Narrator: After saying this, Vishnu goes to sleep even though he knows that many of his friends need help finishing the problems. All of his friends are angry with him for his attitude and try to finish the problems on their own. Later after school, Vishnu catches up with his friends.*

Vishnu: Hey guys! Wait up for me. *(His friends look back at him and keep walking.)* Why didn't you wait up for me, guys? *(None of his friends answer him, and they all keep walking.)* Hello?? Are you all not talking to me now?

Vivek: What do you expect Vishnu? All you did today was make fun of us.

Sandeep: All we wanted was your help.

All the other friends: Yeah

Vishnu: That's not true. That's not true, is it Keshav?

Keshav: Yes, that is absolutely true Vishnu. You were completely arrogant and selfish today. All we wanted was your help. And how did you respond? You made fun of each one of us. Now you expect us to be your friends? No, Vishnu. Not until you change your attitude. I hope you learn your lesson.

*(All of his friends leave, and Vishnu is left alone.)*

*Narrator: After this, Vishnu goes to ask his parents.*

*(Vishnu enters his house)*

Shiva (Vishnu's Dad): Hello Vishnu. Did you do well in school today?

Vishnu: Yes.

Uma (Vishnu's Mom): That's great!!

Shiva: You are saying that you did well, but you look upset. Did something happen?

Vishnu: Since I understood the lesson, my friends came to me for help. However, instead of helping them, I made fun of them for not understanding.

Shiva: It sounds like you thought that you were too good for your friends.

Uma: What your dad is talking about is humility. You must never be arrogant or too proud of your deeds. You must never brag about your abilities. How do you think your friends felt when you made fun of them? You do not like to be made fun of do you? Why then would you make fun of your friends, Vishnu? That is very wrong. Do you understand?

Vishnu: I understand. I'm very sorry.

Uma: We are not the ones that you insulted, Vishnu. You must go apologize with sincerity to your friends.

Vishnu: Do you think they will forgive me? Will they talk to me again?

Shiva: Well Vishnu, that is up to them. What you did was very wrong. Tomorrow, go to your friends and apologize to them. Hopefully, they will forgive you.

Uma: But that is only the first step. Next time they ask for help, give it willingly. You must always help others, Vishnu.

Vishnu: Okay. Thanks, Mom and Dad

*Narrator: The next day at school Vishnu sees his friends before school on the cricket field. Vishnu decides to follow his parents' advice.*

Vishnu: Hello guys. *(No one responds.)* I know what I did yesterday was not correct. I am sincerely sorry for my actions.

Keshav: We will only be your friend on one condition. You must promise to be humble, and you must not treat those who know less than you badly.

Vishnu: Yes, I promise to be humble in the future.

Keshav: Okay, then let us put this behind us and play some cricket before school starts.

Everyone: Yeah!!