

## Skit 9: Self Confidence

*Narrator: Radhika was a girl in school. She worked very hard, but she lacked self confidence.*

Radhika: Mom, I am very worried about this biology test.

Mom: Radhika, you studied several hours for this test, right? Why are you so worried?

Radhika: Mom, you do not know how hard these tests are. They are impossible!!

Mom: Now you are just exaggerating, Radhika.

Radhika (*hurried*): The bus is here. I have to go to school. Bye mom!

*Narrator: Radhika worried on the entire trip to the school, and by the time she got to class, she was convinced that she would fail. In addition to this, several of her classmates make fun of her because she had failed the previous test.*

Radhika: O my goodness! I am going to fail this test. What am I going to do?

Teacher: Okay, everyone get ready for your test. (*Teacher starts to pass out the tests.*)

Srinivas: Hey Radhika! Are you going to fail this test too? Hahaha

Abhishek: Yeah, Radhika. There is no way you are going to pass this test.

*(Several students point and laugh at Radhika, and Radhika starts crying.)*

*Narrator: Radhika did not do well on the test and went home completely dejected. When she got home, she went to her mom and told her what had happened.*

Radhika: Mom, I did so bad on today's test. I don't understand.

Mom: Radhika, when I asked you why you were so worried this morning, you said that the tests are impossibly difficult. But there are no such tests like that. What you are lacking is self-confidence. You have to believe in yourself and believe that you can perform well on the test. If you focus on the negative thoughts, the result will also be negative. You must always work hard and be positive and have self-confidence. Do this, and you will succeed. Do you understand, Radhika?

Radhika: Yes, Mom, but what do I do when others make fun of me?

Mom: Don't think about what they say. They do not control your grades. Think positively and focus on the test. You will be fine.

*Narrator: For the next test, Radhika studied very hard, but she also thought positively.*

Radhika: Mom, I think I will do well on today's test.

Mom: That is the spirit dear. Now remember don't think about what others say. Believe in yourself, and think positively. You will do great.

Radhika: Thanks Mom. O, the bus is here. Wish me good luck!

Mom: Good luck, Radhika!

*Narrator: Radhika went to school in high spirits and prepared herself mentally for the test. When she arrived in school, her classmates once again started to tease her.*

Srinivas: Hey, there is Radhika. How are you going to do on this test Radhika?

Radhika: I think I will do better.

Abhishek: No, you are not. You are going to fail just like the last two times.

Radhika: No, I don't think I will fail. I think I understand the concepts, and I think I can do well.

Srinivas: Whatever. I guess we will see.

Radhika: Yes, we will.

Narrator: The students take the test, and Radhika thinks positively throughout it. She ends up with a 97 on the test and is very happy about it. Here, Radhika believed in herself and used that confidence to succeed on her test. In the future, she always tried her best to be optimistic and confident.