

God, Be in me

God, be in my mind, and in my thinking.
God, be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God, be in my ears, and in my listening.
God, be in my hands, and in my doing.
God, be in my legs, and in my walking.
God, be in my heart, and in my feeling.

Whisper a Prayer

Whisper a prayer in the morning,
Whisper a prayer at noon,
Whisper a prayer in the evening,
To keep your heart in tune.

God answers prayers in the morning,
God answers prayers at noon,
God answers prayers in the evening,
So, keep your heart in tune.

Whisper a prayer for your mom,
Whisper a prayer for your dad,
Whisper a prayer for your teachers and friends,
O God, please bless all them.

We Bow to Thank You

Dear God, we bow to thank you
For all the good you give
For hills and trees
For skies and seas
The world in which we live.

And Lord we bow to thank you
For family and friends
For food and for health
Your love which never ends.

My Home

One nice little house stands here,
Outside two tall trees near.
Three strong chairs are by the door,
Four green mats are on the floor.
Five bright pictures are on the wall,
Six good people own it all.

The Night Sky

All day long
The sun shines bright.
The moon and stars
Come out by night.
From twilight time
They line the skies.
And watch the world
With quiet eyes.

-R. L. Stevenson

The Mango Tree

The mango tree beside our well
Is great and thick and high,
When I stand under and look up
I cannot see the sky.
It shields me from the sun and heat
And I can sing, or play,
Or read my books, or eat, or sleep,
Beneath it all the day.

-Mary Dobsion

The Antelope was a large ship. Once it was sailing in the Pacific Ocean. There were thirty sailors on it. Besides the sailors, there were a captain and a doctor named Gulliver.

In the beginning, the sailing was smooth. But then there arose a storm in the sea. There was strong wind and heavy rain. Sailing became difficult. The ship began to drift. Then suddenly it hit against a rock and broke to pieces. Everyone on the ship started screaming and crying for help. They tried to swim to the shore, but only Gulliver reached the shore. It was the shore of an island. The name of the island was Lilliput.

Gulliver walked some distance but he was very tired. He fell asleep on the grass. He woke up the next morning, and tried to get up. But getting up was not possible. His hands and legs were tied. Gulliver felt something walking on his body. It was a tiny man, only fifteen centimeters tall ! Soon there were several men on his body. They were all very tiny. There were lots of other tiny people on the ground. Some had bows and arrows in their hands.

Gulliver was both hungry and thirsty. 'How can I talk to these people except through gestures?' he thought. So he made signs for eating and drinking. Luckily the tiny people understood his signs and brought small baskets of food. They also brought tiny barrels of water. Gulliver ate all the food and drank all the water. Now he felt refreshed.

'Walking will do me some good,' he thought. 'But I cannot get up and so walking is not



possible.'

Some tiny men went to the king of Lilliput and told him about Gulliver.

"How big is he?" the king asked.

"He is very huge," they replied.

"Really? Go and bring him here," the king ordered. "I want to see him. Seeing is believing," he added.

The Lilliputians prepared a wooden carriage. It was about three and a half meters long, a hundred and twenty centimeters wide and ten centimeters high from the ground. Now lifting Gulliver and putting him on the carriage became a problem. With great difficulty they solved it.

After a day's journey, they brought him to the king's court. The king and his men said, "Ah! This man is really very huge. He is as big as a mountain." They were afraid of him.

But Gulliver greeted the king and promised to be their friend. The king was pleased and set him free. Gulliver lived on the island happily for a long time.

Exercise

Here are some groups of words. In each of them there is one word which does not belong to the group. Find it out and underline it.

e.g.: meter, centimeter, kilometer, kilogram

1. scream, shout, sleep, yell
2. ship, ocean, island, doctor
3. carriage, apple, basket, barrel
4. buy, walk, swim, run

Answer the following questions :

1. Where was the Antelope?
2. In the beginning the sailing was smooth. What happened afterwards?
3. Who were walking on Gulliver's body?
4. What did Gulliver do to get food?
5. What did the king say about Gulliver?

Birds are beautiful. They fly in the sky. They live in the trees. They sing sweet songs. Children too sing:

Oh, little bird,
Fly in the sky
I shall go with you
Teach me to fly!

We find birds everywhere. They live in villages, towns and cities. They live in forests and on mountains. Some water-birds live near lakes. Look out of the window. You will see a bird or two. Watch them carefully. Look at their colour, shape and size. Some birds are small, some are big. Birds have different colours. Parrots are green. Doves are grey. Crows and cuckoos are black.

There may be some trees in front of your school. Some trees may be behind your school. You may go there with your friends. Keep your notebooks with you. Sit in a quiet place. Watch everything around you quietly. Look in front of you. Look behind the plants and on the branches of the trees. Watch the birds. Note their colour, shape and size. Find out their names. But be careful. Don't make a noise. Don't disturb them. Some birds may just fly over your head! Watch them, too.

Here are the pictures of a few birds. Do you know them?



Here is a wood-pecker. It has a strong beak. It pecks its beak on the trunk of a tree. It can make a hole in it with its beak.

This is the picture of an owl. It has big round eyes and a small beak. It is a bird of night. Some people dislike the owl, but it is not a bad bird. It is harmless.



Do you know this bird? It is a pelican. It is a water-bird. It lives near big lakes. The beak of the pelican is very large. It can hold a large fish in it. The pelican is a big bird. Some pelicans are four feet long!



Now look at this bird. What is it doing? It is weaving its nest. It is a weaver-bird. It weaves its nest with soft straws and leaves of grass. Its nest is really beautiful.





Meet this beautiful bird. It is the state bird of Gujarat. It is also a water bird. It has light pink feathers. It has long neck and long legs. It can fly long distances. It is a flamingo.

Indeed birds are lovely. They are our friends.

Exercise

Read the sentences. Find out the name of the bird. Write it in the blank.

1. It can see in the dark with its big, round eyes _____.
2. It pecks in the wood and makes the nest _____.
3. I can hold fish in its beak _____.
4. It weaves the nest with soft straws and leaves of the grass _____.
5. It is the state bird of Gujarat _____.

Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the box.

1. The birds live in cities. _____
2. Crows and cuckoos are grey. _____
3. A pelican can make a hole on the trunk of tree. _____
4. A weaver bird is a bird of night. _____
5. Don't make a noise. The birds may come to you. _____

Draw your favorite bird.

Saturday was market day. Leela woke up early. She washed her face and hands. The bullock-cart was ready. Yasmeen and her grandmother came to her house. They put their baskets in the bullock-cart. Then they climbed in. Gopal and Seeta did not go with them. They went to school.

It was dark and the stars were in the sky. Yasmeen and Leela slept in the cart. Radhabai and Aminabai slept, too. Leela's father shut his eyes. But the bullocks did not sleep. They walked on and on.

They came to a bridge over a river. They stopped there. Leela's mother took some food from her box and some milk from her pot. They ate the food and drank the milk. The bullocks drank water at the river and ate the grass near the river.

They went on. At last they came to the market. They got down from the bullock cart. Men and women came and talked to them.

Leela's mother sold her tomatoes and Yasmeen's grandmother sold her eggs. Leela's mother bought a new pan, and Yasmeen's grandmother bought some sugar. Leela and Yasmeen played with the children at the market.

In the evening they returned home.

Gopal said, "Did you go in our bullock-cart?"

Leela said, "Yes, we did."

Seeta asked, "Did Yasmeen's grandmother go with you?"

Leela answered, "Yes, she did."

Seeta said, "Did mother sell her tomatoes at the market?"

Leela answered, "Yes, she did. She sold the tomatoes."

"What did you buy at the market?" said Gopal.

"Mother bought a new pan," said Leela.

"Yasmeen's grandmother bought some sugar.

Seeta asked, "Did you buy sweets?"

Leela said, "No, we didn't. We bought bangles."

Exercise

Answer these questions:

- (a) When did Leela wake up on Saturday morning?
- (b) What did Yasmeen and her grandmother put in the bullock-cart?
- (c) What did Leela's mother take from her box?
- (d) What did the bullocks eat?

Gandhiji was a busy man. He thought of the problems of the whole nation. But he always found time to laugh. He had a fine sense of humour. He never made fun of anybody. His laughter was mixed with love.

Many children stayed with Gandhiji at the Sabarmati Ashram. They often asked him questions and Gandhiji answered them. His replies were always brief. However, the children wished to have a long conversation with him.

One day a child said to Gandhiji, "Bapu, you sometimes talk to us about the Gita. Arjun asks Shri Krishna a short question and Shri Krishna gives a very long answer to it." The child complained that the children of the Ashram asked Bapu a long question and he answered it in a sentence or two. He said that it was not proper.

Gandhiji smiled and said, "Shri Krishna was fortunate. There was only one Arjun to ask him questions, but I have a number of Arjuns!"

The children had a hearty laugh.

Gandhiji believed in doing everything on time. He was very punctual.

Once he and another leader were to speak at a meeting. The other leader came nearly forty-five minutes late. Everyone present at the meeting had to wait for him. Gandhiji did not like this. In his speech he said, "Our leader has come forty-five minutes late. So I think we'll get independence forty-five minutes late."

Gandhiji thus told the truth without using any harsh words.

Once King George invited Gandhiji to his palace. Gandhiji went there in his usual dress. It was only one short dhoti. No one ever met the king in such a dress. So a reporter went to Gandhiji. He said, "Would you please answer a question? Didn't you feel uncomfortable in the royal palace dressed in such a way?"

Gandhiji laughed. He said that he was not at all uncomfortable. He added, "The king had put on enough dress to cover us both."

Exercise

Strike out the incorrect part

- 1) Gandhiji always found time to laugh/sing.
- 2) Gandhiji always replied long/short answers.
- 3) Gandhiji was very punctual/irregular.
- 4) Gandhiji told the truth with/without using any harsh words.
- 5) Gandhiji visited king George wearing a suit/dhoti.