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PREFACE

In today's world, with its excessive emphasis on material comforts, children can get easily mixed into believing that all that matters is money. Character moulding often does not get its due in the educational curricula. The books in this series - *The Right Path - Value Education* - try to take care of this lacuna. The lessons deal with the moral values to be inculcated in the young minds. The values imbibed in early life, it has been shown, tend to remain deeply ingrained in us life long. Hence the stress on value education at the primary level.

The series is so designed that the successive lessons pave the way to the over-all character development. These books gradually prepare the learner to take on and be a topper in the biggest school, namely the WORLD. They focus on what may be called life skills, indispensable for a successful career in life, no matter which field one chooses to get into. The activities that accompany the lessons are aimed at reinforcing the values, by presenting real life situations for the child to cope with. Care has been taken to ensure maximum enjoyment in the carrying out of these tasks by means of role plays and the like.

Suggestions for improvements are always welcome, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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1. GOD, LET ME BE GOOD

Arun got up in the morning.

He remembered Grandma's words.



“Arun, remember to say your prayers as soon as you get up.”

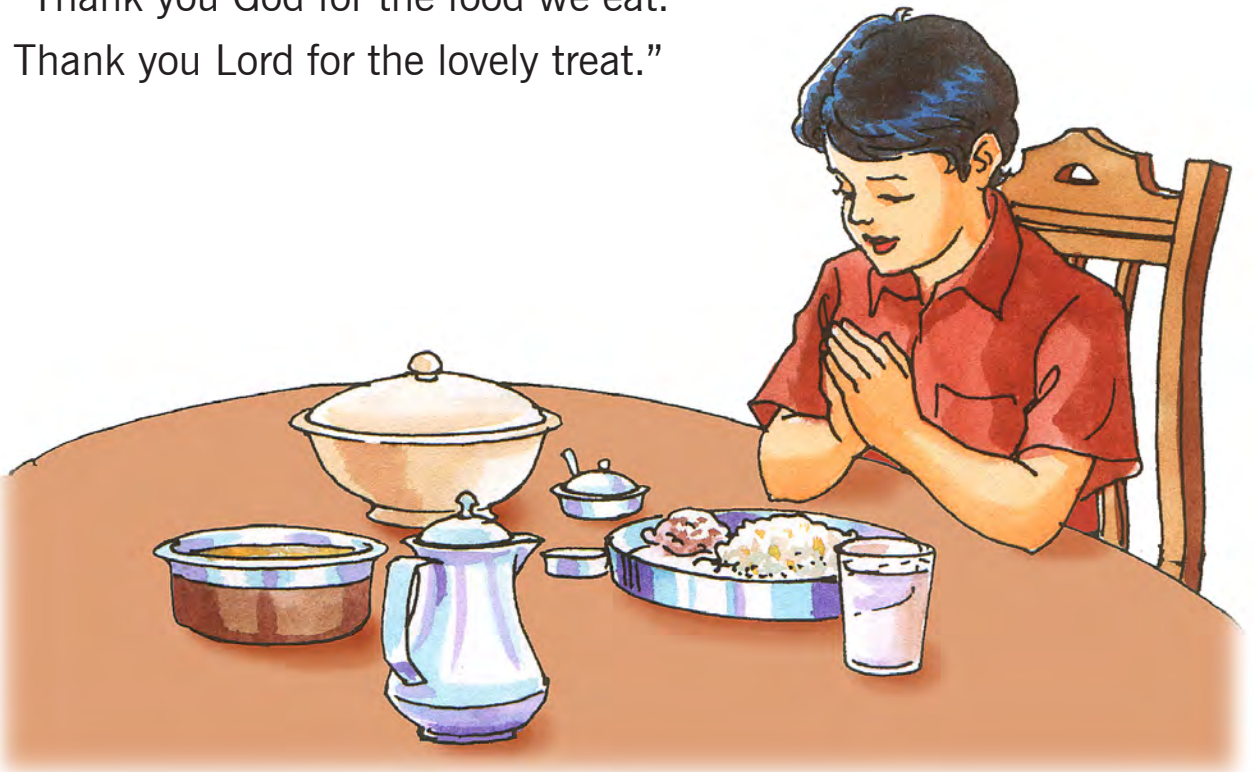
Arun closed his eyes and spoke softly.



“Oh ! God ! show me the right way;
To make this day a happy day.
God! let me be good in whatever I say;
God! let me always be fair in play;
God! let me spread happiness all the way.”

Arun says a special prayer before his meals.

“Thank you God for the food we eat.
Thank you Lord for the lovely treat.”

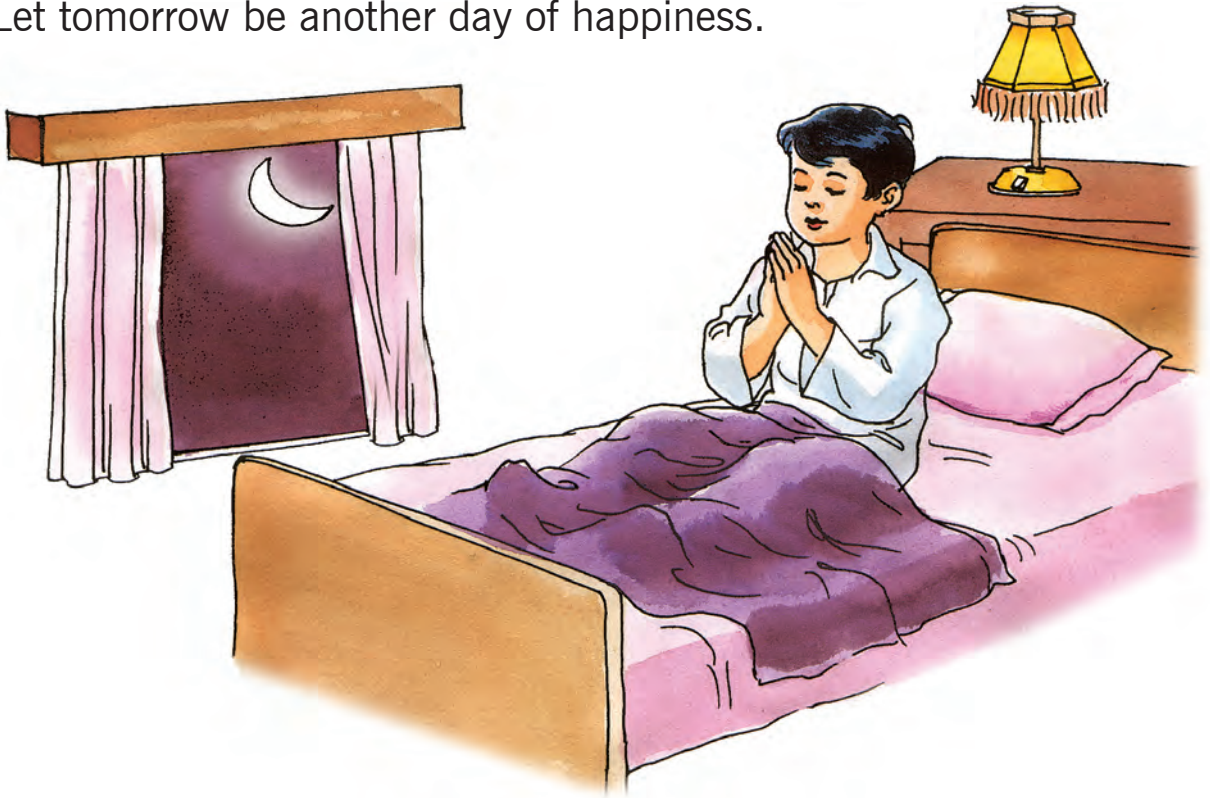


Prayer before going to bed :

Thank you Lord for a happy day.

Help me sleep well through the night.

Let tomorrow be another day of happiness.



Arun asked Grandma before going to bed one night, “Why do we pray, Grandma?”

Grandma said, “God has gifted us with a wonderful earth. We live on this wonderful earth with our loving family. We have many friends. These are gifts of God. We thank God for these gifts by saying a prayer.”

“We also pray to God to give us a healthy body and an intelligent mind.”

“Sometimes, We might do something or say something that causes pain to others. We do this unknowingly. For this we ask God to forgive us. Then we say a prayer.”

Good comes from God

EXERCISE :

Answer orally :

1. Who reminded Arun to say prayers everyday ?
2. At what times during the day does Arun pray ?
3. What are the gifts of God ?
4. How do we thank God for the gifts ?
5. What do we do when we hurt someone unknowingly ?

ACTIVITY :

A. Write 'yes' or 'no' in the box :

1. We pray to God to show us the right way.
2. We pray to God to make our day happy.
3. We thank God for the food we eat.
4. We must pray loudly, only then God can hear.
5. We thank God for the good night's sleep.

B. A prayer :

Thank you God !

For beauty in this world of ours

For the green grass and the lovely flowers,

For the song of birds and hum of bees,

For the refreshing summer breeze,

For the bright sun that shines on high,

For the stars shining in the sky

For these and everything else we see

For everything we give thanks to thee !