

2.5.20Sub. ENGLISH (Supplementary)Text Book - MomentsLesson No - 1The Lost Child (Mulla Raj Wala)

Summary

This story highlights a child's love for his parents. It is the festival of spring. Everyone is going to a fair. The child is very happy and excited because he is also going to the fair with his parents. On the way to the fair, the child is fascinated by the natural beauty. He enjoys every moment. For the fair, the child is attracted towards his favourite sweets. He wants to have one but he does not express his desire. He knows that his parents will not allow him to take any. Then, he is attracted by a toy but again he does not ask for that because he knows that his parents perhaps cannot afford to buy the toy.

The child moves on with his parents, enjoying the fair. He wants to take one of the garlands from a shop and a balloon from the balloon-seller but he does not ask his parents to buy them. He says nothing. He sees a snake-charmer.

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He likes the music and wants to stay there for some time. His parents do not approve of such music, so he moves on. He sees a merry-go-round. People are enjoying the ride. He also wants to enjoy the ride. For the first time, the child expresses his desire. He says, "I want to go on the roundabout, please father, mother." But there is no reply. He searches for his parents here and there. He is lost.

He starts crying. He runs towards a shrine. There is a big crowd. He goes a little ahead between people's legs. He is pushed back. A kind-hearted man sees him crying. He stops and lifts the child in his arms. He tries to soothe him. But the child is crying continuously for his parents. The man takes him to the roundabout and asks if he wants a ride. The man takes him to the sweetmeat-seller, the balloon-seller and the snake-charmer. He offers him everything but the child refuses everything. These things have lost their charm. Now the child wants only his parents.

Assignment

1. Write Summary in your copy.
2. Answers the following questions:
 - (i) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why is he lagging behind?
 - (ii) In the fair, he wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an answer?
 - (iii) When does he realise that he has lost his way? How has his anxiety and insecurity been described?
 - (iv) Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?
 - (v) What do you think happens in the end? Does the child find his parents?
 - (vi) Where did the child meet a kind-hearted person?
 - (vii) How did the child behave at the shop of the Sweetmeat-seller? What does it show about the values of the child? Was he a Considerate child?
 - (viii) What were the reactions of the child on seeing the flower-seller and the balloon-seller? Do you think it was an obvious reaction of a child?
 - (ix) You are a Counsellor. Write a paragraph advising parents how to ensure that the children are not lost in any crowded place like a fair, etc.