

Skit 1: The Giving of A Rakhi

Narrator: The day of Rakhi is approaching. Swati, a young girl of 8 years, has been looking forward to this day for many weeks. She and her elder brother are very close to one another, and she loves him very much. She wishes to buy him a rakhi, but she does not have any money of her own. She does not wish to trouble her parents for money, as she wants this to be her gift.

Swati: (Talking to herself on stage) What will I do? I do not have any money to buy a rakhi for Vijay anna. I really want to buy him a rakhi. (She ponders for a while before she comes up with an idea.) Aha! I have a great idea. I will sell my doll and use that money to buy a rakhi.

Narrator: With that sweet thought in mind, Swati set out to the marketplace to sell her doll and to buy a rakhi.

Shopkeeper: Good afternoon beta.

Swati: Namaste Mr.Krishnamurthi.

Shopkeeper: What can I help you with today?

Swati: Well, I want to buy a rakhi for my anna, but I don't have the money to buy one. I was hoping to sell my favorite doll.

*Shopkeeper: Are you sure you really want to sell your **favorite** doll? I'm sure if you asked your parents to help you out they would.*

Swati: But Mr. Krishnamurthi, I want this to be a gift for my anna from just me.

Shopkeeper: Hmmm, I see. Well, if you're really sure that you want to do this then I will be happy to give you a rakhi in exchange for your doll.

(Shopkeeper goes to help other customers)

Swati: (Reaches for the doll)(Talking to herself on stage) Do I really want to give up my favorite doll? Maybe I can give away one of my other dolls in exchange for anna's rakhi. But, if I get the other doll I won't have enough money to buy anna's favorite shiny, blue rakhi. I guess I should sacrifice my favorite doll so that anna can get his favorite rakhi.

(Swati exchanges her favorite doll for her anna's favorite rakhi and starts to walk home.)

Swati: (Walks in the door and sees her brother watching the cricket game.) ANNA ANNA LOOK WHAT I GOT FOR YOU!! It's your favorite rakhi, come let me tie it for you.

Vijay: Oh thank you Swati. The rakhi looks amazing. I love you.

(Swati happily ties the rakhi for her brother.)

Narrator: Swati learned the importance of sacrifice by giving up her favorite doll for her anna's happiness.