

Skit 3: Determination/Perseverance/Dedication

Narrator: A little girl named Saraswati lives in a poor neighborhood across the street from a very renowned doctor's house. One day on his way to the market, he sees a doctor treating his patients.

Saraswati: *(In the market, she observes the doctor for some time.)* Wow! What great service this man is doing. His life's work is to help other people. What higher calling can there be?

(She buys what he needs from the market and then goes home.)

Lakshmi: *(Upon Saraswati's arrival)* Saraswati, what took you so long? Were you dawdling at the candy shop again?

Saraswati: No, mom. Today, I saw one of the most amazing things.

Lakshmi: *(Confused)* You saw an amazing thing in the market?

Saraswati: Yes! I saw a man performing service. But this was no ordinary service. His whole life is filled with service.

Shyam *(Saraswati's Dad just walks in):* What are you talking about, Saraswati?

Saraswati: Dad, the man that I was talking about he is a doctor. He was taking care of his patients near the marketplace, and I couldn't help but watch him. It was amazing. I want to be just like him. Do you think I can do it?

Shyam and Lakshmi: Of course you can do it. Bangaru, you can do whatever you put your mind to.

(Then, Saraswati runs to her room ecstatic with the hope of new opportunities.)

Narrator: The next day is Saraswati's first day of school.

Ms. Gupta: Hello class. My name is Ms. Gupta. Please introduce yourself and tell us what you would like to be when you grow up.

Shekar: My name is Shekar. When I grow up, I guess I will be an engineer like my mom.

Chandu: My name is Chandu. I'm not sure what I want to be

Devi: My name is Devi. I'm not sure what I want to be either.

Saraswati: My name is Saraswati. I want to be a doctor, a great doctor who always cares for her patients with love.

Narrator: After school, Saraswati gets onto the same auto that she always rides in. Saraswati has known this auto driver, Raj, almost all her life because they're from the same neighborhood.

Raj: So Saraswati what did you do in school today?

Saraswati: We introduced ourselves to the class and the teacher and told everyone what we want to be when we grow up.

Raj: So what do you want to be when you grow up?

Saraswati: I want to be the most caring and compassionate doctor in the world.

Raj: Hahaha. You want to be a doctor?

Saraswati: Of course

Raj: You must work very hard for a long time. Even top students have a tough time in medical school.

Saraswati: But I know that I can do it.

Raj: Whatever you say, Saraswati. We are at your house.

Narrator: Later Saraswati is lying in her bed, thinking about whether she can really become a doctor. The next morning before going to school she voices her concerns to her parents.

Saraswati: Mom, Dad, do you both really think that I can become a doctor?

Lakshmi: Of course you can. You can do anything you set your mind to. Who said you can't do it?

Saraswati: Raj, the man whose auto I ride in, laughed at me when I told him that I wanted to become a doctor. He said that I have no chance of succeeding.

Lakshmi: Saraswati, you must understand. There will always be people who will tell you that you cannot do something. You must not listen to them. As long as you believe in yourself and are determined to achieve your goal, nothing can stop you. Also Saraswati, know that both your Dad and I believe in you completely. We know that you will achieve great things.

Shyam: Your Mom is absolutely right. As long as you work hard and persevere, you will definitely achieve your goals. Do you understand, Saraswati?

Saraswati: Yes, I think so.

Narrator: Saraswati learned that determination and perseverance can help anyone achieve any goal no matter the obstacle.