

Skit 4: Non-Violence

Narrator: Karthik is a boy in his teens. He has just recently moved, and he is very excited by the prospect of going to a new school. However, his experience at the new school does not turn out as he had expected it to.

Karthik: Wow! This school is amazing. I think I'm going to have a fun time here.

(Karthik enters the classroom, and the teacher introduces him.)

Teacher: Everyone, this is a new student to our school. His name is Karthik. Say hi to him.

All Students: Hi, Karthik.

(Karthik takes his seat)

Narrator: Karthik sits right next to the class bully, Rajiv. Karthik minds his own business and tries to focus in class. However, Rajiv keeps disturbing him.

(Rajiv throws a small paper ball at Karthik)

Karthik: Please, stop throwing things at me.

Teacher: Karthik, pay attention. Don't talk while I am teaching.

Karthik: Yes, Ms. Chandra. But Rajiv keeps disturbing me.

Teacher: Rajiv, leave Karthik alone.

Rajiv: Yes, Ms. Chandra.

Rajiv *(whispers)*: You think that will help you?

(Rajiv throws another paper ball at Karthik. This continues until Karthik gets very angry and yells out.)

Karthik *(In a loud voice)*: Stop throwing things at me!!

(All the students look at Karthik because they are surprised by the outburst.)

Teacher: Okay, Karthik that is it. Sit outside until you can remain in class calmly.

Karthik: But Ms. Chandra it is Rajiv's fault. He was throwing things at me.

Teacher: Karthik, I saw only you misbehaving. Go outside now!

Narrator: Karthik sits outside for the rest of the class and goes through the rest of school in a dejected mood. He is disappointed by his experiences in the first day.

Sathya (Dad): Hello Karthik. How was the first day of school?

Karthik: Not good

Maya(Mom): Why? What happened?

Karthik: Someone in my class was bothering me, and I ended up getting kicked out of class.

Sathya: What did you do?

Karthik: Rajiv was the one bothering me, and I asked him to stop, politely. He kept on going, and then finally I screamed at him while the teacher was talking. The teacher kicked me out of the class because of that.

Maya: Rajiv, when someone is bothering you, you must never lash out at them. Stay calm and don't get angry. If someone bothers you, just ignore them.

Raja: Okay, mom. I will try that tomorrow morning.

Narrator: The next day, Karthik goes to school with what his mom said in mind.

Rajiv: So Karthik, did you have fun outside in the classroom yesterday?

(Karthik doesn't reply)

Rajiv: Did you go and cry to your parents last night?

Teacher: Rajiv don't talk while I'm talking!

Rajiv: Yes mam.

(Rajiv throws a ball of paper at Karthik just as the teacher turns around)

Teacher: Who threw that ball of paper? Rajiv, it was you wasn't it? You have been bothering Karthik ever since he got here. Go outside. And tomorrow you will sit next to me.