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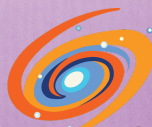


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ABOUT LEARNERS' RESOURCE GALAXY

Vision:

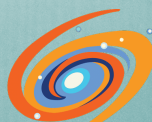
Learners' Resource Galaxy believes in individuals. We believe that each one of you is different. You are born with amazing potentials for a bigger cause. We are striving to develop human resources for a better tomorrow; hence, we create opportunities for the learners to explore their potentials for social excellence.

What we do:

We are working enthusiastically, majorly for children and young adults. And we will tap anything and everything that affects the future of our potential leaders. We do appreciate the hard work done by schools in designing extracurricular activities to ensure the holistic development of the children. Yet, we also believe that we have to create more alternatives for learners to support and guide them to take charge of their lives and learning.

Founder: Mrs. Humaira Salman:

Humaira Salman is the founder and directress of Learners' Resource Galaxy. Her vision and mission is to guide, counsel, and groom individuals to meet the challenges of life. She believes in the youth and provides multiple exposure and opportunities to them so that they can take charge of their lives and learning. She is also recognized as a counselor and is an expert in designing tailor-made workshops for various institutes and organizations. She aspires to inspire and; therefore, her work allows her to explore wide range of subjects; in addition, she provides academic consultancy. She has also worked as a co-author for a series of academic books, workbooks, and teachers' guides. She has used her immense and wide experience of almost 25 years in the field of education to train the teachers and students of both urban and rural areas of Sindh and Punjab. She is a mother of three homeschoolers and enjoys reading, cooking, travelling and socializing



GRATITUDE

BY: HUMAIRA SALMAN
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Thankfulness is not only a feeling, it is a state of mind and lifestyle that ensures happiness for the individual. According to a study published in the Journal of Happiness, gratitude is linked to happiness in children by age 5. This means that instilling gratitude in your kids at a young age could help them grow up to be happier people. ... Grateful kids also tend to give more social support to others as well.

In this time of continuous unpredictability and turmoil most of the parents raise a concern that their children are not thankful to them, no matter what they do. Some of the parents also feel that the child feels entitled to all the luxury and material goods and does not show any thankfulness for the hard work of his parents. This is because we forget to teach them to be thankful when they are small children, we as parents also forget to practice it as well for our kids to observe. We are also busy complaining about every little thing.

So how can we help our kids learn to live gratefully? Gratitude starts at home, and here are some tips to help you start growing into them an attitude of gratitude.

Art of Balancing:

Always remember, if we really want to nurture a confident, thankful child. We must always make sure to provide for all their needs but only for a few desires. Buying kids whatever they want, whenever they want, dilutes the gratitude impulse and it can mean that they don't learn to value or respect their possessions.

Positivity is the key:

Teach your child to look out for the silver lining! We need to start to see the positive in things — even if things don't turn out the way we want.

Role Modelling is the key:

We usually forget that – actions speak louder than words. If we really want our children to show gratitude, we must practice it on a regular basis. Usually, children adopt a habit when we are doing it as a ritual.

In my opinion, role modelling is the most powerful tool parents can use or misuse to introduce a habit into their children. So be very mindful of what you, as parents, do and say!



"THE PLEASURES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS OF SHOPPING"

Written by: Azka Javeria, age 19 years Edited by: Taha Hasan Khan

'Shopping' the very name makes people smile, especially women. It is considered to be a pleasant pastime. Then there is the newly introduced term of 'retail therapy' spending your money on shopping to reduce stress. Shopping is an escape for the depressed souls of most housewives.



Shopping does not only engage grown women but is also widely favoured by the youth. The youngsters feel it is necessary to keep up with the latest fashion trends. The colourful cosmetics, glittering jewelry, and new clothes seem to mesmerize young girls as much as it mesmerizes grown women. Shopping may be a respite from the usual boredom but as it exists in this world, it is bound to have some disappointing prospects.

When we talk about shopping, we immediately deduce that shopping is surely a waste of time and money. Time used to experience retail therapy could be used to do something more effective for stress like reading a book or two. Excessive shopping usually leads to a deflated wallet and only later do you realize that what you bought wasn't worth your time or money. Fashion trends change over a matter of days and if we just set ourselves to the mission of keeping up with them, we will probably be bankrupt.

Shopping may seem like such a lovely thing to do and being human, it is natural to be drawn to it, but like any other worldly thing a common question accompanies it; 'Are you ready to face the consequences?'

[taken from the blog of Azka Javeria, the link to the original post is shared below:
The Pleasures and Disappointments of Shopping (azkajaveria.blogspot.com)]



CAN MONEY BUY HAPPINESS?

Omaima Ghazi

14 years old

Some people believe in the concept that money can buy happiness, but I personally do not agree with this statement. By looking at the wealthy people around us, we can clearly spot a lot of them who are extremely rich, but are still depressed and low-spirited from within.

Many Famous singers and stars who are tremendously well off commit suicide, burdened by the mental pressure they face because of many issues, they turn to anti-depressants and alcoholic drinks to divert their mind losing all control over it hence taking their own lives in many cases. For instance, Goo Hara better known as Hara, was a south Korean singer and actress. She was found dead at her home after being cyber-bullied by cruel and ill-natured comments. During this incident, Hara was suffering from diseases and problems regarding her career and life, and hence had killed her own self.

Even by looking at the rich families around us a little closely, we see how disturbed they are from the inside although their lives look very glittery and captivating superficially. The reason for their breakdowns are the wrong definitions of happiness, which they choose as their bases of life. Hence, even when they have piles of money around them they feel totally empty-handed.

Happiness is not something which money can buy. I agree that money can buy quite important things but will only provide happiness, which is temporary. For instance, it can buy you medicines but not health; luxuries but not culture; obedience but not faithfulness, makeup but not beauty of the soul and personality. Eating exquisite meals and driving luxurious cars may make you joyful for a period of time but permanent happiness lies in spending valuable time with friends and family, making sensational memories and satisfying all your instincts by the guidelines provided by the Creator himself!

No matter how wealthy you are, the extreme amount of paper currency can only buy you temporary happiness. Hence to conclude, permanent happiness cannot be bought by Money.

“If you want to feel rich just count all the things you have that money cannot buy!” □



YOUNG HOMESCHOOL LEADERS

Interview with Fatima Salman



(1) Introduction of yourself and what is your venture about, since how long are you working on this venture?

Hi! My name is Fatima, I'm 19 years old, and I recently completed my A levels. My siblings and I launched our venture (Clayholds) back in March this year, which is about introducing people to natural, handmade and eco-friendly alternatives to commercial products that are harmful for ourselves and the environment. Currently, we are offering bath and beauty products, with handmade soaps at the front of our range.

(2) How did you come up with this idea?

I've been making soaps for over three years now, and after much experimentation, research, and trials on family and friends, I decided to try and make this into something more serious than a hobby. My siblings were also quite eager to work with me on this – I definitely wouldn't have been able to do it without their help – so we finally started this venture together.

(3) What are the benefits of your products?

Natural skincare products, such as the ones we offer, are gentler for the skin than commercial products, especially in the long run. Using such products also has a lower carbon footprint – when you use a product that has been formulated using purely natural ingredients by a local craftsperson and is packaged in plastic-free packaging, you are making a better choice, not only for yourself but also for the planet.

(4) Which medium of social media are you using for marketing and promotion and how is it helping you?

Instagram! I think it is a great platform to present your work to the world in a fun and creative way. The features and tools it places at your disposal gives so much that you can work with and create content that people will enjoy. We've managed to connect with several other likeminded entrepreneurs through this platform and have reached customers we might not have managed to reach otherwise.

(5) Who inspired you?

My mentor, Ms. Amna Haider, who taught me soapmaking, was certainly one of my major inspirations. I loved using her products and dreamed of doing something similar to what she was doing. Although I'm nowhere even close to her level of expertise and experience, my venture is deeply influenced by her. I also found inspiration on the internet – from online groups of soap makers to YouTube videos about running a soaping business and articles discussing how to manage various aspects of it – which gave me a sense of direction to work in.



(6) Does your business hamper your studies?

I started my business after I had finished my A levels – although I had been thinking and planning about it for much longer – so the work isn't affecting my studies right now. However, I will have to think about whether I can manage the time to continue this once I start university. I might have to make some changes in the way I work so that it doesn't affect my academic life.

(7) If you get an opportunity to open a shop would you open it and why?

I would love to open an online store sometime in the future, because that would make the whole set up so much more professional and real. It would probably make things more convenient on both ends – for the customer as well as for me. I haven't planned on opening a walk-in store, but it does sound fun to think about!

(8) What is the future of your business, and how do you intend to grow it?

I would like to add more products to the range I'm already offering. I also plan to set up stalls at local farmers' markets and craft fairs, in order to introduce more people to the venture. I'd also like to build a website, with an online store and a blog, in order to make our platform bigger and more accessible for everyone.

(9) Any message for the upcoming entrepreneurs?

I would advise any young entrepreneur to think about why they want to start their venture. Is it only for the money – because making money isn't very easy, especially in the beginning – or is it for something bigger than that? Once you've decided why you want to start it, I'd recommend planning it out very thoroughly. If you're going to launch your business on Instagram, perhaps plan out your first six posts. Take loads of pictures. Write down Instagram captions in a document or notebook and edit them constantly. Think of hashtags. If you're working on selling handmade products, plan out your first five or ten products. Think about who you want to sell them to. The more comprehensive your plan is, the more focused you will be. Finally, and this will be hard to accept, but don't get disheartened when your post doesn't get enough likes, or when no one orders the first product you launch right away. Just keep going – it will take a few weeks, or even months, to build an audience and start getting orders, and even then, things won't always work uniformly – you might get three orders in one week and none in the next. Nevertheless, as long as you know why you're doing what you're doing and are having fun along the way, you should be happy with your little venture.

A SUDDEN MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Professor Mannequins conducts an experiment to see how people react to a beggar eating at an elite restaurant.

To: Mr. Hamilton
7091/Poker Street

Before conducting this experiment, I, Professor Mannequins made sure to bathe in the dirt, smell like rotten fish, and blacken my teeth. At sharp 10:15 pm, I walk barefoot to the city's most elite restaurant, 'Cheese Roders', and climb the steps into the restaurant, alarming even the watchman on duty.

Ambling to the farthest table possible, I notice peering looks and tense whispers. People have spoons suspended mid-air, and not even one person does what they're here for- eat. To the horror of an aristocratic woman, with the plumpest lips I've ever seen, I pulled the chair from the table beside her and sat myself... However, even before I could sit down, I jump up when a high shrill meets my ears, and the next thing I know is that the manager and a waiter are trying to reason with me, respectfully at first, to leave. Soon it got wild...

Burping loudly, I steal a glance at the lady in particular as she sneers at her big-bellied partner; who in turn nudges her to look at me. Glaring disapprovingly at my bedraggled clothes and complaining to the manager loudly she turns to her partner with that cheesy smile once again.

Her diamond-studded ring, too big for even her fat fingers, was certainly a show to watch! Smirking at me, and undoubtedly showing off her smooth ring, she puts her hand on her nose and belches loudly. Barking at the manager, this time accompanied by almost the entire crowd to kick me out, she turns her mascara-dabbed eyes to the pot-bellied millionaire, and then does not look back again as the show is over...

The fuming manager, along with three waiters, and the watchman, pick a stubborn me and drag me towards the door. Every person looks at me dubiously, and most have their napkins to their noses. Food is untouched. Some people stand, some sit. Chuckles and titters fill the air.



Dumped onto the street I change into my regular lab coat and drive home in my new Audi A5. Why people are like that, I wonder. Why is my worth decided upon by my new shiny car and job? Why does a poor man not own the right to eat in a restaurant as other humans do?

As I was pondering, it suddenly hit me. Why me? Why am I so privileged? Is it because I came into this world with such parents who could afford my expensive education and hobbies? 'I am so blessed'- many of us blithely use this phrase. Today, as I write this report and the unusual, but expected events of the day occupy my mind, I decided that I play no role in any of my accomplishments.

And at that thought, I decided to count my blessings every day, every moment. At the outset, I considered this a piece of cake. But oh- as I did I realized just how thankless and entitled we've become. Even the mere fact that I've been favored upon with a pair of eyes is a blessing. What fault, I must say, did a blind, or a person with one eye commit? None, right? Then what birthright do I own to own such beautiful eyes, and even THEN we complain? "Oh, how I wish I had blue/green/hazel/ black... eyes"

Let's imagine, you painted the most beautiful painting ever, and you show it to your mother, but she constantly points out its flaws. How does that make you feel? The same way, dear readers, it breaks God's heart when you constantly criticize yourself, your body, your surroundings, and your life. Just remember, YOU are perfect in His eyes.

I would just like to end my very lengthy report with one last thought. What would you do if you woke up tomorrow morning and all you had is what you thanked God for yesterday? Let that sink in...

"This story is purely fictional and any resemblance to real life is purely coincidental"



PRAISEWORTHY PAKISTAN

19-Year-old Shehroze Kashif becomes the youngest Pakistani to summit Everest, while being a part of the Seven Summit Treks — Everest Expedition 2021



The Karachi Police has launched the 'Free Vehicle Repair Service' for citizens to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. People in need may dial 15.



For the first time ever, Pakistan hosted the 47th World Environment Day and commemorated the official launch of the UN's 'Decade of Ecosystem Restoration'



Prime Minister Imran Khan launched Pakistan's first-ever locally manufactured electric motorcycle aiming it to be introduced in cities to curb pollution



Miscellaneous

I LOVE THIS ANALOGY:

YOU ARE HOLDING A CUP OF COFFEE WHEN SOMEONE COMES ALONG AND BUMPS INTO YOU OR SHAKES YOUR ARM, MAKING YOU SPILL YOUR COFFEE EVERYWHERE.



WHY DID YOU SPILL THE COFFEE?

"BECAUSE SOMEONE BUMPED INTO ME!!!"

WRONG ANSWER.

YOU SPILLED THE COFFEE BECAUSE THERE WAS COFFEE IN YOUR CUP.

HAD THERE BEEN TEA IN THE CUP, YOU WOULD HAVE SPILLED TEA.

WHATEVER IS INSIDE THE CUP IS WHAT WILL SPILL OUT.

THEREFORE, WHEN LIFE COMES ALONG AND SHAKES YOU (WHICH WILL HAPPEN), WHATEVER IS INSIDE YOU WILL COME OUT. IT'S EASY TO FAKE IT, UNTIL YOU GET RATTLED.

SO WE HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES... "WHAT'S IN MY CUP?"

WHEN LIFE GETS TOUGH, WHAT SPILLS OVER?

JOY, GRATITUDE, PEACE, AND HUMILITY?

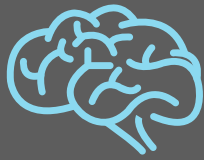
ANGER, BITTERNESS, HARSH WORDS, AND REACTIONS?

LIFE PROVIDES THE CUP, YOU CHOOSE HOW TO FILL IT.

TODAY LET'S WORK TOWARDS FILLING OUR CUPS WITH GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS, JOY, WORDS OF AFFIRMATION; AND KINDNESS, GENTLENESS AND LOVE FOR OTHERS.

(SHARED FROM A FRIEND WHOSE CUP IS FULL OF GOODNESS AND INSPIRATION.)





BRAIN TEASERS



Activity # 1

GUESS THE COUNTRY BY EMOJI:

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Activity # 2

You are in a room that has three switches and a closed door. The switches control three light bulbs on the other side of the door. Once you open the door, you may never touch the switches again. How can you definitively tell which switch is connected to each of the light bulbs?

کامیاب تو وہی ہے

مصیبتوں کی آندھیوں میں، غم کے سیلابوں میں،

سبھی لوگ مٹ جاتے ہیں، بس کچھ ہی انھیں برداشت کر پاتے
ہیں

وقت کے ساتھ بدلنے والے تو عارضی طور پہ کامیاب ہو جاتے
ہیں

اصل میں تو کامیاب وہی ہیں، جو سچ پہ ڈٹ جاتے ہیں

تھام لیں جو صبر و تحمل کا دامن، وہی تو نام کما پاتے ہیں

جو کرتے ہیں گلے شکوے، وہ صفحہ ہستی سے مٹ جاتے ہیں

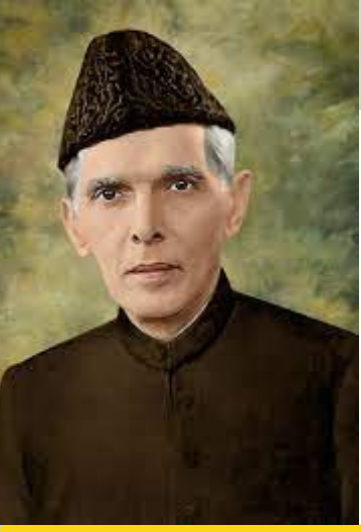
قومِ عاد و ثمود گزر گئیں شکر ادا کیے بغیر

اے لوگو! اب بھی وقت ہے جینے کا، ناشکری کیے بغیر

BY: AMMARA MAHMOOD

13 YEARS OLD





قائدِ اعظم محمد علی جناح

سوانحی خاکہ - حصہ اول

(سنہ ۱۸۷۶-۱۹۰۹)

اہم واقعات	سال
پیدائش - کراچی	۲۵ دسمبر ۱۸۷۶
سندھ مدرسۃ الاسلام میں داخلہ	۱۸۸۳
برطانیہ کے لیے روانگی	۳۰ جنوری ۱۸۹۲
لنکن ان، لندن، سے بار میں مدعو کیے گئے۔	۱۸۹۵
ممبئی ہائی کورٹ میں ایڈوکیٹ (او ایس) کی حیثیت سے داخل کیے گئے۔	۱۸۹۷
تھرڈ پریزیڈنسی مجسٹریٹ رہے ممبئی میونسپل کارپوریشن کے رکن منتخب ہوئے، مارچ ۱۹۰۵ میں اسپیکر دے دیا۔	۴ مئی تا ۳ نومبر ۱۹۰۰
ممبئی میں انڈین نیشنل کانگریس کے اجلاس میں پہلی بار شرکت کی۔	۱۰ مارچ ۱۹۰۲
کانگریس کے لیے مندوب منتخب ہوئے۔	دسمبر ۱۹۰۲
کانگریس کے سالانہ اجلاس میں پہلی تقریر 'وقف علی الاولاد' کی قرارداد کی حمایت میں ۲۷ دسمبر کو کی۔	دسمبر ۱۹۰۶
انڈین مسلمان ایسوسی ایشن، کلکتہ کے وائس پریزیڈنٹ منتخب ہوئے۔	۸ جنوری ۱۹۰۷
انجمن ضیاء الاسلام، ممبئی کے جلسہ عام میں یہ قرارداد پیش کی کہ مسلمانوں کے حلقہ انتخابات کی تشکیل مسلمان رہنماؤں کے مشورے سے کی جائے۔	۲ اگست ۱۹۰۹

ایک جملے کے لطائف (مشاق احمد یوسفی - مرحوم)

آج کل صابن کے اشتہارت دیکھ کر سمجھ نہیں آتی کہ انہیں کھانا ہے یا ان سے نہانا ہے دودھ، بادام اور انڈے سے بنا بس ذرا سا (LUX)۔

شوگر کی بیماری اتنی بڑھ گئی ہے کہ لوگ میٹھا کھانا پینا تو کیا میٹھا بولنا بھی چھوڑ گئے ہیں۔

کچھ خواتین کو کچھ یاد رہے نہ رہے یہ ضرور یاد رہتا ہے کہ ہماری ایک پلیٹ اس کے ہاں گئی تھی اور ایک پلیٹ اس کے یہاں گئی تھی ابھی تک واپس نہیں آئی۔
لوگ پتہ نہیں کیسے پرفیکٹ لائف گزار لیتے ہیں ہمارے تو ناشتے میں کبھی پراٹھا پہلے ختم ہو جاتا ہے اور کبھی انڈا۔

ہم پاکستانی واحد قوم ہیں جو کہتے ہیں بھائی ایک ٹھنڈی Cold Drink تو دینا۔

ایک نئی تحقیق کے مطابق، سکون صرف اس گھر میں ہوتا ہے جہاں ایک سے زیادہ چارجر موجود ہوں۔



معصوم شکوے کا زبردست حل مصنف: مریم فاروقی، عمر ۱۶ سال

"خالد، تم نے ابھی تک اپنا اسکول کا کام مکمل نہیں کیا؟؟؟" امی کی غصیلی آواز سن کر آٹھ سالہ خالد کی سٹی گم ہو گئی۔ اسے یاد آیا کہ امی سے اسکول کا کام پورا کرنے کے بعد سیر کے لیے جانے کا وعدہ کیا تھا، جس پر جلد ہی پانی پھرنے والا تھا۔

"جی امی، بس حتم ہونے والا ہے۔" پکارتا ہوا وہ اپنے کھلونے چھوڑ کر بستے کی طرف لپکا۔

"داداجان، ہمیں اسکول جانا ہی کیوں پڑا ہے؟؟ جو سیکھنا ضروری ہے وہ گھر میں ہی سیکھ لیں اور زندگی سکون سے گزاریں!" داداجان نے اخبار سے نظریں ہٹا کر تو سامنے تھکا ہارا خالد بیٹھا نظر آیا۔

"کیوں بھئی، ہمارے خالد میاں کی اسکول سے کٹی ہو گئی؟" داداجان نے پیار سے پوچھا۔
"میری مس مجھے اتنا سارا فضول کام دے دیتی ہیں۔۔۔ مجھے نہیں جانا اب سے اسکول۔" خالد نے شکوہ کیا۔

"لو جی، بس اتنے سی بات، اس کو ابھی حل کر لیتے ہیں۔" داداجان نے مسکرا کر چٹکی بجاتے ہوئے کہا۔

خالد نے حیرت سے ابرو اٹھائی، "وہ کیسے بھلا؟"
"تم اپنی کچھ فالتو اشیاں جیسے پرانے کپڑے، کھلونے اور کتابیں وغیرہ الگ کر لو۔" داداجان نے کہا۔

"اس سے کیا ہوگا؟" خالد نے منہ بنایا۔
"چلو جلدی کرو، تمہارے پاس کل شام تک کا وقت ہے۔" داداجان نے کہا۔



"داداجان، میں بالکل تیار ہوں۔۔۔" اگلی شام کو خالد ایک بڑا سا ڈبہ گھسیٹتا ہوا دادا کے دروازے پر آکھڑا ہوا۔

"واہ بھئی، اتنی جلدی۔ چلو اب یہ ڈبہ کسی کی مدد سے میری گاڑی میں رکھو ادو۔" داداجان نے خوش ہوتے ہوئے کہا۔
 "ہم باہر جا رہے ہیں، مزا آگیا۔" خالد خوشی سے نعرے لگاتا ہوا ڈبہ رکھوانے بھاگا۔

"داداجان، یہ ہم کہاں آگے؟؟" داداجان کی گاڑی کو ایک کچی بستی کے نزدیک رکتا دیکھ کر خالد بے ساختہ بول پڑا۔

"بس دیکھتے جاؤ، چلو اب اپنا ڈبہ نیچے لے آؤ۔" داداجان نے نرمی سے کہا۔ خالد ایک ملازم کی مدد سے ڈبہ نیچے لے آیا۔

"خالد بیٹا، ذرا اپنی چیزیں احتیاط سے ان بچوں میں بانٹ دو۔" داداجان کے لہجے میں اداسی نمایاں تھی۔ یہ کہہ کر وہ اپنی گاڑی میں بیٹھ کر تلاوت میں مشغول ہو گئے۔
 سارا سامان باندھ کر خالد اپنے داداجان کے پاس آ بیٹھا، "داداجان یہ بچے اسکول کیوں نہیں جاتے؟ کیا ان کی چھٹیاں چل رہی ہیں؟ یا ان کو بھی میری طرح اسکول جانا نہیں پسند؟" خالد نے حیرت اور رشک کے ملے جلے تاثرات سے پوچھا۔

"دیکھو خالد بیٹا،" داداجان نے سمجھانا شروع کیا، "یہ جو بچے ہیں، یہ اتنے غریب ہیں کہ اپنی روزمرہ ضرورتیں ہی پوری نہیں کر سکتے، بھلا اسکول کیسے جائیں گے؟!"

"وہ کیوں؟ کیا ان کا دل نہیں چاہتا؟" خالد نے معصومیت بھرا سوال کیا۔

"بیٹا، دنیا میں بہت کچھ ایسا ہوتا ہے جو آپ کی مرضی کے خلاف ہوتا ہے، آپ کو بہت سے کام کرنے کا دل نہیں چاہتا، مگر پھر بھی کرنے پڑتے ہیں۔ اسی طرح کچھ کاموں پر آپ کا دل چاہتا ہے، مگر آپ کو ان سے دور رہنا ہوتا ہے۔" داداجان نے تفصیل میں جاتے ہوئے کہا۔ پھر انہوں نے پیار سے پوچھا، "تو میرے پوتے کو یہاں آنے کا مقصد سمجھ آگیا؟"

اور وہ کیا، "خالد نے نفی میں سر ہلاتے ہوئے سوال کیا۔"

میں آج آپ کو یہاں اس لئے لایا ہوں، "داداجان پھر گویا ہوئے، "تاکہ آپ کو پتہ چلے کہ آپ اللہ کی کتنی ساری نعمتوں میں گھرے ہوئے ہیں، آپ کے بابا اچھی سی ملازمت کرتے ہیں، آپ کی ماما آپ کے لیے لذیذ کھانے بناتی ہیں، آپ عمدہ کپڑے پہنتے ہیں، آپ اسکول بھی جاتے ہیں، آپ کے کئی اچھے دوست بھی ہیں، صرف یہی نہیں، آپ کو اللہ تعالیٰ نے مکمل صحت سے نوازا ہے۔ آپ اپنے ارد گرد دیکھو تو آپ کو اللہ کی سینکڑوں نعمتیں نظر آئیں گی۔" داداجان نے اللہ کی نعمتیں گنوائیں۔

اب ذرا ان لوگوں کو ایک نظر دیکھو، ان کے پاس اچھی ملازمتیں نہیں ہیں، ان کے کپڑے بوسیدہ ہیں، ان کو تھوڑے سے کھانے پر زندگی گزارنی پڑتی ہے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ نے آپ کو تو ان لوگوں سے کئی زیادہ نوازا ہے، تو اب آپ کو سمجھ آ گیا کہ کیا کرنا ہے؟" داداجان نے اپنا سوال دہرایا۔

جی بالکل داداجان، اب میں اللہ میاں کی کسی بھی نعمت کی ناشکری نہیں کروں گا۔ پورا دل لگا کر پڑھا کروں گا اور بڑے ہو کر ان لوگوں کی بھی مدد کروں گا۔" خالد نے پر عزم لہجے میں کہا۔

شاباش، یہ ہونی نا بات، چلو اب گھر چلیں، ورنہ خالد میاں کی ماما پریشان ہو جائیں گی۔" داداجان نے مسکراتے ہوئے کہا تو خالد کے لبوں پر بھی مسکراہٹ تیر گئی۔

اور اسکول کا کام بھی تو کرنا ہے۔" داداجان نے اسے کہتے ہوئے سنا۔

آپ کا بہت بہت شکریہ اللہ تعالیٰ، اب میں آپ کی نعمتوں کی ناقدری نہیں کروں گا۔" ننھے خالد نے دل ہی دل میں اللہ تعالیٰ سے وعدہ کیا۔

یہ آج ماجرہ کیا ہے؟؟ ہمارے خالد میاں آج ضد کے بغیر اسکول بھی چلے گئے، اور اب اپنا کام بھی خاموشی سے مکمل کر رہے ہیں!! "امی حیران پریشان کھڑی تھیں، "مجھے بھی تو بتاؤ اس کے پیچھے کیا راز ہے؟"

اخبار کے پیچھے سے داداجان نے نظریں اٹھا کر خاموشی اور لگن سے پڑھتے ہوئے خالد کو دیکھا اور وہ مسکراتے بغیر نہ رہ سکے۔

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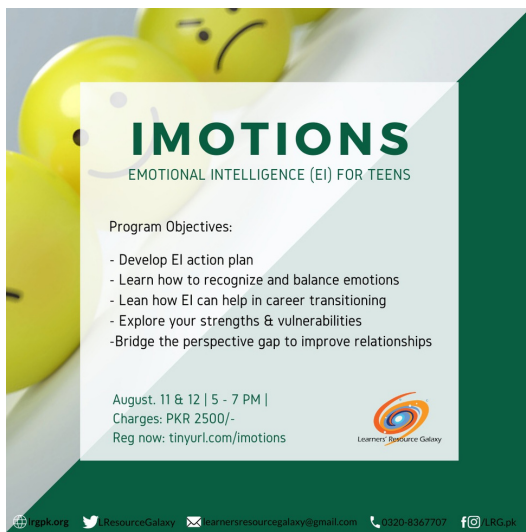
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Answer for Activity #2:

Turn on the first two switches. Leave them on for five minutes. Once five minutes has passed, turn off the second switch, leaving one switch on. Now go through the door.

The light that is still on is connected to the first switch. Whichever of the other two is warm to the touch is connected to the second switch. The bulb that is cold is connected to the switch that was never turned on.

