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Host (Announcement): Hello children! Now, we are going to have a cookery competition between Supermom and Laddu Lingam.

You know, who is Supermom? No? I will tell you...I will tell you.

Supermom is not like any mom. She is a Superclean. She has a bath every day, wear clean clothes and even wash her hands with soap after going to toilet and before cooking. She will be competing with Laddu Lingam.

You know, who is Laddu Lingam? No? I will tell you...I will tell you.

You know Laddu Lingam is the total opposite of Supermom. He has a bath only once in a year, on his birthday. If you ask him why, he would say what is the point, when you can clean all the dirt at one go. He always wears dirty clothes. He never, never washes his hands after going to toilet or (ugh) before making laddus.

He has thrown a challenge to Supermom. He challenged her that she thinks she is clean and all that, but children like his laddus better than hers. Supermom told that would never happen. So, he called her for a competition. So, children today is the day of the competition. Keep your eyes and ears open, the competition is about to start...May the best laddu win!

(He rings a bell to announce the starting of the event as he walks out of the scene. Supermom enters the room with vessels and other things. She keeps them on the table and starts addressing the children)

Supermom: Hello, children, how are you? I am now going to make you some nice laddus. Would you like to have them? Ok, I wonder where is my competitor Laddu Lingam, I will start anyway. But, before I start, I have to do something very important. Do you know what it is? No? I have to wash my hands with soap and water, so that my hand is really clean to make Laddus. Do you know why? You see, it is important to wash your hands with soap before touching food. If you wash with just water, then dirt and germs will remain in your food, which will go into your mouth. And then you will fall sick. Anyway, who wants to eat dirty laddus...do you?

(She washes her hands and starts rolling laddus, as Laddu Lingam comes rushing in.)

Laddu Lingam: 'I am late...I am late. But, you know my stomach is not all that good and I had to go to toilet....Didn't even have time to wash hands properly...(Sniffs his hand, rubs it on his cloth and then tries to shake hands of children and then he notices Supermom). 'So, you have already started making laddus,..let us see whose laddus are better'.

(He keeps his vessels on the table. His vessels are dirty and sniffs them and makes a face.)

Laddu Lingam: I am going to make a very different Laddu, you all wait and see. But, before starting to make Laddus, I have to do something...I am forgetting, does anyone know? Hmmm..not that. Not that. I have to collect some sand and some dirty water (He rushes out and comes back with a bowl of sand). So that I can make some mud.

Supermom (concerned): Why do you put sand in your laddu? It will cause stomach upset for children...

Laddu Lingam (in a secretive tone): What do you know? What do you know? Don't children play in the mud and then eat their food without washing it with soap. They won't even notice. With sand, all you need to add is some sewage water.

Supermom (concerned): Why do you use sewage water in your Laddus? It will have germs that will make children fall sick.

Laddu lingam: Don't children take balls out of sewage drains and then proceed to eat without washing their hands with soap. They won't even notice, I tell you, they won't even notice....oh, no! My stomach is grumbling again, I have got this diarrhea....I will be back....(He runs out...)

Supermom: See, I keep telling this fellow to wash hands with soap and he never listens. See, now he has stomach upsets...But, I am making some sweet laddus...I am sure you would like them....

(Laddu Lingam comes rushing in...)

Laddu Lingam: There is no water here....but, how does it matter, I can always wash it after making laddus....It is all the same thing.

(Supermom finishes making Laddus)

Supermom: Ha! My laddus are ready!

Laddu Lingam: Good Laddus take time to make! Unfortunately, I don't have stones, but sand and sewage water should be good enough...What do you say, children? Okay...here, here, even my Laddus are ready!

(And Laddu Lingam starts taking around his laddus to children....children shrink away. He tries to forcefeed them...Supermom comes in the way...)

Supermom: Nobody wants to eat your Laddus, Didn't I tell you to wash your hands with soap after going to Toilet?

(And she chases him out of the classroom)

Supermom: Now, who wants my Laddus? There is one thing you have to do before eating...Do you know what it is? Yes, wash your hands with soap.

So, both people finished making their laddus. Supermom had made sweet laddus with clean hands. And laddu lingam had made dirty laddus with mud and sewage water. And then they both offered their laddus to the children.

Which laddu would you like to take? Supermom's? Or Laddu Lingam's?