



The Boy That Nobody Likes



Long ago, in a village lived a boy by the name Kumar. His village was like your village. It had schools and temples. It had fields where men and women worked all through the day. He was also like any other boy. He loved to climb trees, ride his bicycle and play cricket.



One day, when he came to the school in the morning, he noticed that nobody sat next to him. When he tried to sit near someone, they told 'Cheee!' and they would move away. So, he had to sit all alone by himself and nobody even spoke to him.



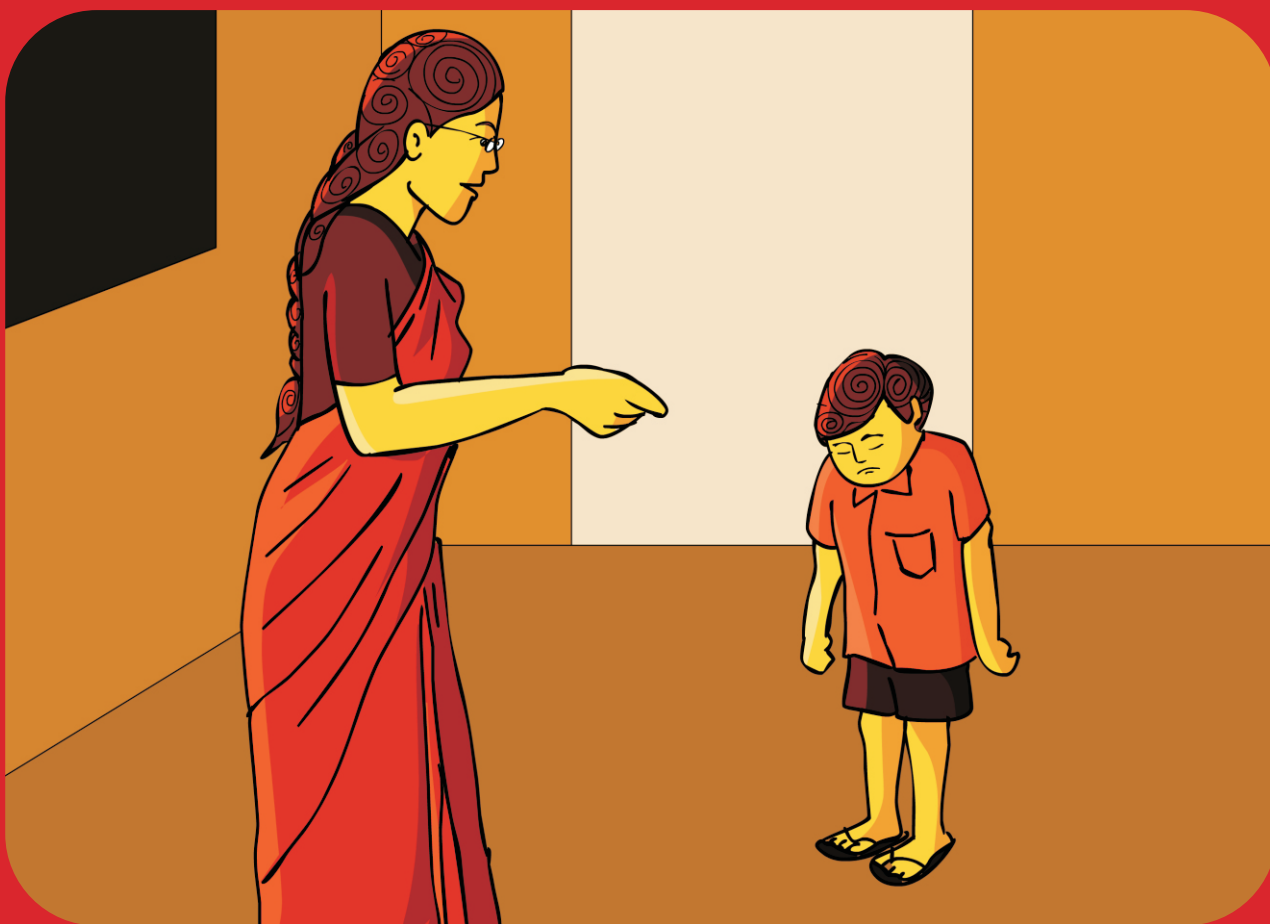
In the lunchtime, he wanted to offer others food from his lunch box. But, nobody would take food from him. Whenever, he offered food they will just say 'Cheee!' and they would turn away from him. So, he sat all alone by himself eating.



In the evening, he went to the playground to play cricket with other children. And as they divided themselves into two teams, nobody wanted him in their team. He was left out and he had to just sit and watch others play.



That night, he could not sleep. He wondered why is everyone avoiding him? Why are they not sitting next to him or eat his food or play with him? He felt very sad and he cried.



Next day, he asked the teacher, why is everyone avoiding him? What mistake has he done? The teacher asked him, 'Do you wash your hands with soap after going to toilet?'. He said 'No'. The teacher asked him, 'Do you wash your hands with soap before eating?'. He said 'No'. The teacher told him that is the reason no one wants to come near you. If you go to toilet and don't wash your hands with soap, why would anybody want to touch you or play with you? If you don't wash your hands with soap before meal, why would they take your food that is dirty?'



Kumar listened to his teacher and started washing his hands with soap. Now, no one avoids him. Everyone wants to play with him and no one has a problem eating his food. Kumar is happy.