

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL, LONI

SESSION (2019-2020)

**STORY TELLING ACTIVITY**

(English activity- 5 marks)

**CLASSES I & II**

We are happy to announce **Tell a Tale (Story Telling Activity) on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2020 for roll no. 1 to 15 and on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2020 for roll no. 16 to 30.**

Each student has to narrate a story (enlisted below) that would be unique and creative in its own manner. It's being conducted to give a platform to exploration of imagination.

The story telling activity aims at-

- Promoting creativity among students.
- Promoting thinking skills.
- Enhancing analysis and evaluation skills.
- Developing communication skills.

The students will be judged on

- Content
- Diction
- Pronunciation
- Prop
- Facial expressions

The stories are given below: -

**Introduction**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I read in class \_\_\_\_\_

My story is \_\_\_\_\_

**STORY NARRATION**

**Thank You**

### 1. The Man Who Lied To God

A rich man was ill but none of the doctors could find a cure for his illness. His health kept getting worse. His family began to lose hope and turned towards God to help them. The rich man prayed, "God, please save me and I will build a beautiful church." God was delighted and the rich man recovered from his illness. But the rich man turned out to be a miser. He bought a tiny idol of Christ and went to the church. He prayed, "Dear God, accept this as my token of gratitude." God was certainly not pleased as the rich man had broken his promise. He said, "Go to the shore and you will find a bag of gold coins." The man woke up from his sleep and immediately rushed towards the shore. But all he found was an empty bag. He understood God's lesson and regretted his actions.

Moral: Never make false promises.

### 2. The Fisherman's Misery

A poor fisherman lived on the bank of a river. He would spend the whole day catching fish. He would then go to the market and sell them. For the last two weeks, the fisherman had not caught even a single fish. Because he could not sell any fish at the market, he had no money to buy food. His family had been hungry for days. The fisherman went to the river one morning and decided, 'I have to catch a fish anyhow, for if I don't, my family will go hungry again today'. The day went by and there was no fish in sight. The tired and hungry fisherman fell asleep on his boat. He woke up in the evening when a woman called out to him. It was the sea goddess. "Brother, I am pleased with your faith. Take these gold coins and live a happy life with your family." The sea goddess handed him the bag and disappeared.

Moral: Hard work is always appreciated.

### 3. The Old Ice Cream

A poor boy was walking on the street on a summer afternoon. It was hot but he did not have a home to go to. He stood under the shade of the trees. Suddenly he saw an ice cream truck pass by. The ice cream vendor cried out, “Vanilla! Chocolate! Butterscotch! Take whichever flavour you like.” The boy looked for money in his pockets. But he could only find a few nuts. Disheartened, he began to walk away from the truck. The greedy ice cream vendor thought, ‘Let me give him an old ice-cream in exchange of the nuts. I would eat them on my way back home.’ He called the boy and gave him the ice cream. The boy thanked him and happily sat under the tree. While eating the nuts, the vendor realised that the nuts were stale. He immediately understood that what you do comes back to you.

Moral: What you sow, so shall you reap.

### 4. The Woodman and his Axe

A woodman accidentally dropped his axe into the river. He was very sad and he cried, “Please help me, God. My axe was my only means of living!” God Mercury appeared from the river and the woodman told him about his axe. Mercury decided to test the woodman and went back and brought up a golden axe. He asked, “Is this yours?” The woodman said, “No! This is not mine” Then, Mercury returned with a silver axe. The woodman refused to take it saying that it is not his. Finally, Mercury brought an iron axe. The woodman said, “Thank you, this one’s mine! I am very grateful that you have got back for me.” Mercury pleased with his honesty gave him the golden and silver axes, too. He said, “Keep these axes also. You deserve them.”

Moral: Honesty is the best policy.

### 5. A Friend in Need

A hare was very social and had many friends. She used to help everyone. One day, she heard the hounds coming into the forest to catch her. She panicked and went to the horse for help. But the horse said, "I have to help my master or else I would have helped you." Without any further ado, she ran to the bull. The bull said, "I have a meeting with a friend or else I would have helped you." Now the hare was beginning to get worried. She met the lamb on her way and asked her for help. But she refused as she was scared of the hounds. At last, the scared hare met a calf. The hare began to cry and the calf consoled her, "Dear hare, don't worry. Just run and hide yourself. I will signal to you when the hounds leave." The hare hid itself and realised that her true friend was the calf.

Moral: A friend in need is a friend indeed.

### 6. The Shrewd Judge

Once a robber was brought into the court. He was charged for stealing. The judge asked, "Why did you steal the rich man's gold?" The robber replied, "God asked me to steal the gold. If you want to blame someone, blame God and punish Him." The judge got agitated but kept his calm. He said, "Fine, I will punish God, But you must return all the gold to the rich man or else I will put you in jail." The robber hesitated but then he returned all the gold. The robber asked the judge, "Now can I leave?" "No," replied the judge. The angry robber began yelling at the judge for lying to him. The judge said, "It was God's will that I lie to you to take all the gold. You can go fight with him. Right now you are going to jail."

Moral: Take responsibility for your actions.

### 7. The Monk and the Tree

Once there lived a monk. Every morning, he would go to an old tree to pray to spirit residing in the tree. He offered flowers and incense to the tree. After many days, the spirit in the tree finally decided to meet the monk. It appeared in the form of an old man. It said, "You come here every day and I am impressed by your devotion. Tell me what you want and I will try and help you." The monk was pleased and said, "I want to open a school in my village for poor children. But I don't have any money. Please help me." The old man thought for a while and gave the monk a shovel to dig under the tree. The monk found a treasure box which had many gold ornaments. The old man suggested he sell these ornaments and begin to build the school.

Moral: When your intentions are good, you will get the help you need.

### 8. A Good Deed

Once a traveller who was a toy maker was going to another town to sell toys. In the afternoon, the traveller found a well and drank some water. He saw his watch and saw that he had time to reach the other town. He could rest. He laid down beside the short wall of the well to take rest. As he was tired he quickly fell asleep. Just then, a man came by. He woke up the traveller and said, "Please wake up or you will fall into the well. You should be careful." The traveller woke up and saw that the wall was very short and he could have indeed fallen. He said, "Thank you for saving my life." The man said, "Last year, I too fell asleep on the well's wall. But someone kind saved my life." I am just passing on a kind deed.

Moral: Always pass on the good deed.