

LESSON 21

RAM LEARNS NOT TO JUDGE OTHERS

NIRAV: I have a new friend who just moved in our neighborhood. His name is Suketu. He has a new ten speed racer bike, and he lets me ride it. I want you to meet him. Come on.

RAM: What color is his hair, black?

NIRAV: Yes, do you know him?

RAM: I bet his eyes are brown, aren't they?

NIRAV: You must know him, do you?

RAM: No, I don't think that I want to be a friend with someone like that.

NIRAV: How can you say that about someone you don't even know?

RAM: I can tell already that he is a sneaky, creepy, terrible thief, and we should not be friends with him.

NIRAV: That is a terrible way to judge someone, Ram.

RAM: Oh, I'm not judging. I saw him down my street, last week in one of the stores. I saw him take some sweets from behind the counter. I am not judging him. It's true I saw it with my own eyes.

NIRAV: How do you know he was stealing the sweets?

RAM: You could see that he was stealing the sweets. People just don't go behind the counter.

NIRAV: I know why he was behind the counter. Ram, his daddy told him to go behind the counter.

RAM: You mean his daddy wanted him to steal the sweets?

NIRAV: Not really Ram. Suketu's daddy owns the store. Suketu helps his daddy by working in the store.

RAM: You mean he has a job, he works in the store?

NIRAV: Yes. See you weren't being fair when you judged him.

RAM: Well, that's how things looked to me. I really didn't mean to be unfair.

NIRAV: You shouldn't judge people. Just keep your thoughts about other people to yourself. Remember the other day we learned that only Arihant Bhagwan knows everything. I hope you didn't mention that you thought Suketu was a thief to anyone else.

RAM: No, you're the only one I told.

NIRAV: Well, I am glad Ram. People shouldn't talk about others. People gossip, and start to think badly of others. What's more these words spread and it get very sad for the person you gossip about!

RAM: I am really sorry Nirav. I promise I won't do it again. I'm sure Suketu is a nice guy. Will you take me to meet him?

NIRAV: O.K., he is at the sweet store. Let's go over there, and I will buy you some sweets.

RAM: That's so nice of you Nirav. Let's race to see who can get to the sweet store first.