

LESSON 09

ROHIT LEARNS ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY

ROHIT: I am reading the book about behavior, which was written when our parents were of our age. I think these lessons were written just for me. This book is superb and impressive.

TEJAL: Hi, Rohit! I'm ready to go, are you?

ROHIT: I'm not going. I'll stay home.

NIRAV: We are supposed to clean our Jain Center today. The whole class is going to be there.

ROHIT: Yeah, but I almost forgot that while reading this book, and I'll keep on reading this book. I'll not stop until I finish it.

TEJAL: You need to help us. We need everybody there.

ROHIT: Someone else can do it, not me. I don't have that kind of time. I'm busy reading this Jain book.

NIRAV: We should read and study about Jainism but we should also do our work.

ROHIT: I am not going to help. I've decided to read this book without stopping. This is so important to me. Let someone else do the work.

TEJAL: You're the best window cleaner in the whole class, and we need your help.

ROHIT: You'll just have to try and do it yourself. I'm too busy to leave right now.

NIRAV: I wish that you would come with us because I'm only good at cleaning the floor and Tejal is cleaning the kitchen. Komal and Bina are good at washing the dishes.

ROHIT: I know last week's rain made the windows dirty. But, anyone can clean windows. My reading is too important. I want to be a good Jain.

(Nirav and Tejal exit, Rohit continues reading, talking to himself.

Two hours later: Rohit just finished reading about sharing responsibilities)

RAM: What are you doing?

ROHIT: I'm reading the Jain book. It has many good stories teaching me some good lessons.

RAM: I always liked our Jain Center, but not this time. The last storm made the windows so dirty. You can't even see outside.

ROHIT: Why, did not they clean the windows?

RAM: There weren't enough people to help clean the center. No one did the windows. I bet our teachers will be upset and unhappy. Well, I hope you learned enough from the Jain book.

ROHIT: Thanks! Windows should be clean before the people come.

RAM: You must be kidding. Clean? Who do you suppose is going to do all of that cleaning?

ROHIT: I'm. I just learned about sharing the responsibilities. It is my responsibility to clean the windows. I'll always fulfill my responsibilities from now on. This is our Jain Center and we will keep it clean, pure and holy.