

## LESSON 11

## NIRAV LEARNS ABOUT COMPASSION

**RAM:** I want to skate so much, but I can't even skate for five minutes without falling down.

**NIRAV:** Hey, hot wheels are on his way here. Here they come now. Ha! Ha!

**RAM:** Nirav, please don't make fun of me. I am trying very hard to learn how to use skates. You don't know how bad my back hurts.

**NIRAV:** It would help if you could go fast enough to make the wheels turn. You look as if you are going to the doctor, the dentist, or some other place that you don't want to go. Hurry up!

**RAM:** I am moving as fast as I can.

**NIRAV:** You are as slow as a little turtle.

(Nirav pushes Ram and Ram falls)

**RAM:** Ouch! My arm is killing me! It really hurts!

**NIRAV:** You are the funniest person I know. You can do a good job as a clown! You are funny, funny.

**RAM:** I can't move my arm! Nirav, please, help me get up.

**NIRAV:** You might never get up. I have to go now. See you whenever you make it there. Ha! Ha!

(Several days later, Nirav is skating on the sidewalk and hits a big crack and falls down)

**NIRAV:** Oh, no! I am going to die! I am bleeding badly. Somebody, help me, please.

(Ram is passing by)

**RAM:** Sure! I will help you. You have skinned your knee. That's all.

**NIRAV:** I'm so sorry that I was so rotten to you. You really are a nice person.

**RAM:** Remember? We learned in Pathshala how compassionate Tirthankara Mahavira was. I try to follow him. He cared for everyone. Hurry, let's go home.

**NIRAV:** I guess you don't have to be a great skater to be a great friend. I am really glad that we are friends! You taught me a lesson. Even though I did not help you, you showed compassion for me. I will also try to be compassionate towards everyone.