

## LESSON 04

## ROHIT LEARNS TO BE KIND

**ROHIT:** I am a really nice person but no one likes me. I don't know why?

**DEEPAK:** Hi Rohit, you're looking really sad. Like a sad sack, so, so sad...

**ROHIT:** None of my friends like me. They don't even have anything to do with me. They don't play with me. They don't bother about me. I don't know why.

**DEEPAK:** You have friends that you don't even know.

**ROHIT:** No, I don't have any friends at all.

**DEEPAK:** How about Manish? You and he get along really well.

**ROHIT:** That was a long time ago. He used to always let me do anything I wanted to. Now he doesn't. He didn't even let me bat first the other day. I got angry and kicked him. I don't understand why he is so mad today.

**DEEPAK:** That was an awful thing to do. What about you and Rita? You two are friends. Aren't you?

**ROHIT:** Well, this morning I put chewing gum in her hair, and put dots on her face with a magic marker. I told her she had black spots.

**DEEPAK:** Why did you do that to Rita?

**ROHIT:** She had all those nice looking biscuits, and she wouldn't let me have the biggest one. She knows I deserve the biggest biscuit. She eats like a pig.

**DEEPAK:** Well, what about you and Nirav? Are you two mad at each other?

**ROHIT:** Yes, I took a real bite out of his arm yesterday after school.

**DEEPAK:** Were you hungry enough to eat him?

**ROHIT:** As matter of fact he tasted awful. He was rude. He told me that I wasn't the smartest person in our class, so I bit him.

**DEEPAK:** Well, it looks like you have lost your friends. It's a good thing you still have your dog. Dogs are true friends.

**ROHIT:** You see my dog used to be a true friend. It is mad at me too. I hit him in the nose with a rubber band and then I tied his ears together.

**DEEPAK:** That's horrible! Why were you mean to your dog?

**ROHIT:** He wouldn't let go my shoe. He took it into his dog house and wouldn't come out.

**DEEPAK:** I wonder if you have understood why you have lost your friends. See, "To have a friend, be a friend." I really feel sorry for you.

**ROHIT:** I don't understand what you mean by saying, "To have a friend, be a friend."

**DEEPAK:** You can't be mean to your friends and always have your own way.

**ROHIT:** I have more fun, if I have my way!

**DEEPAK:** Your friends don't like you being mean and selfish. No one likes to play with someone who is selfish. You need to be kind and unselfish.

**ROHIT:** I still don't understand.

**DEEPAK:** Look at the way you treated your friends. You kicked first one because he wouldn't let you bat first. You put the chewing gum on the hairs of second one and so on. All because of some silly reasons!

**ROHIT:** I think you are right! I have done some silly things. You are right! It is terrible being lonely. I must be kind.

**DEEPAK:** Come on, I will play with you. You have learned a good lesson.

**ROHIT:** You will?

**DEEPAK:** Yes, if you promise not to put chewing gum in my hair or draw dots on my face with a magic marker.

**ROHIT:** I think black freckles would make you look real grown up.

**DEEPAK:** No freckles, no black freckles that's it.

**ROHIT:** You can have it your way. Let's go and play. You decide the game. We'll play whatever you want to play.