

LESSON 09

RAJESH LEARNS NOT TO BE JEALOUS

RAJESH: (Thought) [Rohit came over to see me and left his toy truck here. I know he left it at my house just to make me jealous. Wow! It's just like the truck I always wanted. I am so jealous of him. It is not fair that he has a whole roomful of toy trucks and I do not have any. I bet his bedroom looks just like a toy store!

Well you know what I am going to do. I am going to break his toy truck. Rohit does not need all of these great toys, especially not this one. He makes me so mad. This will teach him a lesson. It will teach him not to be so selfish.

Rajesh breaks the truck into many pieces. "Rohit deserves it" now I feel better.]

(Rohit comes in)

ROHIT: Rajesh, Rajesh! Are you here? Rajesh, did you get the birthday present I left for you?

RAJESH: What birthday present? Did you get me a present?

(Rajesh surprisingly)

ROHIT: Yes, I did. It had a red card on it, and I put it on top of your television. Now I do not see it. The red card on the present says, "To Rajesh, From: Rohit."

RAJESH: You mean it was a present? What was it?

ROHIT: For four weeks, I have been saving my money to buy you a toy truck. Remember, the one you liked?

RAJESH: A toy truck, really?

ROHIT: Do you know what might have happened?

RAJESH: It could have been stolen or maybe it just rolled away.

ROHIT: Rolled away? I don't see it anywhere here. I think we need to call the police. I paid a lot of money for that truck. I bet they will put the robber in jail for taking the truck. People go to jail for stealing cars and other things.

RAJESH: I think I am going to get sick.

ROHIT: Don't you worry! The police will find the robber and he will really be sorry. He will go to jail. I hope they catch the robber and put handcuffs on him.

RAJESH: I think I just got sicker.

ROHIT: Rajesh, do not worry. I will see the robber gets put in jail and does not eat anything except water and bread for a whole month.

RAJESH: (In his mind. I was jealous of Rohit and all his toys, and now I am really in trouble. My Jain school teacher taught us that we should be happy with what we have and should not get tempted to what we do not have or to someone else's stuff. I really wish I should have followed her. I think I better tell Rohit the truth about the truck. I don't want to go to jail and miss dinner at home. My parents will be upset with me.)

(Loudly) I found the robber! I caught him right here. His name is Rajesh. Don't call the police...it is me. I am sorry. I was jealous and broke the truck. I thought it was yours. I realize what I did was wrong. Will you forgive me?

ROHIT: Of course, I will forgive you. You're the one who does not have a truck any more!