

LESSON 18 CALLING

RAJESH LEARNS NO MORE NAME-

- RAJESH:** This is a terrible, horrible. I had a very bad day. Everything is terrible.
- NUTAN:** What is bothering you?
- RAJESH:** That is none of your business. You nosy, Miss Know It All! What has gotten into you so that you are snooping around?
- NUTAN:** Well, I thought just to ask.
- RAJESH:** You girls are a bunch of dummies. All you want to do is bother the boys and ask questions.
- NUTAN:** Rajesh, You are being very rude.
- RAJESH:** Where did you come from? Outer space? You look silly monkey to me.
- NUTAN:** You know the old saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me."
- RAJESH:** Well, that is because you have a fat head. A fat, thick head like a donkey!
- NUTAN:** What an awful thing to say!
- RAJESH:** Cannot you tell you have made me mad? Just leave me alone. You creep!
- NUTAN:** I can certainly see that you are mad. What are you so mad about? Maybe I can be of help.
- RAJESH:** I am mad at Deepak. He makes me so angry.
- NUTAN:** Did he hurt you?
- RAJESH:** He really hurt my feelings.
- NUTAN:** What on earth happened?
- RAJESH:** Deepak called me a lousy name. Deepak called me a yellow chicken.
- NUTAN:** Is that what hurt your feelings?
- RAJESH:** It sure did. Would not that hurt your feelings?

NUTAN: Well one day, one of my friends called me a silly-monkey, fathead, and a creep all in the same day. He also said I was as dumb as a donkey.

RAJESH: All in the same day! You must be kidding me.

NUTAN: No, I do not kid about something like that. It happened all in one day.

RAJESH: I think I would have hit him. Did you?

NUTAN: No, I did not do that.

RAJESH: I would have kicked his teeth out and pulled his hair too. Did you?

NUTAN: No, I did not do that either.

RAJESH: Well, it looks like he deserved something awful. Who is he? I will tell him a thing or two. I will take real good care of him for you.

NUTAN: Rajesh, you know this boy.

RAJESH: Who is it? I will knock out his lights. Tell me who?

NUTAN: It was you, Rajesh. Just a few minutes ago, you called me all of those names.

RAJESH: Why did not you get mad like I did? I am really sorry.

NUTAN: I learned a long time ago in our Jain study class not to worry about what others say. So, I did not get mad. Plus, by getting mad we get bad karmas and that will bring us more suffering and I do not want that.

RAJESH: Oh! you would not try to get even with me?

NUTAN: No, Rajesh. Name-calling and things like that are not good for our souls.

RAJESH: Oh! I see. Jains do not call people fat head, creeps, or pig face or any other rude name

NUTAN: We learned in Jain school not to call anyone stupid or a fool either.

RAJESH: Jains cannot be Jain if they do not follow the Jain principles shown by Tirthankara Mahavira. So, I am just an ugly toad.

NUTAN: Now look at what you have done. You have called yourself a name now.

RAJESH: I guess I am hopeless.

NUTAN: The next time when someone calls you a name, do not get mad about it. That way you will not get hurt.

RAJESH: Well, I will try that, Nutan.

NUTAN: You will definitely have to watch your own tongue.

RAJESH: You are absolutely right! I will try to do better. You have helped me so much that I just have to call you one more name.

NUTAN: Rajesh, No! No! No!

RAJESH: Yes, I have to.

NUTAN: What do you want to call me now? Liver lips or fat face?

(Rajesh shakes his head)

RAJESH: No, I just want to call you Nutan the Great!

NUTAN: I like that better than all other names you called me earlier. Thanks a lot Rajesh.

RAJESH: No problem, you are simply Miss Nice and Wonderful. This is fun. Rajesh is my name. Calling people nice names is the game! Is not that right, Nutan the Wonderful One?

NUTAN: Yes, Sweetie Dumpling.

RAJESH: OOPS, this is backfiring, Nutan.