

The Selfish Giant (Part 2)

Lesson explanation:

In the second part of the lesson we see that the old Giant, one morning was lying awake in bed and heard some lovely music. He was astonished by the lovely music. It sounded so sweet that he thought that must have been the king's musician. But it wasn't so, rather it was a bird singing in his garden. After a long time, he could see a bird singing in his garden.

The Giant was surprised to have listened the most beautiful music in the world. The Hail stopped dancing over his head and there was a sudden positive change in his garden. He could see little child in every trees were so glad to have the children back again that they have covered themselves with blossoms. The birds were flying about and twittering with delight and the flowers were looking up through the green grass and laughing. The Old Giant was extremely delighted to see the lovely scene in his garden and only in one of the farthest corner it was still winter. But the rest of the garden was covered with blossoms and green grass. But in the farthest corner that little boy was standing. He was quite small to climb the tree. The tree was still covered with frost and snow and the boy was standing and crying bitterly as he couldn't reach up to the branches of the tree.

The North Wind was blowing and roaring above it. As the little boy wasn't able to reach the tree, the tree bent its branches as low as it could and asked the little boy to climb it up. But the boy was so tiny that he couldn't climb up. It was then the Giant's heart melted. The Giant felt guilty and realised why Spring didn't visit his garden. So, he put that poor little boy on top of the tree. The little boy stretched out his two arms and flung them around his neck and kissed him. When the other children saw that, they came running back and with them Spring too visited that aloof corner of the garden.

Since, then the Selfish Giant turned into a kind and gentle character. The Giant then told the children that they can play in his garden and took a great axe and knocked down the wall that he had built. The people moving around were shocked to see him playing with the children. Since then, all the children played with him and in the evening used to bid him good-bye.

The children were happy to have a good place to play. They all talked among themselves about the beautiful garden. Then, one day asked them about their little companion i.e. that little boy. But none of the children could say about his whereabouts.

The Giant everyday used to wait for that little boy but never saw him. He had grown old and

feeble waiting. He couldn't play anymore with the children and thus used to sit in his armchair and watch the children at their games and admire his garden. He had many beautiful flowers in his garden but he considered children the most beautiful flowers of all. He no longer hated the winter. All of a sudden he rubbed his eyes in wonder and looked around. It was a marvellous sight for him. In the farthest corner of the garden, a tree covered with lovely blossom and all its branches were golden and silver fruit hanged down from them. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw that little boy standing there whom he searched for so long. When he came close to the child and examined him, his face grew red with anger. The Old Giant could see the wounds on the child's hands and feet. He was angry seeing them and asked him to tell the Giant to tell who has wounded him so that he could slay that person. But the child replied that those wounds are wounds of love. The Old Giant fell on his knees and asked the child who he was and to this the child replied to let him play once in his garden and that he would take the Giant with him in his garden in his Paradise.

The child then climbs into the Old Giant's arms. The winter melted before them as they walked into an ever expanding garden. So, we can see how a gentle touch of love and care has turned the Selfish Giant to a kind and gentle character.