

ENGLISH

The Lost Child

~Summary~

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Child Goes to a Spring Fair with his parents

It is the festival of spring and everyone, in a happy mood, is going to the fair. The child is going to the fair with his parents. He is very happy and excited. On the way to the fair, the child enjoys every moment and gets fascinated towards natural beauty.

In the fair, the child is attracted towards sweets and toys displayed in the shops. He feels attracted towards the garland of Gulmohar and the delicious Gulab Jamuns; but his parents resist from buying anything for him. The child wants to play, climb trees, catch the dragonflies and butterflies; but again, his parents won't let him do any of this. The child sees snake-charmer. He likes music played by the charmer and wants to stay there for sometime but his parents do not approve. As the child moves on with his parents, he sees a roundabout. Then he says "I want to go on the roundabout, please father, mother."

The Child Gets Lost in the Fair

After requesting his parents boldly for a roundabout, the child turns back. But, to his surprise, no sign of his parents is there. He searches for his parents here and there. The child realises that he is now separated from his parents and he is lost. He starts crying bitterly.

A kind-hearted Man Meets the Child

There is a big crowd and the little child tries to make his way between the feet of people. After hearing the cry of the child, a gentleman lends a helping hand to him. This gentleman offers goodies and joy rides in order to console the lost child but the child will have none of them. Instead, he longs to meet his parents.

Conclusion of The Lost Child

The chapter – The Lost Child illustrates the lesson to students that children love their parents unconditionally. Although parents rebuke their children sometimes for their good, children always want their parents around them and feel lost in their absence.