

# RAJU'S SEARCH FOR HEAVEN



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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



The author (Agastya Rawal) is a student of grade four studying in National Public School Kormangala, Bangalore.

I am youngest person in my family and also loved by all. In my family we believe in playing and spending time with each other. During covid time everyone is at home and most of my friends are also spending time

with family only, as nobody is going for outings and many like me are not going out to play as well.

I like to write, but I am learning now. When I grow up I shall become a good writer.

My father has been telling me a lot of stories and even reading out together. So I always wish to write long stories myself. I even tell stories recreated in my mind to my father and mother. They listen and then later tell me that how could I improve and make it a good story. It is fun telling and reading stories and writing story of my own.

This story writing in the form of Novella is the work given as school activity. I am thankful for this work as it would help me write story on my own with my own thinking.

# INTRODUCTION

This story is about a small boy who liked to read a lot of books and play with toys. This boy had heard and read a lot of stories about different lands and lovely places. He started believing all the stories and started imagining that he reaches such places. As he grew up this imagination took strong grip on him.

He wanted to find such a place for himself and all his loved ones. This story is all about how he struggled and bravely tried to find out the places he was searching for.

# STORY: RAJU'S

# SEARCH FOR

# HEAVEN!

There was once a boy named "Raju" staying in a town.



He had many books and toys. He could read about everything which had ever happened in this world, and see it all represented in the most beautiful pictures. He could get information about every nation and every country.

He was in search of a heaven on earth, a place where everyone was happy and did whatever they liked. Nobody was doing wrong things and nobody troubled others.

He read through but could not find such land on earth by reading books. Gradually as days passed by his urge to search for heaven grew stronger. When he was eight; his thoughts were full of the Heaven. He walked into the forest one day; he was alone, and very happy because he finally decided to walk in forest to search for Heaven.

It slowly started getting dark, the clouds drew up and it rained as if the whole sky had become a sluice from which the water poured in sheets; it was as dark as it is in the deepest well. Now he slipped on the wet muddy road, and then he fell on the stones. Everything was dripping, and at last the little boy Raju hadn't got a dry thread on him. He had to climb over huge rocks where the water oozed out. He was almost fainting; just then he saw faraway

light, seemed to be a haunted house. A fire was burning in the middle, an oldish woman, sat by the fire throwing on logs into it again and again. Raju reached there with great difficulty and sat near the old woman. She said she was waiting for her big useless sons who would come anytime. Raju was surprised to hear rude words about her sons from the old woman. He asked her why are you so rude, she said they do nothing so I have to be rude to control them.

Hearing about big boys Raju got interested in knowing more about the grown up boys. He curiously asked "what are your sons names?" The old woman replied angrily "Vayu and Vivan are my two boys. They don't come home for months. I cook for them keep food ready and wait for them every day hoping that they will come. Hope they come today, you may sound lucky for me." Little boy Raju replied "sure Mam your sons will come, I am eager to see them as well."

Suddenly there was sound of strong winds blowing, swishing sound of sand all around, with huge sound a big man jumped right in front of us. He had long, dark beard, wavy hair, he glanced at Raju surprisingly and said "hey young boy, who are you? What's your name?" and

Raju was terrified with loud voice and could speak for a while, then he slowly introduced himself and asked Vayu about his brother Vivan. Before Vaayu could reply, there was a thundering sound as if a huge rock had hit the Earth. A rocket-like object landed and a handsome man appeared right in front of the old woman. He grabbed and hugged the old woman "Oh Mumma, I am back. Where's the food we are hungry?" All of them had delicious healthy food for dinner, the boys (Vaayu and Vivan) started talking about their journey and the work they did while they were away for a month. It was very interesting conversation, Raju enjoyed

hearing the stories of their journey to Uttarakhand, how they helped the flood affected people, rescued them and helped the police and army as well.

Vaayu and Vivan were boys who would help other needy people. Meanwhile they would neglect their mother who would stay alone for months. Raju requested Vaayu and Vivan to see beautiful Uttarakhand. So the next day morning Vaayu and Vivan travelled to Uttarakhand along with Raju.

They travelled through the jungles seeing the beautiful greenery and then saw the snowy mountains fully covered with snow like a blanket of snow. Raju was amazed to see the natural beauty all around the Uttarakhand. One week passed by while travelling through the Uttarakhand. Then Raju started missing his grandmother and his family. He wanted to go back home. Vaayu asked Raju "You wished

to see heaven, Uttarakhand is heaven on Earth, why do you want to go home now? "

Raju insisted on going home, he was suddenly missing his family. Vaayu and Vivan agreed to drop him home and after travelling for 2 days they reached Raju's town. Raju saw his mother, father and grandmother, ran towards them and cried loudly "I missed YOU ALL"

His mother hugged him and asked him "Where did he go without telling anybody?"

Raju apologized and narrated the whole story. He saw all the beautiful things on Earth but his real heaven was at his house with his own family.

# CONCLUSION

The little boy Raju enjoyed going around the forest and then to Uttarakhand forests and mountain ranges. He saw the most beautiful scenery and good people everywhere. Being in the most beautiful place gave him a feeling of a divine heavenly place. But still Raju could feel emptiness, although he was with two big boys who were helpful and kind to all needy and strangers.

Eventually Raju missed his family, he couldn't enjoy the heaven like place giving him a sense of loneliness. The true happiness lies with the family and the only heaven on Earth is our HOME sweet HOME.

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