

# THE LITTLE GIRL

## LESSON OVERVIEW

L.No.	Title of the Lesson	Skills			Life Skills
		Reading	Writing	Grammar/Figures of speech	
18	The Little Girl	Reading a story with speed and understanding	Writing a diary	Simple past tense. 'Wh' questions in the past tense	Evoking empathy and affection. Caring

### SUMMARY

Kezia, the little girl, lived with her parents and her grandmother. She was very fond of her grandmother. Her parents spent very little time with her. Her father was a strict disciplinarian. She never felt comfortable in his presence. Besides, he never expressed his love for her. She was very scared of him. Once when she destroyed some of his important papers, he gave her a good beating. One day, her mother fell ill and so both her mother and the grandmother had to stay in the hospital. Kezia was left alone in the house. She was very scared to sleep alone. She had a nightmare; she got up in the middle of the night and wanted to be with her grandmother. Her father heard her screams, rushed to her room, took her in his arms and hugged her and put her to sleep. Kezia then realised that her father did love her and cared for her.

### PRINCIPAL POINTS

- All fathers are not alike.
- Some fathers express their love for their children overtly while others work towards their welfare without expressing their love.
- Parents should not be indifferent to the feelings of their children.
- Parents should not be too strict with their children.
- If parents and children share their feelings and viewpoints with each other there can be a better understanding and harmony among them.

### LET'S LEARN NEW EXPRESSIONS

**What did God make fathers for?** In the story it is an outburst of anger and dissatisfaction which implies that Kezia's father did not show love towards her as a father should. Therefore, she did not like her father.

**Had a big heart** : generous and kind

### ENHANCE YOUR PERFORMANCE

#### Writing a diary

We have already discussed in detail how to write a diary. Refer to notes in the lesson no:11 – My Elder Brother

**GRAMMAR**

In this lesson, the focus is on two grammar items.

**1. Past tense.**

The simple past tense

The simple past tense is used to refer to the action which took place in the past and was completed. The verbs are used in their second form, e.g.

- a. I went to Goa last year.
  - b. I wrote a poem yesterday
  - c. The train arrived at 6'o clock.
2. 'Wh' questions in the past tense, e.g.
- a. When did you go to Goa?
  - b. What did you do yesterday?
  - c. Where did you go during the summer holidays?

**TEST TYPES**

**1. MCQ/Objective question ( understanding)**

Complete the following statement choosing the best option from the ones given below:

Kezia's father beat her because .....

- A. she never behaved the way he wanted her to.
- B. he did not love her.
- C. she had destroyed his important papers.
- D. he believed children should be disciplined.

**2. VSA**

Complete the statement by filling in the blanks( recall)

Kezia was very ..... to her grandmother.

**3. SA (inference)**

Why did Kezia stutter in front of her father?

**4. LA (inference)**

Why was Kezia scared of her father? How did the change come about in her attitude?