

LESSON - 4

THE STONECUTTER

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I

PRE-READING

Here is a Japanese folk-tale. The folk-tale is about a stonecutter. He becomes a rich man, then a king, then the sun, then cloud, then stone-cutter. Let's read and enjoy.



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WHILE-READING

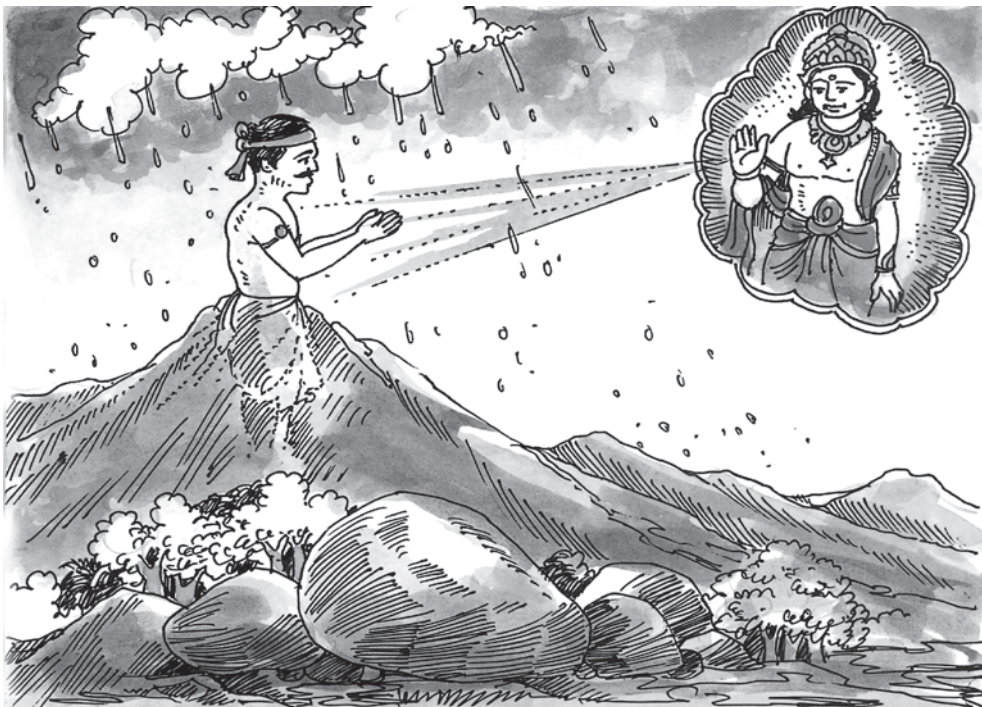
- **SGP-1**
 - Read paragraphs 1 - 2 silently and answer the questions that follow.
1. Kalu was a poor stonecutter. One day, it was hot, and Kalu did not feel like working. He put his axe down and said, "I want to be rich." Suddenly, an angel came down from heaven and said, "You shall be rich". And so, Kalu became rich. He ate and drank all day.
 2. One day, he saw a king. Everybody bowed to him. Kalu said, "Money isn't enough. I want to be a king". The angel came again, and made him a king.

Now everybody bowed to him. Kalu was happy. One day, he was going around his country. The hot sun burnt him. Suddenly Kalu shouted, "I want to be the sun".

- **Comprehension Questions :**

1. What was Kalu ?
2. Why didn't he want to work ?
3. What did Kalu want to become ?
4. Who said, 'You shall be rich ' ?
5. What did Kalu do when he became rich ?
6. What did he see one day ?
7. "Money is not enough, I want to be a king" Who said ?
8. Who made Kalu a king ?
9. Why was Kalu happy ?
10. Who burnt him? When ?
11. What did Kalu want to be next ?

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- **SGP-2**
- Read paragraphs 3-4 silently and answer the questions that follow.

3. The angel came again and turned Kalu into the sun. Kalu burnt everything. He burnt the faces of kings. He burnt the faces of the rich and of the stonecutters who were cutting stones. He was happy. But after some days, he saw a cloud below him. It would not go away. Now he could not reach the earth any more. The cloud was stronger ! And of course, the man wanted to be a cloud.
4. The angel came again and turned Kalu into a cloud. The cloud rained every day. People stopped coming out of their houses. The sun did not shine on the earth any more. The man was overjoyed. He was stronger than the sun: The people, the grass, the trees, everything was washed away by the rain.

- **Comprehension Questions:**

1. Did the angel make Kalu the sun ?
2. What did Kalu burn ? How did he feel ? Do you like him ?
3. Why couldn't Kalu, the sun, reach the earth ?
4. What did Kalu want to be next ?
5. Was Kalu turned into a cloud ?
6. Why did people stop coming out of their houses ?
7. Why did not the sun shine on the earth ?
8. The man was overjoyed. Who is the 'man' in the sentence ?
9. What did the rain wash away ?

- **SGP-3**

- Read the last paragraph silently and answer the questions that follow.
5. But then the water fell on a rock. The rock did not move! Kalu saw this. He shouted, "I want to be a rock!" And the angel came down and turned Kalu into a rock. The rock did not move when it rained. But suddenly a man with an axe came and began to cut stones from the rock ! Kalu did not want to be a rock any more. The angel came down for the last time and said, "You shall be a stonecutter". So Kalu was a stonecutter again. He was poor, but he was happy.

- **Comprehension Questions :**

1. Why did Kalu want to be a rock ?
2. Did Kalu become a rock ?

3. Why didn't he want to be a rock anymore ?
4. What did the angel do then ?
5. Was Kalu happy to be a stonecutter again ?

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III

POST-READING

1 Visual Memory Development Technique (VMDT) :

Whole Text : Find the paragraphs which describe Kalu as a stonecutter, rich man, king, the sun, a cloud, a rock.

Part : Paragraphs 5 - angel, cloud, stonecutter

2 Comprehension Activities :

a. MCQs :

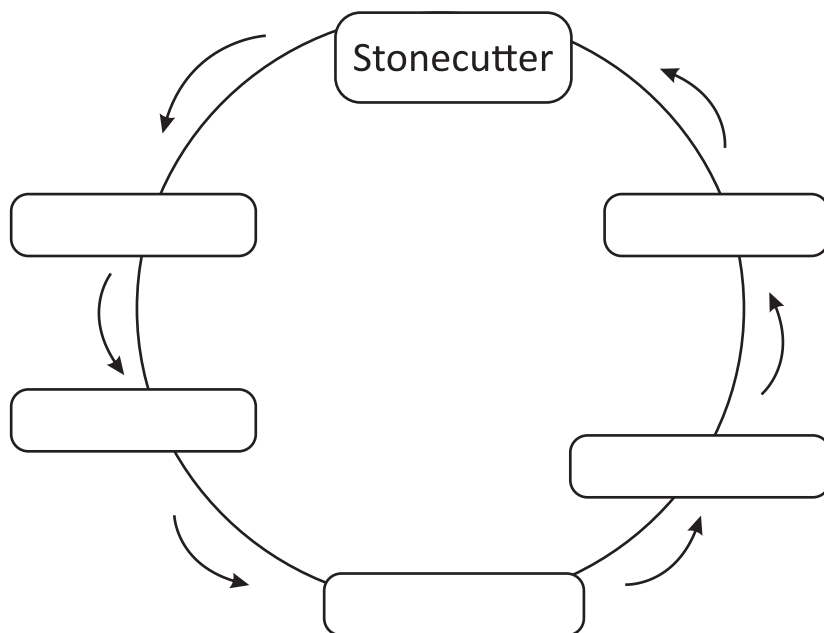
Choose the correct options and complete the sentences.

1. Kalu was _____.
 - A. a rich man
 - B. a king
 - C. a stonecutter
 - D. a farmer
2. _____ burnt Kalu , the king.
 - A. The sun
 - B. The moon
 - C. The fire
 - D. The match box
3. Kalu , the sun could not reach the earth because _____ came in his way.
 - A. a cloud
 - B. a star
 - C. an eagle
 - D. an angel

4. The people, the grass, the trees, everything was washed away by _____.
- A. the storm
 - B. the sea
 - C. the rain
 - D. the water
5. At last Kalu became _____.
- A. a rock
 - B. a stonecutter
 - C. a wood cutter
 - D. a log

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- b. Kalu was a stone cutter . He went through five stages to become a stonecutter again. These five stages are shown in the circle below. Name the stages on the circle .



c. The following sentences are from the story. But they are not in order. Read the story and put them in right order. The first one is done for you.

- ☒ 1 “Money is not enough, I want to be a king.”
- ☐ “You shall be a stone cutter.”
- ☐ And of course, the man wanted to be a cloud.
- ☐ “I want to be rich.”
- ☐ He was poor, but he was happy.
- ☐ “I want to be a rock.”
- ☐ “I want to be the sun.”

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3 Listening :

- (a) Teacher gives dictation of 10 simple words of 3-4 letters from the text like 'axe', 'rich' etc. Students will write. Then, teacher corrects and gives feedback.
- (b) From the list of words given below, your teacher will read aloud some words. You will tick the words while listening to your teacher.

List of words:

heaven, enough, around, suddenly, angel, again, overjoyed, people, earth

4 Speaking :

- (a) Chain-drill : “I’m happy to be a stone cutter again.”
- (b) Dialogues / Role-play :

(Follow the steps as stated in previous lessons.)

Kalu : I want to be rich .
Angel : You shall be rich .
Kalu : I want to be a king.
Angel : You shall be a king.

Kalu : I want to be the sun.
 Angel : You shall be the sun.
 Kalu : I want to be a cloud.
 Angel : You shall be a cloud.
 Kalu : I want to be a stone cutter.
 Angel : You shall be a stone cutter.

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5 Vocabulary :

All the characters of your story are hiding in this cross-word puzzle. Try to find them out.

A	X	N	7 S	Z	Y	M	O
F	R	W	T	D	L	P	Q
R	1 C	L	O	U	D	G	H
O	2 K	I	N	G	S	V	T
3 A	N	G	E	L	J	K	Z
M	4 R	I	C	H	M	A	N
H	J	5 S	U	N	I	P	S
W	C	V	T	O	X	E	G
D	O	X	T	Y	Z	W	M
V	I	U	E	I	H	G	L
X	P	N	6 R	O	C	K	M

Clues: All the words are built around the word what Kalu was. Now write the words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

6 Usage :

- (a) See the sentence below and fill in the gaps choosing words from the box.
 The cloud is stronger than the sun. Therefore, Kalu wanted to be cloud.

- (i) A mountain is _____ than a squirrel.
- (ii) A coconut tree is _____ than a mango tree.
- (iii) Cotton is _____ than iron.
- (iv) A car runs _____ than a bicycle.
- (v) A sea is _____ than a river.

lighter, mightier, larger, taller, faster

- (b) Look at the following sentence.

The pen is **mightier** than the sword.

The describing word '**mightier**' is in its comparative form. It compares 'pen' with 'sword'. It takes the word 'than' after it. All words of comparison take 'than' after them.

Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets in their comparative forms. One is done for you.

- (i) My uncle is (young) my father.

Ans.- My uncle is younger than my father.

- (ii) Mango is (sweet) pineapple.

- (iii) Kashmir is (cool) Kanyakumari.

- (iv) Elephant is (big) lion.

- (v) Sun is (big) moon.

- (vi) Ankit is (smart) Swagat.

(c) Notice the underlined words in the sentences taken from your lesson.

- He put his axe down.
- One day, he was going around his country.
- The angel came again and turned Kalu into a cloud.
- The people, the grass, the trees, everything was washed away.
- He saw a cloud below him. It would not go away.

In each sentence the first word underlined is a *doing* word or a *verb*. When a *verb* takes another word as underlined, it changes in meaning. For example, 'wash' means to clean something with water. When 'wash' takes 'away' after it, it means carried away by water/ flood etc.

Now match the 'two word-verbs' in 'A' with their meaning in 'B'.

A

put down
go around
turn into
go away
wash away

B

made change
disappear/ go out of sight
carried away by water
put/place on the floor
visit nearby places

7 Writing :

Answer the following questions:

i. What was Kalu ?

ii. What did he become ?

iii. Who turned him into different forms ?

iv. Was he happy with riches ?

v. Why was he happy as a king?

vi. How did the sun put him into trouble?

vii. How did Kalu, the sun, harm the people?

viii. Why couldn't Kalu, the sun, reach the earth?

ix. What did Kalu do when he became a cloud?

x. Why did Kalu not want to become a rock anymore?

xi. What did the angel make Kalu at last?

xii. Why was Kalu happy to be a poor stone cutter ?

8 Mental Talk :

“Our wants are unlimited.”

“Be happy with what you have.”

9 Let Us Think :

Think about the following ways of life.

We should not be mad like Kalu to possess more and still more. It leads to sorrow and dissatisfaction.

Tail-piece

- Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.

Text

PUNARMUSHIKA BHABA



In a forest lived a *rishi*- a saint. He lived on fruits only and most of his time spent in prayer and meditation. Hardly having any contact with humans or creatures, he lived a very very lonely life. Once a rat came and lived in his

cave. When the *rishi* was in meditation, it ran about nibbling scratches of a fruit and played pranks with the *rishi*. At times it climbed over the monk when he was in meditation. But the *rishi* did not mind, rather enjoyed its pranks. Both developed friendship and loved each other. The monk enjoyed the activities and the company of the rat.

As the *rishi* became his friend, the rat had no one to fear. He lived happily and undisturbed till a wild cat came to live nearby. The cat could not go out for fear of getting killed. One day, therefore, he requested the *rishi*, "Great sir, make me a cat or else I cannot live happily for fear of the cat." "So the *rishi* said '*tathastu*' - let it be so and turned the rat into a cat.

The cat and the *rishi* lived happily together. The cat moved around the *rishi* when he was in meditation. At times, it sat on the lap of the *rishi* when he meditated. The *rishi* enjoyed this very much, more than the company of the rat.

The cat lived happily and undisturbed till a jackal came to live nearby. The cat could not go out for fear of getting killed. One day, therefore, it requested the *rishi*, "Great sir, make me a jackal or else I cannot live happily for fear of the jackal". So the *rishi* said, '*tathastu*' and turned the cat into a jackal.

The jackal and the *rishi* lived together happily. The jackal acted as the guard of the *rishi*. It did not allow small creatures to get inside the cave. The *rishi* enjoyed the song of the jackal "Hooke hoo , Hooke hoo" in the evening and early morning. Earlier in the rat's and cat's time he failed to know the arrival of morning and evening. The day and night got mixed up and was, in fact, one for him. For this very reason, he liked the jackal more than the cat. He, therefore, enjoyed the company of the jackal more than that of the cat.

The jackal lived happily and undisturbed till a tiger came to live nearby. The jackal could not go out for fear of getting killed. One day, therefore, it requested the *rishi*, "Great sir, make me a tiger or else I cannot live happily for fear of the tiger". So the *rishi* said, '*tathastu*' and turned the jackal into a tiger. But no sooner did the jackal become a tiger, it wanted to kill the *rishi*. The *rishi* was shocked and to save himself, he uttered '*Punarmushika bhaba*' - 'Be mouse again' - and turned the tiger into a rat.

Word Note:

- angel : a messenger from God, ଦେବଦୂତ
bow(v) : show respect by bending body or your head, ମୁଣ୍ଡ ନୁଆଁଇ ପ୍ରଣାମ କରିବା
heaven : a place where people think God or the gods live, ସ୍ୱର୍ଗ