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LESSON-7. THE LITTLE FIR TREE

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A) Pre Activity: Look around yourself to spot some natural things. What do you think are some of the most useful natural things for us?

B) Word meanings:

1. fir – a kind of evergreen tree.
2. evergreen – green through all the seasons.
3. magical – beyond the ordinary, as if caused by magic.
4. bothersome – causing worry, impatience, or anger.
5. flitting – quick movement of flying in and out.
6. waxing - the process of growing bigger.
7. waning – the process of becoming smaller.
8. finery – fancy clothes for special occasions.
9. boughs – branches of a tree with leaves or needles on them.
10. sprigs – small shoots or twigs.
11. marvelled – looked with awe or amazement.
12. glorious – wonderful, beautiful.
13. rejoicing – feeling or expressing great joy or delight.

C) Answer the following questions:

Q1. Who seemed to laugh at the young tree for being so small?

Ans: The other evergreen trees in the forest seemed to laugh at the young tree for being so small.

Q2. Why did the young tree feel that the trees that were taken away were special?

Ans: The young tree felt that the trees that were taken away were special because he felt there was more to life than birds flitting through his branches, the sun shining on the meadow and waxing and waning of the moon every month. The fir tree considered those which were taken away special as they will be seen in warm houses, dressed in finery with happy people laughing and singing around them. To him, this was the grandest image.

Q3. What did the family do on the twelfth night?

Ans: On the twelfth morning, the happy family took off his glimmering lights and the glass and wooden ornaments that he was wearing. The family took him outside of the house and left him against a fence.

Q4. Why do you think the family left the tree outside the house?

Ans: The family left the tree outside the house as the festivities were over and they might no longer want to keep the tree in their house.

Q5. In the story, during which season did the people come and pick out trees?

Ans: During winters the people came and picked out the trees.

Q6. What caused the little tree to want to be taken by a family?

Ans: The young tree watched bigger trees taken away each winter and he thought that they were taken to a magical place. He considered such trees to be special and he also wanted to be special. This feeling caused the little fir tree to want to be taken by a family.

Q7. Explain why you think the little fir tree was the happiest when it was in the house being decorated?

Ans: The little fir tree's grandest image was to be in warm houses and dressed in fineries. So, the tree felt happiest when it was in the house being decorated with shiny bulbs and ornaments made of glass and wood. This made him glow inside and out.

Q8. What did the family do after it decorated the tree?

Ans: The family gathered around the tree. They told stories and sang songs well into the night. When the children went to sleep, the adults packed the gifts in shimmering red, gold and green papers. Then they wrapped the gifts under his boughs for the children to find the next morning.

Q9. How does the way the family behaved before Christmas differ from the way they behaved after Christmas?

Ans: The family before Christmas treated the little fir tree well. They decorated the tree with bulbs and ornaments. They sat along the tree and told stories. They also sang well into the night. They stayed close to the fir tree throughout the day and into the night.

But after Christmas was over, they left the tree alone. The children rushed past him to play games around the kitchen table. Finally, they took him out of the house and left him in the cold.

Q10. Do you think uprooting trees for celebrations that last for only a few days, is a good idea? How does it impact our environment and us?

Ans: I do not think that uprooting trees for celebrations is a good idea:

1. Trees are an important part of our lives. The celebration lasts for a day or for a few days and uprooting trees for celebration is harming our environment.
2. It affects the weather and leads to global warming.
3. As more and more trees are cut, birds do not find a place to make a nest.
4. It also leads to a lessening of rainfall and poor air quality.
5. There will be an increase in pollution and air cannot be cooled on hot summer days.

D) Reference to context:

"Now life is beginning again."

Q1. Who said these words?

Ans: The little fir tree said these words.

Q2. Where was it when these words were spoken?

Ans: The little fir tree was rejoicing in the sunshine and fresh air.

Q3. What feeling did it have after the words were spoken?

Ans: It felt, All around him growing but his own life coming to an end.

Q4. What does it want to tell before it's over? To Whom?

Ans: He wants to tell the plants and animals about its hopes and dreams.

E) Post Activity:

Q.1. If trees could speak, what would they say? Write 3 points on it?

Ans: Points from children.

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