

Class 5th

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Based on N.C.E.R.T pattern

Lesson 4: Trapped (Empathy for animals)

In previous online class you have understood that how Bhaloo by mistake comes to a village and many children, dogs chase him and he scares and get angry. He falls into a dry well. He is in the capture of children. Any one throws sticks other throws stones at him. A girl came and stopped all activity. To see the girl, Bhaloo is now relaxed.

Today I am giving only story to read and in next online class I will complete the story.

'I don't think so,' she said. 'Chasing a young bear into a well! Luckily, the poor bear hasn't broken his neck. Now, could you help me get him out? Can you get me a ladder?'

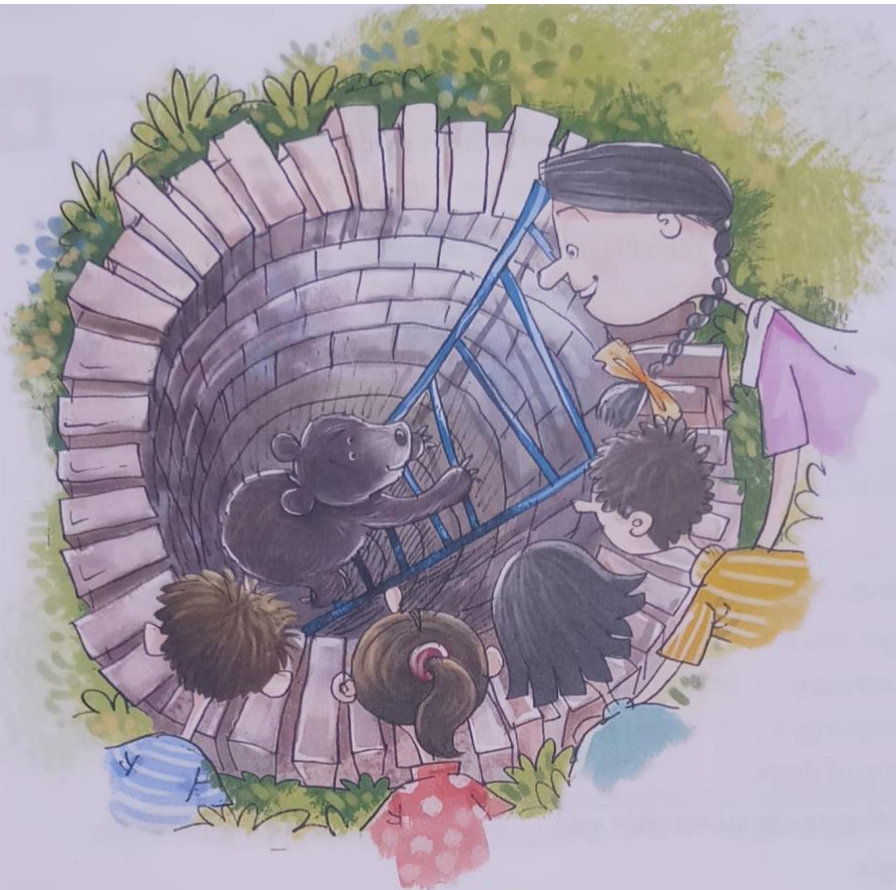
'I can,' said a small boy, Lakshman, and ran off. In a few minutes he was back, dragging a ladder behind him. 'I've got a ladder,' he said.

'Wonderful!' said Meera. 'This will help us **rescue** the trapped animal. Now, help me get it into the well. Careful! We mustn't frighten the little fellow.'

Meera looked into the well and spoke **soothingly** to the bear. Then, slowly and carefully, she and Lakshman lowered the ladder into the well. The little bear growled in anxiety. He clawed at the ladder wildly.

'No, no,' said Meera softly. 'It'll not hurt you. It's just a ladder! Move back, make room for the ladder!'





The bear stepped back and sniffed at the ladder curiously. Slowly, he tried the first step, then another and then the third. He climbed the next six steps quickly. When he had almost reached the middle of the well, he stopped and looked up at the girl with trusting eyes.

'Come up,' she said gently. 'No one is going to hurt you.' She and Lakshman moved away from the well. 'Would the bear come up safely?' Meera wondered. Anything could happen before that. The ladder could slide off. Or it could fall forward. Or one of its **rungs** could break. Or ...

As they watched anxiously, the head of the bear emerged above the rim of the well, and then, his shoulders. Then he sniffed, climbed onto the rim, and leapt to the ground. He looked at Meera.

'Go on, run home,' she said, smiling at him.

The bear got to his legs and bowed. Yes, he did! Lakshman saw him bow. He bowed to Meera and then padded down the lane to the main road. Once he was on the road, he ran through the large green fields back into the forest.

