

A cartoon illustration of a young boy and a young girl. The boy, on the left, has blonde hair and is wearing a red and white striped shirt under a green vest, blue shorts, and brown shoes. He is waving with his right hand. The girl, on the right, has black hair in pigtails and is wearing a red dress with white trim and black shoes. She is holding a black tablet and pointing at the screen with her right index finger. They are both smiling. The background is white with colorful confetti and streamers.

**Inspired by Rashtrasant Param Gurudev Shree Namramuni Maharaj Saheb**

# The Young Seeker of TRUTH



# THE PLUG SHOCK



Kids, There once lived a little boy who was always full of questions. He could never sit quietly until He found the answer!

One day, he wondered:

**“What happens if I put my fingers where the plug goes?”** The switch was on... ZZZAP! He got a shock!

He was scared...but did he stop asking “Why?” Nope! His curiosity only grew stronger!

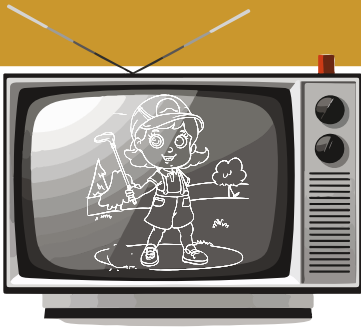
Another day, He saw a doctor checking his mother’s temperature with a thermometer.



**“How does Mummy’s fever go inside this tiny glass stick?”** He thought. When Mom went out, He put the thermometer in boiling hot khichdi POP! It burst! But still, His habit of questioning didn’t stop!



# THE CURIOUS BOY



He first watched black-and-white TV, and later saw color TV. Curious, He wondered,

**‘How did the colors suddenly appear?’**

Out of excitement, he opened up the TV... and got a big scolding from His mother! But even then, His curiosity never stopped.”



Yes, He was that child who always asked -

**How?**

**Why?**

**What if?**

& guess what?

That curiosity and inquisitiveness helped him gain more and more knowledge.

## THE FINAL DECISION!



As years passed, His curiosity only grew stronger. One day, He asked Himself:

**“What is the real purpose of life? How can I know the truth of the soul?”**

To find the answer, He did an experiment:

One day, He went to watch a movie. Another day, He sat in Samayik. Which gave more peace? The answer was clear - Samayik!

He thought:

**“If one Samayik feels so peaceful, imagine a whole life of it - that is Diksha!”**





# FROM CURIOSITY TO WISDOM”

With this deep wish to know the truth, He began studying different religions. He read the Bible, the Quran, went to a Gurudwara, and studied Jainism.

Finally, He found in Jainism, love and care extend even to the tiniest life. With curiosity and devotion, that little boy grew into a great scholar, memorizing the Jain Aagams and studying them deeply.”

**Do you  
know  
who He is?**



He is our beloved Param Gurudev Shree Namramuni Maharaj Saheb! - Param Gurudev is a very special person who taught many people to live with kindness and wisdom. Imagine someone who always cares for everyone - that's Param Gurudev! So kids, here's a secret: always stay curious, always keep asking questions - because even your little 'Why?' can one day lead you to greatness! Would you like to know more about Param Gurudev? Let's explore His life, learn from His childhood, and try to follow His path. And do you know, children, what His name was when He was a little boy? His name was **Mahavir!**



# COMPASIONATE, LITTLE MAHAVIR

Kids, do you know how before diksha little Mahavir was?

Do you know how compassionate He was?

**Before thinking about himself, he always thought about others. He was compassionate with all... birds, animals, even the tiniest creatures!**

**Every morning after waking up, he would think about everyone around him. He would say, ‘Look at this peacock, look at these little birds... they must be hungry since last night! First, I will feed them with grains and water, and only then I will eat my breakfast.**

**“And this tiny squirrel has no home... Let me make a small little house for it near the steps in the yard.” From his very childhood, Mahavir’s heart was full of love and care for every living being.**

In a small village in Saurashtra, in the courtyard of his house, little



Mahavir grew up showering kindness and compassion on all animals and birds. This pure and innocent heart showed us that even as a child, Param Gurudev had endless compassion for every living creature!



# THE RESPONSIBLE BOY

In Mahavir's home, His father worked very hard to take care of the family, while His mother also struggled day and night to look after four children. Seeing this, young Mahavir too decided to help His parents. At an age when most children spend time playing and having fun, Mahavir chose to take responsibility. Sometimes He worked in a book store, sometimes in a snack shop - all to support his family. From a very young age, He learned to face difficulties, share the struggles of his parents, and become a helping hand in the house.

**This touching story shows us how even as a child, Param Gurudev learned to face life's challenges with strength - and this journey of struggle later became the foundation of His greatness!**



Children, do you know? Even little acts of help can make you grow big in responsibility!

Imagine how happy your parents would feel if you started taking small responsibilities. So, would you like to give it a try?

# THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

Mahavir was very helpful to his mother. At that time, their situation was not easy. His mother had to cook on a sigdi (stove) using wood or coal as fuel. Every day, before meals, little Mahavir would collect small twigs from street or coals from railway tracks and bring them home so that his mother could cook.

His feeling was simple yet strong: **“Why should my mother work alone for the food that I eat? As much as I can contribute, I will surely do. I don’t want to depend on anyone. I want to live with the strength of my own hard work.”** This became his life’s mantra.



**The secret of success... is that every breath of our life should thrive on our own hard work.**



# THE CLEVER MAHAVIR

When Mahavir was young, he often noticed the poor children around him. One day, he really liked a pant and wished to buy it because he wanted to wear it so much.

But whenever he expressed this desire, he also saw the children near him. They didn't even have proper pants - their half-pants were torn with 10–12 holes in them. Seeing this, Mahavir thought to himself:

**“Why should I cry for something I don't have, when others don't even have what I already have?”**

So instead of feeling sad, he would sit quietly, smile to himself, and let go of his demands. This taught him a beautiful truth:



**When we look around and notice others' struggles, our own sorrows feel smaller.**

**And when we try to change our perspective, we find happiness everywhere!**



# LIVING WITH COMPASSION

Children, do you know what true compassion means? It means sharing what we have and thinking not only about ourselves, but also about others

Just like Mahavir thought: **'I will not eat until I feed others.'**

Even today, His teachings live in so many beautiful ways-



In gaushalas, where animals are cared for with love.

In projects like Arham Animal hospitals, where compassion breathes in every action.



His every breath is filled with karuna (compassion), and that compassion inspires us too. When we care for even the smallest life, we give **Abhay Daan-** The gift of fearlessness- to all beings.

# MY GIFT TO HIM

On this **55<sup>th</sup> birthday**, let us offer a special gift at lotus feet of Param Gurudev...

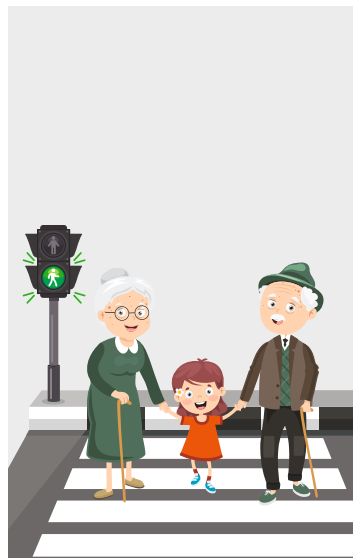
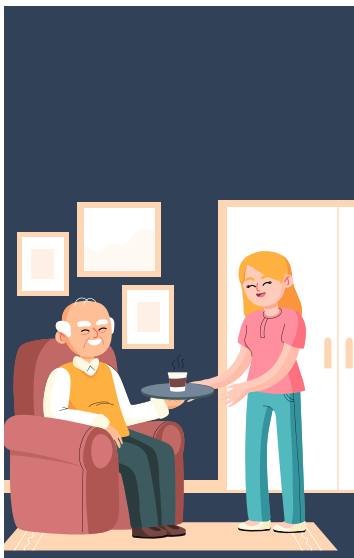
Kids, let us make a heartfelt promise today:

1. I will practice compassion in my life.

2. I will not only be kind, but also inspire others to be kind.

**That will be my true gift to Param Gurudev. Because compassion is not just His path-**

**IT CAN BE OUR PATH TOO!**



# DISCOVERING HIM!

Children, Param Gurudev always teaches us: “True greatness is in caring for others.” Now it’s your turn to follow his footsteps!

## Activity 1:

### My Kindness Promise

Write one small act of kindness you will do this week. (Example: feeding birds, helping parents, sharing toys, caring for a stray animal etc.)

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## Activity 2:

### Being Like Him!

From the stories in this book, what do you think—was Param Gurudev more naughty or more nice as a child? Did He enjoy sweets, playing games, or studying the most? Or, do you see any quality in Him that you also have in yourself? Write your thoughts below!

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# SPECIAL DAY

## Activity 3:

As a young boy, Param Gurudev, was once a child just like you but He always listened to his teachers and elders, helped his friends, cared for his mother, and showed love to everyone around him.

### Imagine & Act-

When you feel sick or tired, who looks after you? (Is it your parents, grandparents, teachers, or friends?) Write their names below...

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How can you take care of your friends and family when they are not feeling well? (Give water, sit beside them, talk softly, make them smile.) write below...

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Have you ever said **“Thank You”** to the people who care for you? Maybe today is the best day to do it!

# WHAT WE LEARN?

With **Manavta...** make your each day a masterpiece

Here are qualities from Param Gurudev every child can try to live by:-



**Caring:**

Wanting everyone  
around you to be happy.



**Kindness:**

Helping all



**Bravery:**

Facing challenges  
without giving up.

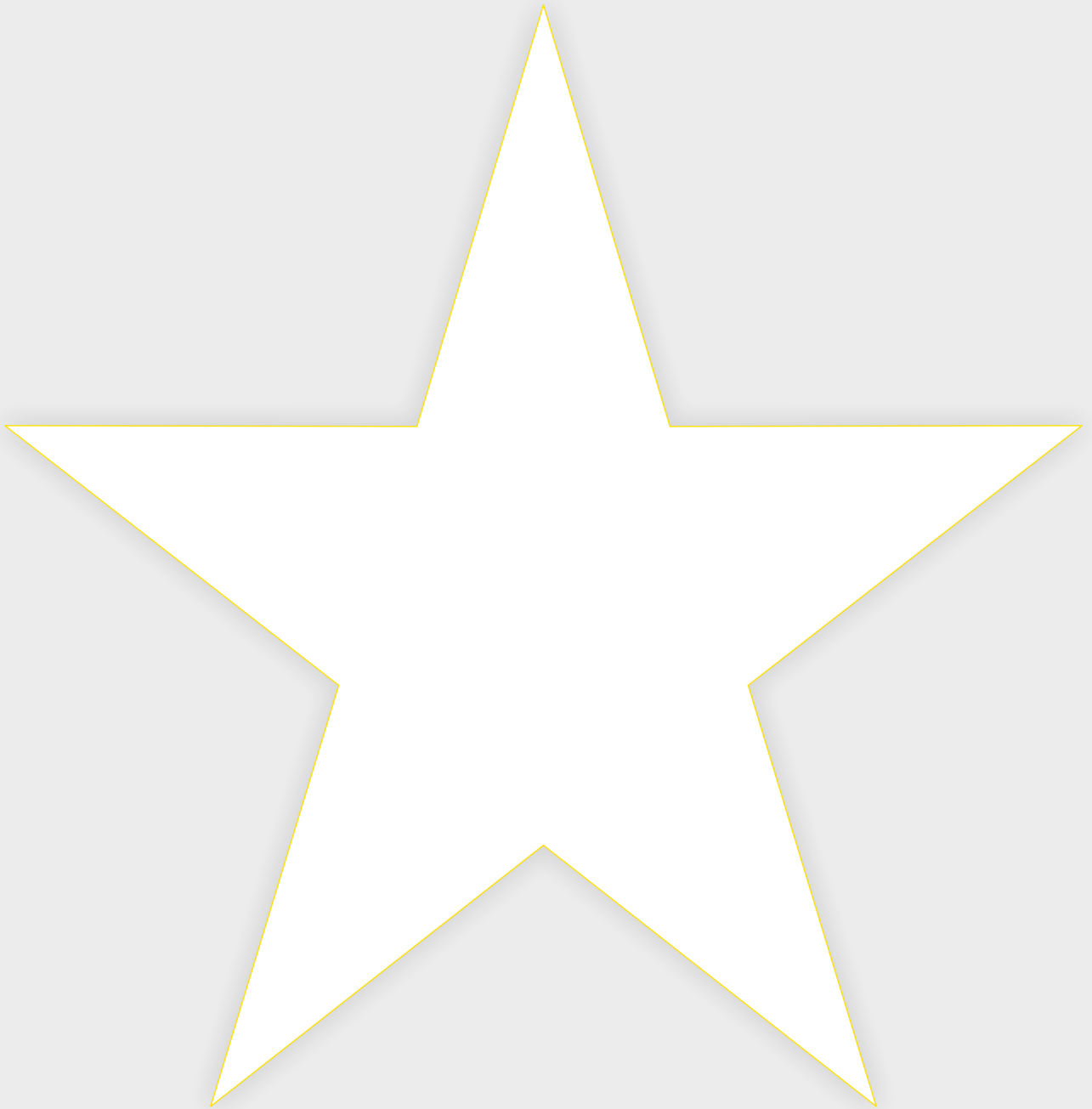


**Truthfulness:**

Always being honest.

# Give Your Gift!–

Make a "Kindness Star": Every kind act you do is a little gift for Param Gurudev!- Share stories or drawings with us as your present.





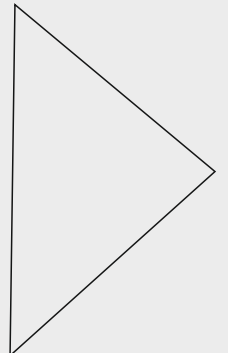
# Arpan Your Tyag to Param Gurudev!

On the sacred occasion of the **55<sup>th</sup> Manavta Mahotsav**, with deep bhaav of Vandami Namamsami, let us embrace the 55 virtues (gunns) that our Param Gurudev embodies. Each task is simple yet powerful-helping us nurture compassion, discipline, and humanity in our daily lives.

**There are 55 simple and meaningful Tyags - choose the ones you wish to follow and lovingly dedicate them at the lotus feet of Param Gurudev.**



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It was the tiny seeds  
of compassion  
in Mahavir's little heart  
that grew to make him  
Param Gurudev today  
—so let us nurture our hearts  
with virtues completely  
and strive to be like Him.



*From Seed to Shade*





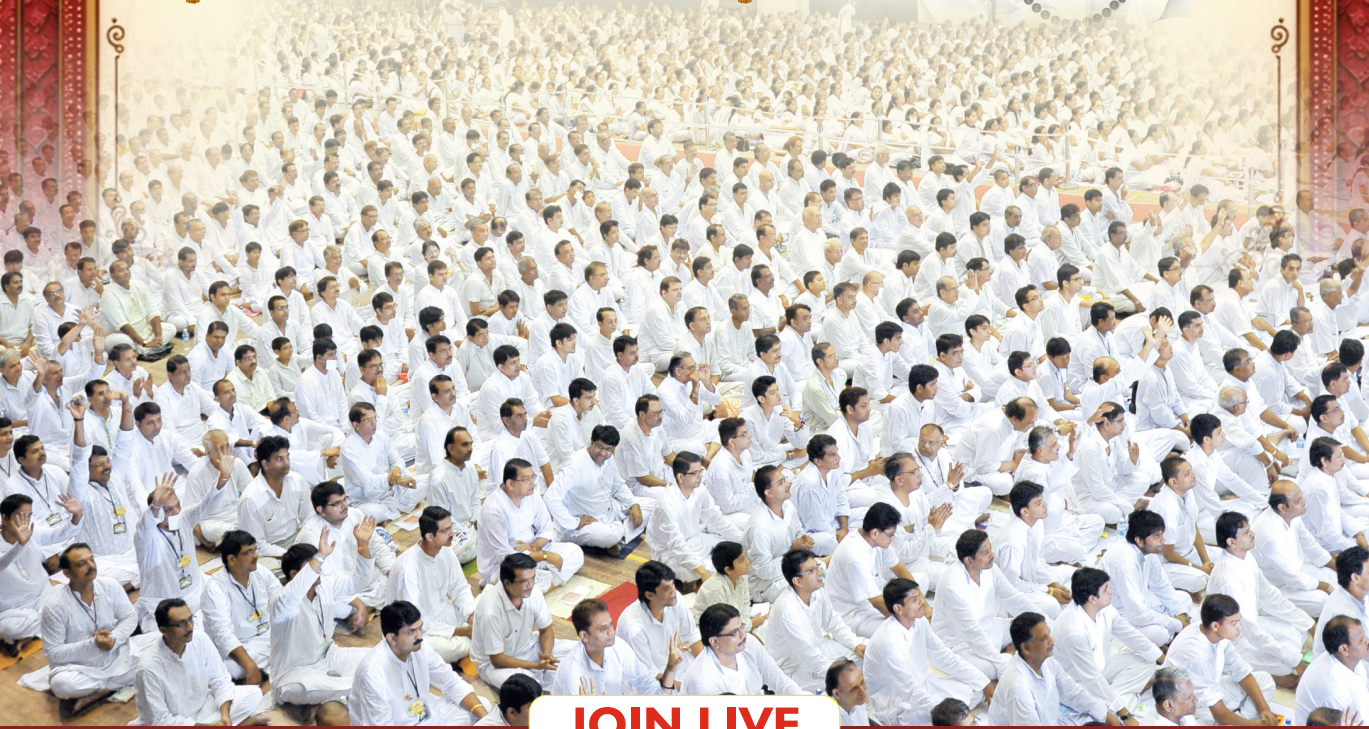
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