



An NGO, Salaam Balak Trust, runs an orphanage at Tis Hazari metro station for the DMRC. This NGO aims at helping street children have better future.



## Wisdom Tale

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# Home alone

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It was an unusual day, for this was the first time seven year old Rahul was alone at home. His parents were at work and his school had declared a holiday due to some emergency. At first, Rahul was excited at the thought of being alone. He played some games and read books but as the day passed by, he started feeling both - scared and bored. Anxious and sad, Rahul was sitting in his living room when suddenly the phone rang. He picked

up the receiver and said, "Hello" but there was no reply from the other side. He kept the receiver down but it rang again. Tensed and frightened, Rahul picked up the phone. The man on the other end asked him about the whereabouts of his parents. Rahul was more scared than ever. Hurriedly, he hung up.

He tried to calm down, but the bell rang, yet again. This time, it was the door bell. Rahul began to panic. He decided not to answer the door bell. But the door bell would not stop ringing. Sceptically, he moved towards the door.

He peeped from the key hole and saw a tall, bearded man with unruly hair and strange looks.

Looking at the man, Rahul nearly froze in his tracks. He was home alone and there was no way he could beat a man twice his size. "Open the door, or I will break it," yelled the man. Rahul realised he could not waste more time freaking out. He had to do something, but what? Suddenly, Rahul's eyes fell on the phone. He picked it up and called up his uncle in the neighbourhood. He told his uncle all about the phone call and the strange man standing outside the

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house. His uncle asked him to calm down and answered him that he would be there in no time with help.

While Rahul became little relaxed on hearing this, the knocking on the door got even fiercer. Meanwhile, his uncle informed the police and gathered some more people from the neighbourhood and along with his pet dog Booze, headed for Rahul's home. As soon as the tall, bearded stranger spotted the mob coming towards Rahul's home, he got alarmed and ran to escape.

Booze however, being a very active and strong dog ran fast, sprung upon the stranger and bit his leg. Rahul's uncle and other people too rushed towards the stranger and caught hold of him. Scared, the stranger admitted to being a local robber and confessed his plans of trying to break in Rahul's home and some other neighborhood homes the same day. In the meantime, Rahul's parents also reached home and were relieved to see their son safe and sound. Everyone lauded Rahul's presence of mind and quick action which averted a major robbery and ended with the thief being arrested. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?  
Presence of mind can avert disasters.



## Foosball for kids

### Materials needed

Cardboard shoe box .....1  
Green felt paper.....1  
Paper knife .....1  
Straws .....4-6  
Clothespins .....8-12  
Markers ....2 different colours  
Table tennis ball .....1  
Masking tape.....1  
Scissors .....1

### Instructions

- Take an old cardboard shoe box and remove its lid. Tape off any open edges.
- Cut out a 3×2" rectangle on either end (shorter side) of the shoe box using a paper knife, to make the goal.
- Now using a ruler, mark 3-4

equidistant points on the length of the box. Make holes along these points. Create holes at similar points on the other side so that you can pass straws through holes on either side.

- Insert straws through holes.
- Cut out green felt paper in the size of the box ie the base. Stick it on the base.
- Colour clothespins using markers of two different colours to make players of two teams.
- Attach 1-2 clothespins on each straw and invert them as kickers.
- Take a table tennis ball and get set to goal!

## Riddle Fiddle

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1. What is orange but sounds like parrot?
2. What can be served but never be eaten?
3. When a cat wins a dog show what is it called?
4. Where do bulls put and read all their messages?



5. What is a bear without all his teeth called?
6. Which bird is also a very strong lifter?
7. When a monkey rings the doorbell, how does it sound?
8. What does the skeleton say before eating meals?

Answers: 1. Carrot 2. Tennis ball 3. Cat-has-trophy 4. Bull-etin board 5. A gummy bear 6. A crane 7. King kong! 8. Bon'e Appetit

## POEM

### Sparrow

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Sparrow sparrow sparrow  
O little sparrow  
You are so shiny  
And very tiny

You hop hop hop  
Over the tree tops  
Your tweet tweet tweet  
Sounds so sweet

In sunshine and rain  
You peck at grains  
I love when you come  
In my home and lanes



Hey sparrow little  
You fly in a fickle  
Let's become friends  
We will jump and rattle

Hey little birdie  
Will you become my pet?  
You will, I bet  
You're my mini, my cutie. 🇮🇳

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## It's Me



### Hello there!

Name: Samridhi Chandani  
School: AIS VYC Lucknow  
Class: KG  
Birthday: January 3

Mall: Phoenix Mall, Lucknow

Food: Chole Bhature  
Teacher: Mona Ma'am  
Subject: English  
Poem: The little plant

### Favourites

Food: Pizza and burger  
Hobbies: Drawing, colouring  
Book: Snow white and the seven dwarfs  
Game: Swings

### People, Pals & Dreams

My best friend: Mariya  
My role model: My mother  
I want to become: A painter  
I want to feature in GT: To become famous.