



VIVEKOTSAV

Inculcating The Spirit Of Vivekananda

23rd Inter-School Multi-Talent Competition : 2024

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

DRAWING THEMES

(You may choose any one theme)

FOR JUNIORS (STD. IV TO VI)

1. Unique Method to Control Restless Naren

Naren was a very restless child . He was naughty and insisted that everything be the way he wanted. His pranks were unbearable. He was like a tornado when angry and would break and overturn anything he could reach for. Neither sweet words and gifts nor punishment could control him. Finallyhis mother found a unique method to control him. She would pour water over his head and repeat the name of Shiva. When she did that,littleNaren would be quiet, peaceful and well behaved.

2. THE MEDITATION GAME

Even as a child, Naren loved to meditate. One day Naren and his friends were playing the meditation game in a secluded corner of the house. His friends would open their eyes in between but for Naren it was more than a game. He was lost in deep meditation. Suddenly, one of the boys saw a big Cobra crawl into the room. He shouted, 'Snake! Snake!' The other boys leapt to their feet and ran away, but Naren sat motionless in deep meditation, totally unaware of what was happening. When the parents came they were alarmed to see the poisonous snake in the room but the boy was undisturbed. His parents were numb with fear. The Cobra stood with its hood spread... at any moment it could strike and bite Naren !!! But, to their great surprise, after some time, the large snake crawled away . When Naren opened his eyes and was told about the incident, he said that he was not aware of anything and had experienced nothing but inexpressible bliss.



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1. EXPERIENCE OF ONENESS

During his second visit to the Master(Sri Ramakrishna) , Narendra had a strange experience. Sri Ramakrishna drew near him in an ecstatic mood, muttered some words, fixed his eyes on him, and placed his right foot on Naren's body. Upon this touch, Naren saw with open eyes, the walls, the room, the temple garden nay, the whole world vanishing, and even himself disappearing into a void. He felt sure that he was facing death. He cried out in fear, "What are you doing to me? I have my parents, brothers and sisters at home!!!" The Master laughed and stroked Naren's chest saying, "All right, let it rest now. Everything will happen in due time!" As soon as he said this, the strange experience vanished and everything was as it had been before.

2. THE POWER OF CONCENTRATION

One day, during his second visit to America, when Swamiji was walking along the bank of a river, he found a group of youngsters shooting at a string of eggshells bobbing upon the water. None of them could hit the target. Swamiji was amused and could not suppress his smile. One of the young men noticed it and challenged him to do it. Swamiji said nothing. He took the gun from the boy's hand and hit twelve shells in succession! The youth were awestruck and thought that Swamiji was a trained shooter. Swamiji could read their minds. He told them that he had never fired a shot in his life before and that the secret of his success was concentration.



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