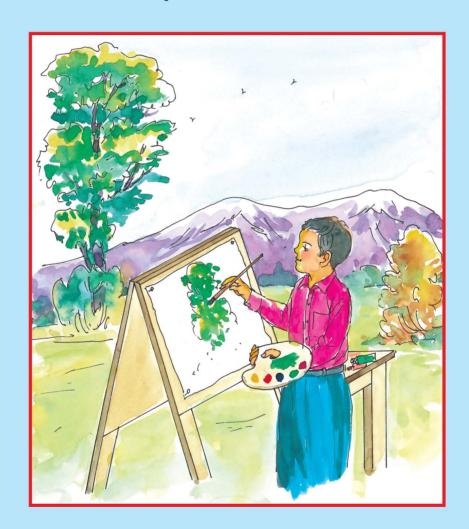
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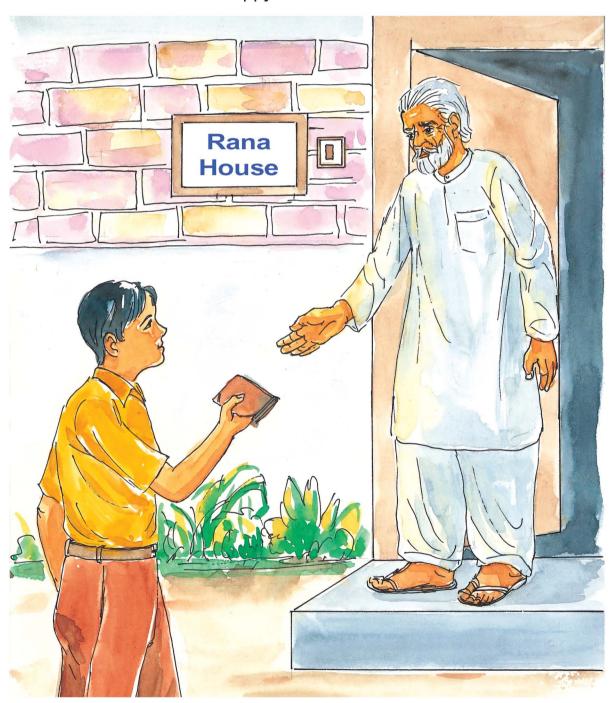


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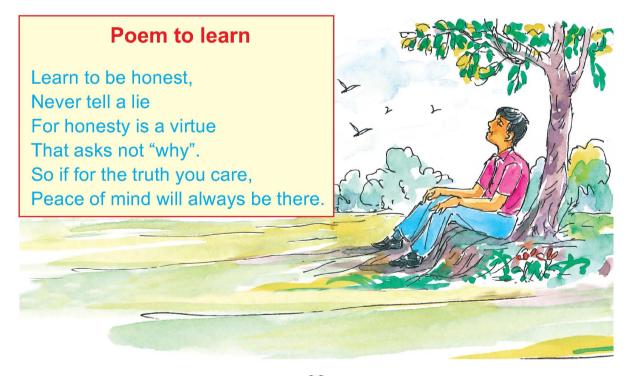
An honest child is a happy child. For if a child is honest, he has no one to fear and nothing to make him feel guilty about. He is happy so he tries to make others happy too.



Honesty means being fair. Not only in our dealings with others, but being honest with ourselves too. There are times when we do wrong, but are we honest enough to admit our mistake?

Abid studied in Class IV. His mother had taught him the importance of being honest. One day, Abid was travelling by bus. It was crowded and there was a lot of pushing, but Abid managed to get a seat. When he had to get off, the pushing started again as everyone wanted to be the first to get off the bus. At last, Abid stepped off too. An old man whom Abid had helped in the bus was walking just ahead of Abid. Suddenly, he stumbled and fell. But he just got up, brushed his clothes and walked away. He did not notice he had dropped his purse. Abid called out to him, but the old man seemed to be in a hurry. Abid picked up the purse and decided to return it to the owner. He followed the man, and, after fifteen minutes, the old man reached his house. Abid ran up to him and returned his purse. The old man was happy to have got back his purse, happier still that he had met an honest boy. He called Abid inside, gave him a treat of cakes and ice-cream, and a present too.

Abid had not expected to be rewarded for his honesty, so he was pleasantly surprised. *Honesty*, they say, *always pays*.



Relate some incident in your life when you too, like Abid, went out of your way to be honest.						
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