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True Miracles

Nawab Khan was a Muslim ruler who lived in the town of Saidpur. He had a young son named Alam Khan whom he loved dearly.



One day, Alam Khan suddenly became very sick. Many doctors were called to treat him, but none of their medicines worked. With each passing day, Nawab Khan and his wife, *Begam* Razia, became more and more worried about their son.

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Seeing the Nawab so upset, his *wazir* Faisal Mansur said, “Nawab Sahib! None of the doctors’ medicines are working. I think we should find some true *fakirs* and *sadhus* and ask them to pray for Alam Khan’s health.”

“This town is full of fakirs and sadhus! How do I know which are the true ones?” replied the Nawab, irritated.

“Sir, I am told that real fakirs and sadhus can perform miracles. I can suggest a few names of the holy men that are in town. Why don’t you order them to come? When they are here, you can tell them that you want



them to use their powers to make Alam well again, and that none of them can leave until the boy recovers. I am sure amongst all of them there is atleast one real saint. He will perform a miracle and Alam will get better.”

“Alright then! Write down their names and give the list to Jamal. Tell him by noon tomorrow, I want everyone brought before me.”

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Wazir Faisal wrote down some names. Guruji and Bhai Mardana were among those mentioned on the list.

The next morning, Jamal took five of his men to carry out the Nawab’s orders. Word of what was happening spread quickly in town. Bhai Lalo rushed home to Guruji and Bhai Mardana to warn them. “Guruji, please leave immediately. Nawab Khan has ordered your arrest. Please, please hurry!”

Guruji smiled and calmly replied, “Don’t worry, Lalo! Everything will be alright.”

“Guruji, Nawab Khan is a cruel man. I beg you, please leave. These are terrible times. Guruji, please leave.”





Just then, Jamal and his men knocked on Bhai Lalo's door and arrested Guruji and Bhai Mardana. Bhai Lalo started crying. Guruji hugged him before leaving and said, "Don't cry, Lalo. Everything happens in God's *Hukam*."

Jamal took Guruji, Bhai Mardana and the other fakirs straight to the Nawab's house and into Alam Khan's room where the Nawab was sitting by his son's bed.

Seeing them enter, the Nawab stood and declared, "O men of God, I've brought you all here to pray for my son's health."

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The fakirs and sadhus looked relieved. Many of them sat down immediately and started to pray.

Guruji kept standing. He looked around and said, "Tell me, Nawab Khan, have you ever seen grapes growing on an orange tree?"



"Never," replied Nawab Khan.

"Then how can you force the laws of nature to act according to your wishes?"



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“I don’t understand what you are saying. Explain yourself clearly!” said the Nawab curtly.

“Nawab Khan, you have brought us here against our will and are holding us as prisoners. You are forcing us to ask God to show kindness to your son, yet you show no kindness. I will not be forced to pray for your son’s health. If your son is meant to become well, he will. Nawab Khan, accept the Will of God, whatever it is.”



Guruji’s words touched Nawab Khan’s heart. He fell on his knees and begged Guruji, “Please forgive me for my mistake. You are right! I should never have ordered your arrest. You and all the other holy men are free to go. But you, Fakir Sahib, would you please stay for awhile? I would like to talk with you.”

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Everyone left, except Guruji and Bhai Mardana.



“Fakirji, I feel that you are a true man of God,” said Nawab Khan to Guruji. “I don’t know why, but your words have made me think. Please tell me what I should do. I am willing to change.”

“Nawab Sahib,” replied Guruji gently, “you are blessed





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with great power and wealth. What good is your wealth and power if it is not used to make the lives of your people better? Listen to your people; feel their pain. Make the laws in your land fair. Rule wisely and with compassion. You might be the ruler of this land, but you must always remember that above you, there is the True Ruler.”



“Fakirji, I agree with what you have said. Please forgive me for arresting you. You have given me much to think about. I promise you that from now on, I will make sure that the laws of my land are fair for all. I will try to rule wisely and justly. Tomorrow, I will come to you and beg for my child’s health.”

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Early next morning, Nawab Khan knocked on Bhai Lalo’s door. Bhai Lalo was shocked to see him standing there. He quickly took the Nawab to Guruji.

“Fakirji,” said Nawab Khan with folded hands, “I’ve come not as a Nawab, but as a father begging humbly for his son’s health. Please pray that my son becomes well again. I know your prayers will be answered.”





Guruji looked at Nawab Khan with love and said, “Lalo, please bring me a *roti* from your kitchen.”

Bhai Lalo went to the kitchen and got a *roti* that Bibi Lajo had made. He put it in front of Guruji.

“Nawab Khan, take this *roti* and feed it to your son,” said Guruji lovingly. “God will look after your son and from now onwards, you must look after your people.”

Nawab Khan bowed deeply before Guruji and rushed home. He went straight to Alam’s room and slowly fed him the *roti*. The very next day, Alam started to feel better and by the following week, he was completely cured of his illness.

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Word spread quickly in town that Guruji had saved the life of the Nawab’s son. Some of the people even started saying that Guruji could perform miracles.

The next day at the evening *diwan*, Guruji said to the *sangat*, “True miracles happen when we remember God in everything we do. Earning honestly and remembering God should go hand in hand. Only then



can we become truly kind and helpful and live like God wants us to.”

Everyone listened very carefully to Guruji’s words. Many nodded their heads in agreement. Guruji’s words changed many hearts and minds for the better.

Discussion Points:

1. Mention to the children that in the days of the Nawab, the people did not have equal rights. Ask them if they think this has changed in our present day. Explore this further – where and how are human rights frequently violated?
2. Guruji stood up fearlessly to the Nawab. He spoke out against tyranny, while many others chose not to do so. Ask the children, “Why do you think they were silent? Why do you think Guruji was not afraid to speak his mind?”
3. Discuss with the children Guruji’s teaching that earning honestly and remembering God should go hand in hand. What does that mean to them? How can they apply this teaching to their own lives?
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4. Talk with the children about how power and wealth should be used. Have them give you present-day examples of people who have truly shared their wealth with others. Why do you think these people have chosen to do so? Should all people share some of their earnings? How might they, as children, do this?
5. Have the children share their thoughts on what Guruji might have meant when he said, “True miracles happen when we remember God in everything we do.”