

## THE SELFISH GIANT PART 2 - 8TH ENGLISH

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1: (i) The Giant saw a most wonderful sight. What did he see?

(ii) What did he realise on seeing it?

**Ans: (i)** The Giant saw that the children had entered the garden through a small hole in the wall, and were sitting on the branches of trees. There was a child on every tree. The trees had covered themselves with blossoms as they were glad to have the children back. The birds were flying about and twittering in delight, and the flowers and grass were laughing out loud.

**(ii)** He realised that spring did not come to his garden because he had prevented the children from playing in his garden. He realised that he was selfish not to allow the children to play in his garden.

2: Why was it still winter in one corner of the garden?

**Ans:** In one corner of the garden, there was a tree all covered with frost and snow. The North Wind was blowing and roaring above it. A little boy was standing in front of it, but could not reach its branches. As a result, there was still winter in this part of the garden.

3: Describe the first meeting of the little boy and the Giant.

**Ans:** The first meeting of the little boy and the Giant was beneath the tree that was covered with frost and snow. The Giant took him gently in his hands and put him up into the tree. The tree at once blossomed, and the birds came and sang on it. The little boy stretched out his two arms, flung them round the Giant's neck, and kissed him.

4: Describe their second meeting after a long interval.

**Ans:** Their second meeting took place after a long interval; on a winter morning. The Giant was surprised to see that in the farthest corner of the garden, there was a tree covered with lovely white blossoms. Its branches were golden, and silver fruit hung down from them. The little boy stood underneath it. The Giant went towards him in great joy. As he came near the child, his face grew red with anger when he saw that there were imprints of nails on his palms and feet. He asks the boy who injured him, so that the giant may avenge him. But the child says they are the wounds of love, and as the giant allowed him to play in his garden, so would the boy take the giant to his garden in Paradise.

**5: The Giant lay dead, all covered with white blossoms. What does this sentence indicate about the once selfish Giant?**

**Ans:** The sentence indicates the Giant lay dead, all covered with white blossoms. The Giant had been blessed with paradise after his death. The Giant is no longer selfish and cruel. That is why he is covered with white blossoms. White colour is a symbol of peace.

### **Exercise**

**1: The little child's hands and feet had marks of nails. Who does the child remind you of? Give a reason for your Answer.**

**Ans:** The child reminds one of Jesus Christ. When the Giant met the little child for the second time, he saw imprints of nails on his palms and feet. When Christ was crucified, nails were dug into his palms and feet. He had sacrificed his life for humanity, so that the sins of the world would be washed away. That is why the child told the Giant that those were the wounds of love.