

The Little Girl

MODULE 2/4

Handout

Kezia's grandmother wanted her to understand her parents better and therefore would ask her to go to the drawing room to chat with her parents. But she found them indifferent towards her.

One day grandmother suggested that she should prepare a pin cushion for her father's birthday.

Kezia stitched the three sides of the pin cushion casing. Now she wanted to stuff it with something. In her mother's room, she found many sheets of paper. She tore them off into small pieces and filled the pin cushion and stitched the fourth side. By mistake, she had used the very papers which contained her father's very important speech for the Port Authority.

Later, everyone at home searched the whole house for the father's papers. They could not find any of those papers and her father began to burn with anger.

Finally Kezia's mother questioned Kezia and found out that Kezia was responsible for the disappearance of those papers.

Though she accepted her mistake and tried to explain the reasons behind it, her father was too angry to listen to her. He punished Kezia with a ruler on her little palms.

She cried and sobbed thinking, "What did God make fathers for?"

Her grandmother was the only one who understood and consoled her.

One evening she saw Mr. McDonald, who lived next door, with his five children, laughing and enjoying himself while playing with them. All those children were climbing all over the body of the man.

This convinced Kezia that all fathers are not alike. Some happen to be loving and caring like Mr. McDonald and some are cruel like her father.
