



## G.D.GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Subject:** Moral Science **Date:** August 27, 2021

**Lesson no 5:** Not Such A Bad Thing After All

**Theme:** Quest for knowledge

**Objective:** Story comprehension and enhancing writing skills.

**Activity:** Write the summary of the story "Not Such Not A Bad Thing After All" in your notebook. You may use the below summary for reference and re-write it in your own words.

### SUMMARY

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This story is about a small boy named Totaram, who lived in a village called Indora, in India. The story belongs to those days when going to school was not considered important, rather it was considered harmful.

Once in Totaram's village came a teacher who wanted to start a school for the village kids. She went from door to door convincing parents to send their kids to school but Totaram's parents were not ready to send their children to school. They wanted Totaram to join his father in the fields.

One day while Totaram was taking cattle to the field, he passed by the school room which was made of bamboo sticks. He peeped through the hole and saw all boys and girls sitting on the floor and paying attention to the teacher. He then looked at his friend Bala, who ignored him and paid attention to the teacher. This made Totaram curious and he decided to join school. Next morning he slipped out of the house and went to school. At first, he could not understand anything but by working hard he gradually coped up with everything and became wiser than his friends. He quietly would go to school everyday while his mom thought he took the cattle to fields.

One day Totaram went home and saw his mom with a letter in her hand. Totaram offered to read it as the person who would read the letters in the village had gone home. His mother was surprised as well as happy to see her son could read the letter so well. She decided not to tell his father that he had disobeyed him by going to school.

After a few days Totaram told his sister, Jai, that their father was in trouble and they decided to help him. They went to the field and started playing on the branches of the banyan tree that they would usually swing on for hours. As they saw their father coming with a stranger, they climbed and sat on top of the banyan tree.

Totaram heard this stranger telling his father to put a thumb impression on the paper which read that he has to pay the stranger 2 rupees every-month till he pays him 50 rupees, which he has lent his father. Hearing this, Totaram fell from the tree and told his father that this stranger was lying. The paper read that he has to pay him 5 rupees every month till he pays him 100 rupees in total which was too much of interest. Hearing this, the stranger quietly turned back and ran away. Totaram's father instead of getting angry was happy to see his son have so much knowledge and forgave him for lying and going to school. He realised that his son had saved his many months' earnings and school is not such a bad thing after all. So, he decided to send his daughter Jai, also to school.

**Moral of the story:** Quest for knowledge.

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