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Story No. 5

Birbal's Wisdom

One fine day, Akbar lost his ring. When Birbal arrived in the court, Akbar told him "I have lost my ring. My father had given it to me as a gift. Please help me find it." Birbal said, 'Do not worry your Majesty! I will find your ring right now.'

He said, "Your Majesty, the ring is here in this court itself. It is with one of the courtiers. The courtier who has a straw in his beard has your ring." The courtier who had the emperor's ring was shocked and immediately moved his hand over his beard. Birbal noticed this act of the courtier. He immediately pointed towards the courtier and said, "Please search this man. He has the emperor's ring."

Akbar could not understand how Birbal had managed to find the ring. Birbal then told Akbar that a guilty person is always scared.

Story No. 6

Birbal Caught the Thief

Once a rich merchant's house was robbed. The merchant suspected that the thief was one of his servants. So he went to Birbal and mentioned the incident. Birbal went to his house and assembled all of his servants and asked who stole the merchant's things. Everybody denied.

Birbal thought for a moment. He gave a stick of equal length to all the servants of the merchant and told them that the stick of the real thief will be longer by two inches the next day. He ordered for all the servants to come again the next day with their sticks.

All the servants went to their homes and gathered again at the same place the next day. Birbal asked them to show him their sticks. One of the servants had his stick shorter by two inches. Birbal said, "This is your thief, merchant."

Later the merchant asked Birbal, "How did you catch him?" Birbal said, "The thief had already cut his stick short by two inches in the night fearing that his stick will be longer by two inches by morning."

Moral: Truth will always win.

Story No. 7

Crows in the Kingdom

One day Emperor Akbar and Birbal were taking a walk in the palace gardens. It was a nice summer morning and there were plenty of crows happily playing around the pond. While watching the crows, a question came into Akbar's head. He wondered how many crows were there in his kingdom.

Since Birbal was accompanying him, he asked Birbal this question. After a moment's thought, Birbal replied, "There are ninety-five thousand four hundred and sixty-three crows in the kingdom".

Amazed by his quick response, Akbar tried to test him again, "What if there are more crows than you answered?" Without hesitating, Birbal replied, "If there are more crows than my answer, it means that some crows are visiting from other neighbouring kingdoms". "And what if there are less crows?", Akbar asked. "Then some crows from our kingdom have gone on holidays to other places". Akbar was delighted with Birbal's reply.

Moral: There is always a way if you think with ease.

Story No. 8

Birbal and the Mango Tree

Ram and Sham were in a fight. Both of them said that they owned the same mango tree.

They went up to Birbal and asked him to decide the matter once and for all. "Who was the true owner of the mango tree?"

Birbal said, "There is only one way to settle the matter. First, you must take all the fruits off the tree. Each of you should take half the mangoes. Next you must cut down the tree and divide the trunk in half. Each of you should take half the wood, too. Then everything will be fair. That is what I say."

Ram thought it was all a good idea and he said so.

But Sham said, "No! I have been taking care of that tree for seven years. If you must, please give the mango tree to Ram. But do not make us cut it down!"

"What you have said just now told me all that I need to know," said Birbal. He announced that Sham was the true owner of the mango tree.