

## **Surya Finds His Power**

*~ A story about believing in yourself and finding strength from within ~*

Surya was a quiet boy in senior kindergarten. He always sat in the second row, near the window, where he could gaze at the sky and dream. He loved drawing planets and mountains, but he often felt like he wasn't good enough. During games or group work, he would step back, letting others take the lead.

One morning, the school had something exciting planned—an RS Hero Walk-in Session. Each class was going to meet a Round Square Hero who would talk about a special value. For senior kindergarten, it was Self-Aware Simba!

Simba wasn't a superhero with a cape. He was calm, kind, and had a wise smile. He greeted every child warmly and said, "Today, we will go on a journey—but not outside. It's a journey inside ourselves."

Everyone was curious. "Inside? How?" someone asked.

Simba smiled. "Let's go to the activity court. I've planned something special."

Surya followed the class quietly. At the court, Simba had set up an obstacle course—soft cones, balance beams, hula hoops, and stepping stones. "This isn't a race," Simba said. "This is about knowing yourself."

The children took turns. When it was Surya's turn, his hands trembled. "What if I fall?" he whispered to himself.

Simba crouched beside him. "Everyone feels scared sometimes, Surya. But every time you take a step, you learn something new about yourself."

Surya nodded slowly and stepped onto the first beam. He wobbled but didn't fall. Carefully, he moved from one obstacle to the next—balancing, ducking, and leaping. At the last hoop, he hesitated, then jumped—and landed safely.

His classmates clapped, and Surya smiled for the first time that day.

Later, Simba gathered everyone in a circle under the school's big banyan tree. "What did you discover about yourself today?" he asked.

"I didn't give up," Surya said softly.

Simba nodded. “That’s your power, Surya. You kept going. You trusted yourself. That’s what self-awareness is—knowing who you are, what you feel, and what you can become.”

Surya’s heart swelled with pride.

That week, something changed. In art class, Surya raised his hand to show his solar system drawing. In sports, he volunteered to guide his team during warm-ups. When his bench partner forgot her lines during the morning assembly, Surya gently whispered the words to help her.

One day, his teacher wrote a note in his diary:

“Surya showed great leadership and kindness today. He’s becoming more confident every day!”

When Simba visited again for a follow-up session, Surya ran to him. “I helped Diya speak in front of the class! She was nervous, like I used to be.”

Simba smiled. “That’s the sign of someone truly self-aware. You’ve discovered your inner light, and now you’re helping others shine too.”

That night, as Surya lay in bed, he whispered to the stars outside his window:

“I’m not just quiet. I’m strong. I believe in myself now—and that’s my superpower.”

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