

Lecturesheet-2

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Story of Devotion to Our Elders: Once upon a time, students stayed and studied with their preceptor. At that time, Acharya or guru Dhoumya had three pupils. They were-Aruni, Upamanyu and Veda.

One day it was heavy rainfall. Guru Dhoumya ordered Aruni going to repair the ridge of the land. Aruni went and tried a lot. But he could not control the flow of rain water. At last, he lay down on the broken ridge of the land and thus the water flow was stopped. Meanwhile the sun set, guru Dhoumya searched Aruni with his two disciples near the land. Then Aruni explained the incidents. Dhoumya was very much pleased at Aruni's performance. He said Aruni that, as you get up from the ridge of the land, so your new name would be Uddalaka. He also said, Aruni now you shall return your home. Thus, Aruni got the blessings from the teacher and went back to his native town Panchala.

Moral teaching of the story “Devotion to Our Elders”:

- i) We have to respect our teachers.
- ii) We have to obey the teacher's order.
- iii) Nobody can succeed in life without respect.
- iv) Venerable persons become pleased when we show them proper respect.
- v) With the blessings of venerable persons, the students become successful.

Conclusion: The Panchaguru desires good wishes for us. We have to respect and adore them. At this, they bless us. By their blessings our well-being will be ensured.

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