



When a new baby was born in Nalini's home, all were very happy. Nalini loved to take the baby in her hands and talk to him. But her mother would not allow her to hold the baby all by herself. Mother would place the baby lightly in Naini's hands and immediately take him away. She said, "The baby is very weak, you have to be very careful while taking him. If you are not careful you can easily hurt the baby."

Nalini loved to stand near the cradle of the baby and watch him. But her younger brother would only have

one look at the baby and run off to play. He did not seem to be very much interested in the baby. When asked, he said, "He is so clumsy." Nalini did not like the remark. She thought the baby was cute.

This is one of the differences between a boy and a girl. While a girl likes to remain at home and help her mother in the daily work, a boy likes to



run out into the field. Boys love to play rough games kicking the ball and other boys alike. The sometimes fight while girls choose comparatively harmless games. All these and many more qualities in boys and girls indicate that God has created them different. When you were in class 1 you hardly noticed any difference between a boy and a girl. Now that you are in a higher class and have grown up, you noticed a lot of differences between boys and girls. When boys notice differences in girls, then tend to tease them because they think girls are deliberately being calmer. Girls on the other hand tend to avoid boys complaining that they are rough. We must understand that God has created boys and girls differently. There is nothing to tease or laugh at in them.

In order to behave rightly, everyone must first of all understand his/her own growth. Think of the baby in Nalini's home. When you were born, you were like that baby. You slept most of the day and night. You woke up only to be fed by your mother's milk. Some months later you started to say a few words like "Mummy," "Papa" and so on. Then small teeth started growing to your mother. You learned to walk by yourself. When you were four years old your mummy and daddy took you to the Nursery. There you met other children of your age. You played with them and learned your alphabets. You started coming to school. Year by year you grew up. Now you can do a lot of things which you could not do while you were a baby. You can think and talk well.

You have noticed how confident your father and mother are. You ask them many questions because you know that they are grown up people and have learned a lot of things in life. They know the answers to your questions. As the years go by, you will also grow up to be like your parents. Look into yourself and quietly think of the things you can do. You can play, read, write, love, sing and so on. You have many qualities. As you grow you will acquire many more qualities, and God will also

give you more qualities. A girl will grow into a beautiful woman like her mother or her teacher. A boy will grow into a strong man like his father.

Growth is gift of God. But God gives us this gift in slow measure. Accept the gift of growth as God give it to you, day by day and year by year. Do not forget to thank god for your growth. When you have doubts and fears as you grow in to a full man or woman, always ask your parents to solve your questions. They will gladly answer them. In a few years time there will be more changes in you and at that time there will be more questions in your mind . Do not ask questions to an outsider.

**Remember**

*Your parents and teachers are your best guides.*



**A. Fill in the blanks :**

differently, confident, gift, careful, slow

1. Growth is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
2. My father and mother are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We all grow up in \_\_\_\_\_ measure.
4. One has to be extra \_\_\_\_\_ while taking a baby.
5. God created boys and girl \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Answer the following questions :**

1. Why did Nalini's mother not allow her to hold the baby all by herself?
2. Write below some of the differences between a boy and a girl?
3. What all things can you do which you could not do when you were a baby?
4. What all things can your father / mother do which you cannot do now?



**A.** Write ten lines on "Who am I" :

Ten horizontal blue lines for writing.

**B.** Paste a photo of yourself in the space below. Write below your photo what you wish to grow up to be.

A large rectangular box with a yellow, paint-splattered border, intended for pasting a photo and writing a future aspiration.

"I wish to grow up to be \_\_\_\_\_"