



## LESSON-16

### In Quest of the Lost Spear

#### NOTES:

“In the Quest of the Lost Spear” is an African folklore about brothers’ adoption of their nephews and raising them as their own son.

As the story goes two brothers Podhu and Orub along with their wives moved deeper into the forest as their ancestral land was overburdened. They settled near a foot hill with running spring nearby. They grew crops and collected fruits from nearby trees. One day when Podhu was not at home a herd of elephant began ransacking their crops. In the rush of the moment Orub grabbed Podhu’s magical spear and hurled it towards the elephant and it ran off with the spear.

Latter when Podhu got to know about the incident, the brothers had major fight over it. Orub and his wife went even deeper into the forest in search of Podhu’s special spear. They found a lush green valley and Orub left his wife there and resumed his quest. On the way, Orub met an old lady who handed him a magic mixture to offer to the elephants. He offered the mixture along with some green grass. The elephants accepted the offering and returned the spear.

Orub and his wife returned to Podhu to return the spear. Podhu son got hold of the magic mixture from Orub and ate it. Upon departing Podhu’s son developed an extreme liking towards Orub and his wife. Realizing what had happened Orub offered to adopt Podhu’s son as his own and in return promised to give his son to Podhu. Hence the tradition began.



**Glossary:-**

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| Till        | : | To plough                            |
| Legend      | : | A story from the past                |
| Herd        | : | A very large group                   |
| Ransacking  | : | Stealing and destroying things       |
| Flank       | : | The side between the rib and the hip |
| Wizard      | : | A man with magical power             |
| Vengeance   | : | Revenge                              |
| Wreak       | : | To do great harm or damage           |
| Quest       | : | To search                            |
| Chip        | : | A small cut off from wood            |
| Descendants | : | Issues                               |

