



Lesson- 2

My Relatives

Notes

Summary:

Bembem is a sweet little girl. She has a lovely family. Her mother's name is Mani and her father's name is Thoiba. She has a younger sister and a younger brother. Her sister's name is Naobi while her brother's name is Naoba. A happy family begins with the parents. Bembem's parents always think about the welfare of the children. The bond of love, concern and understanding between father and mother makes their family a happy one. Good families build a good society. However, there are many families where there is no love and understanding. These are broken families. A broken society full of broken families can never progress.

Bembem's aunt, Ibecha serves in a bank while her uncle, Lukhoi is a journalist. Bembem and her cousins love each other very much and they play together some times on Sundays and holidays. She has an uncle called Sanajaoba, who is a lawyer. Her uncle's wife Pakpi is a doctor. She always takes care about the health and well-being of all. She treats poor people without any fees. According to her, only human beings can put an end to poverty.

Every year on the Ningol Chakkouba day, Bembem's mother takes them to her parents' house at Singjamei. On this day, they share a nice meal together. Her maternal grandfather and grandmother fondly remember the simplicity, the integrity and the principles that people in Manipur used to cherish in their younger days. Bembem's maternal aunt Linthoi also joins them with her children for the Ningol chakkouba. She is an agriculturist. She has a daughter and a son. The children enjoy a lot, eating and playing together to their heart's content on the Ningol chakkouba day.

Glossary

- Nucleus - central part or thing which others collect
- Effect - result, consequence
- Pamper - over- indulge, to give more than necessary
- Journalist - person employed to write for journal or newspaper
- Lawyer - person pursuing law as a profession
- Cherish - hold dear
- Ibai - Manipuri term for brother-in- law



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