Narration: An *Avatar* is an incarnation of God. In a broad sense, everything in the Universe is a manifestation of God. Yet, the term*Avatar* is reserved for those Incarnations wherein the Lord deliberately assumes a specific form for a specific purpose. Let us say there is a child playing on the ground. If the mother feels it is beneath her dignity to bend, and tells the child to leap into her arms, the child cannot do so. The mother does not ask the child to do such an impossible thing. Instead, full of love, the mother stoops and lovingly picks up the child. Likewise, the Lord incarnates assuming a human form to bless and rescue us to elevate us to the level of the Divine. Incarnation is an act of benediction. To elevate man to the level of Supreme Consciousness, God has to incarnate as man. God has to speak to man in his own style and language. He has to teach mankind the methods that it can adopt and practice. In other words, God comes to play the role of a teacher and a Guru. To our Swami who incarnated as an Avatar in this Kali Yuga, we pay our gratitude in the form of a short play entitled: “Never Away from the Avatar Eyes”

(Arvin, Robert, Anjali, Saranya, and Sloka walk on stage)

**Sloka:** You know what I just realized, today is Avatar Day!

**Arvin:** You are right, Sloka! So, should we do something special today?

**Saranya:** What do you think Swami would want us to do?

**Anjali:** Well we shouldn’t ask the boys! They won’t have any good ideas…

**Sloka and Saranya:** Yeah, you are right Anjali! We girls should think of our own idea!

**Robert and Arvin:** Heyyy!!! STOP! We are much smarter than you girls!

*(All kids make faces at each other, making fun of one another)*

(Meghana walks in)

**Sloka:** Hey, look! It is Meghana Akka!

**Saranya:** Sairam, Meghana akka!

**Meghana:** Sairam, everyone! What is going on? Why were you all making faces at each other?

**Anjali:** The boys are making fun of us! They are telling us that we are not as smart as them!

**Robert:** No! You girls started it!

**Meghana:** Hey! Swami would not want you all to fight like this. Especially not today! Do you all know what today it is?

**Arvin:** Yeah…today is Avatar Day.

**Meghana:** And do you all know why we celebrate Avatar Day?

**Saranya:** Yeah! On this day, 75 years ago, Swami declared to everyone that He was Sai Baba.

**Anjali:** I also remember reading that Swami took a few Jasmine flowers and threw them in the air and the flowers turned into the words “Sai Baba”.

**Robert:** But, what does “Sai Baba” mean? Why did Swami choose that name?

**Meghana:** The name “Sai Baba” means Divine Mother and Divine Father. This means that Swami is *everyone’s* mother and father. And, as the divine mother and father, Swami always reminds us to make good and proper use of your thought, word, and deed.

**Sloka:** That sounds a lot like something that Padma Aunty was teaching us in SSE class the other day!

**Arvin:** Ohh yeah! That *is* what we are learning in SSE class now. WATCH, Swami tells us to watch our words, actions, thoughts, character and our hearts!

**Meghana:** So, are you all watching your words and actions?

**Everyone:** Oh yes! Absolutely!

**Meghana:** Are you all sure? What about before, when you all were making faces at each other?

**Saranya:** Well, Swami didn’t know that we said those things!

**Robert:** Yeah! How could Swami have known that we were making faces at each other?

**Meghana:** Well, have you all learned the bhajan “We are blessed?”

**Sloka:** Of course! We sing it all the time in SSE class!

**Meghana:** Well, what comes after “We are blessed” in the first line?

**Anjali:** Sai Baba is watching over us!?

**Meghana:** Exactly!

**Arvin:** Does that mean that Swami can see everything we are doing?!

**Meghana:** Of course!

**Saranya:** Then we girls are very sorry for saying mean things to Robert and Arvin.

**Robert:** We are also sorry, Saranya, Anjali, and Sloka.

**Meghana:** Now just remember, Swami is always watching. We are *never* away from the avatar eyes.