**WALK THE TALK**

OPENING SCENCE: Sharavan is cleaning up and setting up games and food.

NARRATOR: Sharavan is busy getting prepared for his friends who are coming over to hang out and play games .

Sharavan; OK my friends should be here now, I wonder what’s keeping them back, I better give them a call. “Sairam Ravi, where are you guys, John is bringing you right?”

“Oh no!, so you are not coming because John can't make it? Well I will miss you guys. Gosh, this is so disappointing.

He puts the phone down.

Phone Rings & Picture comes up on the screen with Sharavan’s Brother. (Avinash waving)

Sharavan: Hi Bhaiya, I’m so happy you called. Would you believe it, I invited my friends to hang out and none of them are coming.

I found out only because I called them. They did not even have the courtesy to let me know. I feel really disappointed. I don't want to hang out with them anymore.”

Mom’s Voice : Son, can you take out the trash ? & after that can you take the dog for a walk, he’s been cooped up all day. Your dad has to work late today & I’m making Lunch. I know you must be hungry.

Sharavan: But Mom, Bhaiya is on the phone & my favorite TV show will start soon.. I ‘ll do it later.

Mom’s voice: No Sharavan, the dog really needs to go out!

Sharavan: Bhaiya, did you always do what mom and dad told you to do when you were my age?

Voice of Bhaiya : Well, I know it’s hard but I always think of Lord Ganesha & how he saw his parents as his whole world. I’ll tell you the story.

Sharavan: Alright.

Sharavan: Mom, I’ll be back…Bhaiya is telling me a story

Mom: ok

Voice of Avinash : This story is called **Mathru Devo Bhava Pitru Devo Bhava**

and shows that children should revere their Parents as embodiments of Divinity.

**(Sharavan & Tej change into Ganesha & Karthikaya)**

**Narrator: Scene 1: The Challenge**

**Setting: Lord Shiva and Parvathi (Neetu & Vibuthi walk in & sit ) are sitting and relaxing on the top of Himalayas**

Opal : (Singing Shiva Bhajan) (Shivaya Namah Shiva Shivaya Namah Shiva Shivaya Namah om Namah Shivaya, Shivaya Namah Shiva Shivaya Namah Shiva Shivaya Namah om Namah Shivaya)

**Setting: Action : Ganesh is walking and see’s a bowl of laddoo’s and can’t stop hesitating himself from running to the bowl and eating the laddoo’s.**

**Ganesh:** ooh ladoo’s. yummy

**Ganesh:** Hmm ok just 2 more (eats two laddoo’s) ok just one more

( eats one more) ok who cares let me finish the bowl (finishes the bowl)

**Action : Karthikaya makes his dramatic entrance on his peacock he says.**

**Karthikaya to Ganesha:** Come brother, let’s go play (with excitement)

**Ganesh:** Ugh! I am so full I cannot play right now

**Karthikaya**: Oh brother! Eating all those ladoos are making you so lazy

**Ganesh**: (jumps from his chair)What are you talking about? I am way more athletic and more powerful than you!!

Karthikeya: No way,

Ganesha : Yes I’m.

Karthikeya : No I’m more powerful.

**Narration : They both fight like all siblings do.**

**Action : Narada enters chanting Narayana! Narayana!**

**Narada :** Pranams oh Lord Shiva and Mother Parvathi !

**Action : Lord Shiva and Parvathi blesses Narada.**

**Parvathi:** May you live long Narada! hope everything is good. May I know the reason for your

sudden visit ?

**Narada :** Yes, yes every thing is good with your grace mother Parvathi. I came here to resolve these brothers fight.

**Ganesha and Kartikeya :** Pranams Oh great Sage!

**Narada:** May you live long! Which brother is more powerful than the other. Narayana! Narayana! That can be decided by having a simple race .

**Both Ganesha and Kartikeya :** A race!!! (with astonishment and excitement)

**Narada :** That’s right! The game is to go around the most important thing three times. Whoever completes 3 rounds first they will win the race.

**Karthikeya:** That’s easy! The Universe is the most important and the largest. I will go around this entire Universe and finish 3 rounds – in a snap.

**Karthikeya:** I accept this challenge. And I’m sure I win with my peacock.

**Ganesh:** I accept this challenge as well.

**(Optional) Mouse :** Go around the universe 3 t…i…m…e..s (dizzy voice)

**Kartikeya :** Hahaha! how can you win this race with that big stomach and tiny mouse?

**Ganesha :** I will try my best ….

**Scene 2: The race begins :**

**Action : Both Karthikeya and Ganesh take the blessing of their parents.**

**Parvathi :** Bless you my dear children.

**Narada:** Ok.Let the race begin. 3..2..1..start (Hara Hara Mahadeva)

**Action : Kartikeya immediately take off mounting on His vehicle peacock. The devas started cheering.**

**Action : Ganesha sat and started thinking along with His mouse.**

**Shiva**: Parvathi, look at Ganesh.. so lazy. He does not want to win the race.

**Parvathi**: No.. I think Ganesh has something in his mind . Let's wait and see

**(Karthikeya**(enters the stage and looks at Ganesh): I am done with my first round..

**Ganesh:** That good.. (busy eating his modakas)

**Karthikeya**: goes for the second round (exit the stage)

**Karthikeya**: (enters the stage).. I am done with my 2 rounds. Ganesh - you did not start yet! You are so lazy than I thought! I will go for my last round (He exits the stage)

**Ganesh**: Gets up and goes around Shiva and Parvathi 3 times.

**Parvathi**: Ganesh - here you go (Gives him necklace)
**Ganesh**: Thank you Mother!

**Karthikeya**: (Enters the stage and looks at Ganesh) No .. this is not right. How can he get the garland. He has played some kind of a trick.

**Kathikaya:** So if you have managed to circled the world, tell me, what all did you see?

**Ganesh:** The holy rivers, the highest peak in the world, the largest desert, and the heart and soul of this universe.

**Karthikaya:** Enough, Enough, you win for sure. But how did you manage it?

**Ganesha :** for me, my parents are my whole world. So by circling my parents, I went around the world.

**Narada**: Karthikeya, Ganesh considered his parents as most important. So he is the winner in this race.
**Karthikeya**: Thank you for showing this to me.

**Ganesh:** today I have discovered that my dearest brother is just as much a winner as I am.

**Action : Ganesh places his garland on Karthikaya.**

Everyone Leaves the stage & changes for next scene. (Sharavan & Tej quickly change

**BACK TO: WALK THE TALK**

**Narrator: We now go back to Sharavan’s Home.**

Sharavan puts the phone down (talking to himself) : That was an amazing story but now I’m hungry.

Sharavan opens dish: Kitcheri, Oh yuck! I hate Kitcheri. I guess I’ll go to my room & watch Netflix.

Shree Ram Music : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBt0zQ1eZf8>

Narrator: Sharavan finds himself watching an episode from the epic Ramayana on Mother Shaberi

**Story of Mother Shabari**

* Lord ram (R): Neetu Bow, Arrows,
* Laxman (L): Tej
* Mother Shabari (MS): Vibu (Indian outfit light colored, grey hair & stick)
* Travelers : Opal , Sharava, (Gion & Ashni)

Props: Basket of Flowers

 Fruits in Plate

2 brass cups

Bows, Arrows.

Mother Shaberi is throwing flowers as Narrator talks.

**Narrator**: Mother Shabari was a small old woman living in the Dandaka forest. Her guru had blessed her that God would visit her because of her devotion

 From then on, Mother Shabari was preparing for her encounter with god. Everyday she prayed to god, laid out flowers, and picked fruit for god's arrival. One day, Mother Shabari was designing her flower path when travelers came upon her.

**MS**: please do not ruin my path! I am waiting for god's arrival.

**Traveler 1**: HAHA! No one is coming, you’ve been doing this for years but no one has come!

**Traveler 2**: Let's go! Leave her be! Crazy old woman!

 \*Travelers leave\*

\*Ram and Laxman approach\*

**MS**: I told you to leave me be!

Narrator: Mother Shabari looks up and is surprised to see the angelic faces of 2 youngsters.Tears begin to roll down her cheeks as her heart recognizes the divinity residing in them. She slowly starts to get up and asks;

MS: Who are you and what are you doing in this forest?

Ram: I am Ram & this is my younger brother laxman. We are the sons of King Dashrath of Ayodhya. We are on our journey looking for Mother Seeta.

**MS**: My Dear Ram & Laxman , I have been waiting so long for this day to come, I’m sorry , please…please forgive me my lord, please come inside to my hut.

 \*Ram and Laxman follow Mother Shabari to her hut\*

**MS**: Would you like anything to eat? -- To drink?

**R**: We are fine Mother, but thank you!

**MS**: Oh please Lord Ram & Laxman, I picked only the sweetest fruit for you to indulge in, please eat. You must be hungry walking in this forest.

 \*Lord Ram picks berries & eats\*

Mother Shaberi : I will bring water (leaves)

**L**: Ram, Why would you eat those berries? She already has bitten them!

**R**: Come now laxman, you must have some fruit also.

L: No Bhaiya, I am not hungry.

Narrator “ Laxman watches as Ram loving & happily eats the fruits & berries that were already bitten by Mother Shaberi & he wonders to himself…

L: (to himself) Why is she serving my Lord fruit that she has already tasted & Why is HE eating them? My God, He looks like he is really enjoying it !! I can never eat food that is already bitten and…

R: LAXMAN, Eat .

L: But Bhaiya, I am NOT Hungry.

Mother Shaberi returns

R: Come now Laxman, Don’t you feel as if Mother Kausalya herself is feeding us? Look how lovingly she has washed & tasted the fruit & have it waiting for us.

MS: Laxman, wouldn’t you eat?

\*Laxman slowly takes the berries & grudgingly eats them and Smiles.

**L:** I am very sorry Mother, please forgive me. These are the tastiest berries I have had in a long time.

**MS**: Smiles, My Guru had given me a blessing many many years ago. He said that the Ultimate Reward for my devotion will be to see the Lord. He said that the Lord will come looking for his wife Mother Seeta & today that wish has been fulfilled.

My dear Ram , I've been waiting a lifetime for your arrival. My heart's desire has finally been fulfilled & now I can leave this earth.

Narrator : Ram & Laxman spent some more time talking to Mother Shaberi & then left the cottage continuing their search for the Divine Mother Seeta

Everyone Leaves

Walk the Talk Continued

Narrator: The next day Sharavan’s friend calls him to see if he is going to class.

Opal enters talking on the phone

Opal : Sairam Sharavan, are you going to class today?

Sharavan “No I don't think so. Class is too boring.

All Swamis' teachings are based on the values TRUTH, RIGHT ACTION, PEACE, LOVE AND NON-VIOLENCE. ( says it slowly) I know all that stuff already.

 Plus, I know you were sick but I’m still pretty upset the guys didn’t come over yesterday.

Opal: “ Whoa whoa! You know everything already and the SSE class is boring? Well you should be a yogi in the Himalayas meditating on god and not upset like how you are now.

Sharavan: “What do you mean?”

Opal: “Well, you prepared for your friends and they did not show up and you felt bad. It’s the same with Swami. The SSE class is his gift to us, it is his home and he has invited us to come and enjoy and learn how to live A Good life.

So when we don't show up for SSE class, think how Swami feels!

 Thank God he is God and he does not “unfriend” us.

Sharavan: “Oh my! This party experience has opened my eyes to many things. You know I was upset that my mom made Kitcheri but after watching this show on Mother Shaberi, it made me think of the effort that mom makes into preparing our meals everyday, doing the laundry, groceries & all that stuff. Our parents really do devote their life to bring us up the right way.

Opal: I saw that show. Mother Shaberi had true devotion and was rewarded with the darshan of the Lord like many of the Sai devotees who had the blessing of seeing Swami in Prashanti.

Sharavan: That’s true. Plus, our Life Application was to eat more Sathwic Food which I completely forgot.

Opal: “Well, you should have tasted the Kitcheri . Hey, I have to go, I will see you in SSE class.”

All Students: “Oh Swami, On this Auspicious Mahasamadhi Day, we want to say thank you for loving us in spite of our short comings and thank you for our parents who brought us to you. Bless us to become your instruments of love and service. One more thing Swami, *Your teachings are not boring*.”

 OM SRI SAI RAM.