

THE MUSK DEER

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Self-discovery

Intent of th Story

- ✓ *To realize that every one is born rich with inner treasures of goodness.*
- ✓ *We have not to look for our worth outside, , but within us*
- ✓ *We have to discover our uniqueness and accept it.*

THE STORY

Once upon a time, there lived a magnificent musk deer. He was intrigued by the sweet scent he perceived. As time went on, that sweet fragrance haunted and puzzled him. He said to himself: "Happen what may, I have to find out where this scent comes from.

And so, in search of the source of that fragrance, unrelentingly, night and day, our deer went over mountain and dale. But, all in vain! Wherever he went he perceived the same enchanting scent. But, its source eluded him!

One day, in desperation, as he climbed the highest cliff of a mountain range, he leapt down the cliff. There, at the bottom of the precipice, with his limbs torn apart and his musk glands poured out lay our deer.

Slowly the whole valley filled with sweet fragrance and scent. Unfortunately, it was too late for the deer to discover where the source of the fragrance was coming from..

POINTS FOR RELECTION.

- Even without our realizing it we go about life scattering fragrance all over, bringing Joy and happiness to people
- The true worth of a person is found inside him.
- Our goodness lies inside, not outside us.
- We search for treasures outside us when in fact, we carry them right within.
- Against all odds and appearances, we have to have a firm faith in our hidden and unknown strengths.
- We have poor "self-images" because we do not know our real worth. We do not know our potentialities.
- We have to believe in the innate goodness and worth of every human being.
- God has gifted all people with a treasure box of talents.
- We have to help them discover them
- We look for God all over, yet we have Him at the centre of our hearts.
- In Him we are, exist and move.

