**South Florida 90th Birthday Celebrations**

**SSE DRAMA - AWAKE ARISE & TRANSFORM**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Narrator 1:** We, the SSE Children of the South Florida Sai centers, humbly offer our Salutations to You, Dear Mother Sai. We are indeed blessed and grateful to be here today celebrating 90 years of your Divine mission; a mission that has no precedents in the history of humankind, a mission that has transformed millions just by the Power of your Love.

**Narrator 2:** Again and again, you have taught us that what is truly needed in today’s world is for us to “lead a life of good qualities, by fostering a sterling character and good conduct. You have declared that once we have greater numbers of such people of good quality, the country and the world will become prosperous and peaceful”. We seek your Blessings and pray for you to accept this Offering of Love, in the for form of a Drama entitled: “AWAKE, ARISE & TRANSFORM.” Jai Sai Ram

***(All cast members offer a candle electric) and invitation to Swami at His Chair).***

**Narrator 3:** Sai Ram Respected Aunties and Uncles, Brothers and

sisters... Tonight! I would like to share with all of you a

beautiful and powerful story about a man named Mr. Tom´s. Please pay close attention as we see Mr. Tom´s as he awakes, arises and transforms!! Mr. Toms is a very successful stockbroker on Wall Street. In any given day he can trade millions of dollars. Since he graduated at the top of his class from Harvard summa cum laude, he has dedicated his life to working and making money in whatever way possible. He quickly became very selfish and greedy. One morning, he was watching CNN as he always does and a report came on about the stock market crashing overnight… ***(Video clip of CNN showing stock market crash news)*...**

**Mr. Toms:** ***(Sitting on a chair with remote control in hand)*** Are you kidding me? This is not really happening! Oh God! This cannot be happening! I need to double check this… *(****He pulls out his Ipad and check his personal investments)*...** No! No! No! I just lost everything… every investment, every single penny… All

gone! What am I gonna do? I am finished… ***(He kneels down and***

***start crying)...***

***(Mind comes from behind chair)***

**Mr. Toms:*(Looking at Mind)*** Who are you? ***(with a confused face)...***

**Mind:**  I am you! I am Mr. Monkey Mind… Don't you recognize   
 me?..Wow… you heard the news… you are in BIG trouble!   
 Everyone is going to think you are useless…

Where are you going to go now? You will lose everything..   
 This house, your yacht, all your cars, I bet all your   
 friends will make fun of you…

***(Conscience comes from behind chair)***

**Mr. Toms: *(Looking at Conscience)*** And who are you? ***(with a confused***

***face)...***

**Conscience:** I am your Conscience.. I am your inner TRUE Self… I am

Divinity within.. and your true friend!.... My dear…

Everything in life happens for a reason… Perhaps… this is

a blessing in disguise, Don’t be so harsh on yourself…

Everything will be ok!

**Mind: *(Talking to Consciousness)*** What do you know… Always with your positive nonsense… this is your reality now… Don't you see? You should just be quiet!

**Conscience:*(Talking to mind)*** Oh Monkey Mind! you are always wavering, jumping from one thought to the other and doubting yourself. **(*Talking to Mr. Toms)*** Remember your childhood, we used to be best friends back in those days… It’s been so long since you and I have talked. ***(Whispering to his ear)*** Don't you remember? Go within and listen to your heart… Here is a hint… Do you remember that SSE Class where we learn how to pray? .. ALL the answers you need now were taught to you during that time!!!

***Mr. Toms, Mind and Conscience exit the stage…***

**ACT 1**

**FLASHBACK - LOVING SWAMI THROUGH DEVOTION: (South Miami Center).**

**Scene 1**

***(All children standing in a row, next to each other, facing audience)***

**Ruhaan:** Sai Ram everyone.

**Yash:** We are here today

**Safeena:** to present to you

**Sameena:** The Who, Where ***(holding up signs as they speak)***

**Ankita:** What, When ***(holding up signs as they speak)***

**Saira:** How and Why of prayer ***(holding up signs as they***

***speak)***

**Manesh:** Devotion, or Bhakti,

**Sansita:** is an important way to love and reach God

**Shalina:** and the simplest form of this is “Prayer”.

**Maanas:** We all have so many questions …

**Suren:**  WHO do we pray to? Who is God?

**Simran:** What does he look like?

**Suren:** Is he a man or a woman?

**Maanas:** May be an animal?

**Shalina:** What about the flowers and trees?

**Sansita:** Can I pray to a wall?

**Manesh:** What about a river?

**Saira:** WHERE do we pray?

**Ankita:** Can I only pray in a church or temple?

**Sameena:** What if I want to pray in my car or at school?

**Safeena:** Under my bed or on a plane?

**Yash:** WHAT is a prayer?

**Sameena:** Do I need to know how to sing

**Saira:** Or learn a special language?

**Ruhaan:** WHEN do we pray?

**Safeena:** Are there special timings? Should I worry about time

difference?

**Sansita:** HOW do we pray?

**Maanas:** Do I sit, lie down, stand on one leg? What do I do

with my hands?

**Simran:** WHY do we pray?

**Suren:** When I need something? When I’m happy? When I’m

sad?

**Ankita:** In our SSE class we conducted an investigation

**Manesh:** to get to the bottom of this topic.

**Shalina:** And today we offer to you a “simplified” summary of

our findings.

**Scene 2**

**WHO DO WE PRAY TO? WHO IS GOD?**

**Ankita:** Sai Ram! My name is Ankita

**Manesh:** I am Manesh

**Sameena:** And I am Sameena

***(Slides of Jesus and Cross, Om and Krishna, Buddhist wheel and Buddha, Fire and Zorashtra, Crescent moon and Allah, Star of David, Baba.)***

**Ankita:** So who is this God that we are praying to? Is he the

formless Allah? Jesus’ Father in heaven? Or a statue

in a temple? How come there are so many names and

forms?

**Sameena:** We need to understand that God is one and comes in

different forms according to the need of the

devotees. If your need is that of a mother, perhaps

you may view God as Durga Mata or Ma Sai. If you are

looking for a friend perhaps you would call on Jesus

or Krishna. If you are looking for a father figure,

it might be Lord Shiva. And we all know who comes to

remove all our obstacles – Lord Ganesha!

**Manesh:** Now let’s take the example of sugar – everyone around

the world uses sugar but they call it by different

names:

***(Slide with the word SUGAR written in different languages)***

**Manesh:** Sugar in English… Azucar in Spanish

**Ankita:** Sucre in French… Shakkar in Hindi

**Sameena:** Tang in Mandarin and Gula in Malay

**Manesh:** Sugar also comes in hundreds of forms: *(Slide with*

*different sweet dishes)* Sugarcane / jaggery / fruit

honey / cake / cookie / icing / donut / candy …

Okay, okay girls, I know you are getting hungry but

let’s focus on the topic.

**Ankita:** All people in every culture and every religion know

sugar to be sweet. The “essence” is one even though

it may have several names and forms.

**Sameena:** Similarly, God is the “essence” in every living

being. He is in you and me. He is in the flowers and

trees, in the birds and the bees. So even though we

may not light an incense stick in front of a bumble

bee or offer aarti to a beggar in the street, we

should see the “essence” in them and respect them.

**Ankita:** God is ONE. He is the eternal and endless and He

knows everything about us – past, present and future.

He is the only one who can guide us along the right

path.

**Manesh:** So, in conclusion, any form or name that is dear to

you, or even if it is just the feeling of a higher

power - that is what you should pray to.

**All:**  Sai Ram.

***(Audio of bhajan “Chant The Name of God”)***

***Transition to next group***

**SCENE 3**

**WHAT IS A PRAYER?**

**Yash:** Sai Ram my name is Yash

**Ruhaan:** And I am Ruhaan

**Yash:** Prayer can be in the form of a song, a hymn or a

bhajan.

**Ruhan:** A prayer can be a fixed group of words put together

years and years ago by a holy person and repeated

today.

***(Lord’s Prayer – ask audience to say along with children)***

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven.Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Yash:** It can be a mantra

***(Gayatri Mantra – ask audience to say along with children)***

**Om Bhur Buvaha Suvaha**

**Thath Savithur Varenyam**

**Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi**

**Dhiyo Yonaha Prachodayath**

**Ruhaan:** You must remember one thing though – you must

understand the meaning of what you are saying and if

it is in a different language then you should learn

how to pronounce the words properly.

***(Slide of Baba holding a child’s hand)***

**Yash:** A prayer can be a plain and simple conversation with

God. Talk to him as you would a friend. You can talk

to him about anything and everything and He is great

at keeping secrets.

**Both:**  Sai Ram

***Transition to next group***

**SCENE 4**

**HOW DO WE PRAY?**

**Safeena:** Sai Ram, my name is Safeena

**Saira:** And I am Saira.

***(Slide of yogis standing on one leg, devotee rolling around a temple, someone kneeling in church, Buddha under a tree)***

**Saira:** In SSE we learnt that the most important thing is

first to establish a connection with God.

***(slide of someone in sukhasana with gyana mudra)***

**Safeena:** While we are praying together, as a group in the

class, we were taught to sit on the floor with our

legs crossed (because that is a comfortable position

to be in); close our eyes (so that we are not

distracted by things around us) and sit with our

backs straight so our breath could flow easily).

This position is known as “sukhasana” or easy pose.

It allows the person to be relaxed and free of

distraction so that they may concentrate on

prayer or meditation.

**Saira:** We then connected our index finger to our thumb

making a small circle and keeping the rest of the

fingers away from the circle. The hands then

rested on the knees with the arms straight. This

position is known as the “gyana mudra” or position of

knowledge.

***(slide of hand with fingers spread out and labels)***

**Saira:** The index finger represents man. The thumb represents

God. The three other fingers represent worldly things.

So we connect ourselves to God and keep everything else

aside.

***(slide of Om in different styles)***

**Safeena:** We then chant 3 Oms and start. It is like dialing a

number or connecting to the internet. Once we have

connected we do our prayers.

**Safeena:**  What we mentioned above is how we do it in class. It

is not necessary that you can only pray in this

position.

**Saira:** When you are alone you may pray in any way you want

because you are not disturbing anyone else. The

position is not important, it is the purity of

your heart.

**Both:** Sai Ram

***Transition to next group***

**SCENE 5**

**WHEN DO WE PRAY? WHY DO WE PRAY?**

**Maanas:** Sai Ram my name is Maanas.

**Simran:** I am Simran

**Suren:** And I am Suren

**Maanas:** You can pray anytime and all the time. God doesn’t

wear a watch nor does he look at the calendar and He

doesn’t have any days off.

**Maanas:** We don’t have to wait for Christmas, Diwali or Eid or

any other special occasion. God should be remembered

always.

**Maanas:** If you don’t already have a prayer schedule you can

start off with this:

***(slide of person in bed with sun shining in window, same person sitting at a table with food in front of him and then same person in bed with moonlight in window)***

**Suren:** Pray when you wake up: Ask Him to be with you this

day – to think through you, to speak through you and

to act through you.

**Suren:**  Pray before you eat: Thank Him for the food and ask

Him to bless it to be good and nourishing for your

body.

**Suren:** Pray before you sleep: Ask Him to forgive you for any

mistakes done that day and to thank Him for being

with you the whole day. Ask Him for a peaceful,

restful and meaningful sleep.

**Simran:** We pray when we are happy.

We pray when we are sad.

We pray when we are sick or when someone else is sick.

We pray when we want something.

We pray for strength.

We pray when we get something and want to show

gratitude. We pray to praise God.

**Suren:** One thing to be mindful of is whether the prayer is

“selfish” or “selfless”.

**Maanas:** A selfish prayer is when we confuse God with Santa

Claus and blurt out shopping lists of things that we

expect.

**Maanas:** A selfless prayer is when we pray for someone else,

other than ourselves. We can pray for someone to get

better; For countries that have been affected by

natural disasters or war or For someone who is going

through a rough time**.**

**Simran:** If you can’t think of anything else to tell God –

just say “thank you”.

**All:**  Sai Ram

***Transition to next group***

**SCENE 6**

**WHERE DO WE PRAY?**

**Shalina:** Sai Ram my name is Shalina

**Sansita:** And I am Sansita

**Shalina:** Different religions have halls or structures

especially designated for prayer and worship. For

example:

***(Slide of mosque, temple, church, monastery)***

**Shalina:** Muslims have Mosques. *(audio of chanting)* Buddhists

have Monasteries *(audio of chanting)* Hindus have

temples *(audio of chanting)* Christians have Churches

*(audio of chanting)*

***(Slide of prayer rooms or altar)***

**Sansita:** Many people might also have a room or section in

their homes which have been reserved for prayer.

**Sansita:** In these places the vibrations are positive, it is

quiet, there is a feeling of love and respect and

there are minimal distractions. That’s why it makes

it easier to pray because we are able to concentrate.

**Shalina:** So does that mean if I am unable to go to any of

those places of worship I can’t pray? What if I’m in

my car or at school or work?

**Sansita:** Not at all. In fact, one of our friends, when asked

this question, put it very nicely – prayer is done in

the mind and through the heart.

**Shalina:** God is omnipresent. He is everywhere, whether or not

you can see him. He can see you and He can hear you.

Have no doubt in your mind. We would like to share a

story with you:

***(Story of Guru, disciples and mango)***

**Shalina:** So, in conclusion your physical location is not

important long as you are able to tune in to God and

tune out everything else for that time.

**Both:**  Sai Ram.

**SCENE 7**

**CONCLUSION**

**Ruhaan:** So you see, the answers are very simple.

**Yash:** You pray to any form and/or name that is dear to you.

**Safeena:** You can use a prayer that you have been taught;

**Sameena:** Or just have a regular conversation.

**Ankita:** You pray in any position that is comfortable for you.

**Saira:**  You can pray at any time you like.

**Manesh:** You can pray for any reason – or no reason.

**Sansita:** And your physical location is not important.

**Shalina:** As long as you are able to tune in to God and tune

out everything else.

**Maanas:** So there is no excuse – please talk to God – he is

waiting for you.

***Mr. Toms, Mind and Conscience enter the stage***

**Mr. Toms: *(Sighs)*** I wish life was as simple as it was back then…

**Mind:** Hahahahahaha! Prayers?? pshhht… What a waste of time… what you need is a lawyer! Be real dude! No prayers are gonna help you now.. You and I know all the sneaky things we have done! No God is going to come and save you this time… Like I told you. You are doomed!

**Conscience:** Oh Monkey Mind! You are really something aren't you? He is in this mess only because of YOUR failed guidance. Oh Mind… If you could only be quiet for a moment… Prayer is such a powerful tool! God is your friend… He loves so so much! ***(Pointing upward)*** Hetaught you that: ***“You must ask God. To ask God is perfectly all right. It is your duty to ask God. Words must be said and, the thoughts must correspond to the words. It is true enough that the Divinity knows all. But He requires that true words be said. The mother may know that, to maintain life, the child requires food. But milk is given only when the child asks for it.”***

**Mr. Toms:** Hmmm… Maybe I should pray to Him… it used to work when I was a child.. God.. if I could only feel you again like I used to… It’s been so long….

**Mind:** Nonsense… ***(with attitude)***go ahead.. try… you will feel like you are talking to a wall… Go ahead…

**Conscience:** My dear Self… You just got caught up in this world… In this age and time… it is so easy to forget between what is real and what is not… Between the permanent and the impermanent, Hmmm… Let me give you another hint, Remember when you got accepted in school? Oh yes! Harvard! You felt so happy and proud… but…, somehow... you forgot about me… that’s where it all started…

***Mr. Toms, Mind and Consciousness exit the stage***

**ACT 2**

**FLASHBACK - THE POWER OF TRUE KNOWLEDGE (WPB Sai Center).**

**Scene 1:**

***(Setting in High School where the Ram, young Toms(Bhargav), Bill(Bhavesh), Murali, and Neil meet. There is anxiety on their faces and tablets in their hands).***

**Neil:** Hey, Ram. Why do you look so worried?

**Bill (Bhavesh):** He has to look worried! After all, he has been waiting for that letter from Harvard University.

**Murali :** Yeah, and even I’m worried about my letter from Johns

Hopkins. Don't worry, Swami’s Grace is with all of us.

***(Ding, ding sound on the computer screens, where Bhavesh and Toms emails’ are opened)***

**Bill (Bhavesh):** Guys, looks like you got your acceptance letters!

***(Both Bhavesh and Toms check their emails, and quickly read the letters. Almost at the same time, both of them quickly look up, with wide grins on their face)***

**Ram :** OMG ! Guys, I got accepted! Thank you, Swami. You heard my

prayers!

**Toms:** Good, I will have company at Harvard ***(with a big smile on***

***his face)***

**Neil & Murali :** Wow, now we have two of our friends accepted to

Harvard.

***(All five of them rejoice in laughter).***

**Neil:** Congrats! I'm so happy for you!

**Murali:** Yeah buddy, congratulations! I knew that Baba would bless

both of you!

**Bill (Bhavesh):** Congrats Guys!

**Toms:** True. It’s all Baba’s blessings. Thank you Swami for

paving a bright future for us. Best of luck to you guys.

Hope you will hear good news from your schools too.

**Scene 2:**

**Narrator:** A few weeks go by and everybody is busy with school and

other activities. The friends meet up once again.

**Bill (Bhavesh):** Guys, thank GOD it’s Friday!! How about a movie tonight? I heard “Attack on Titan” is really good. Let’s go celebrate with dinner and a movie!

**Murali:** That is a great idea but we have other plans already. We

are going to the Nursing Home in the evening.

**Bill (Bhavesh):** Can’t you volunteer there some other day?

**Murali:** Nope! It has to be today because we have organised a

surprise party for Beatrice’s 90th birthday.

**Neil:** I wouldn’t miss it for anything. She’ssuch a sweet lady

and has gone through tough times. Her children don’t even

come to visit, so we thought this would be a nice way to

show her that someone still cares. I can’t wait to see her

smiling face when we wish her Happy Birthday!

**Toms: *(smirks)*** Okay guys, you know what, I don't need any more

service hours. It’s time to party and celebrate my

entrance to Harvard!

***(Bhargav and Neil looked very surprised)***

**Neil:** Toms, what are you saying? Our visits to the Nursing Home

were not just for the sake of earning service credits!

Shame, Shame, shame...

**Ram:** I agree with Toms. We will be spending our time in

different activities ***(winks at Tom)*** So where is the movie

showing?

**Murali: *(looking very concerned)*** Guys, I don't think you should be

saying that. Remember, it was Swami’s Grace that you guys

got accepted to Harvard. Service to mankind is service to

God. Remember what Swami says “Every opportunity to serve

should be welcomed as a gift from God”.

*(Bill walks away)*

**Ram:** Sorry guys - we can’t disappoint Bill. Toms and I

will join him. We need a break from this school stuff and

the service projects.

**Neil:** ***(looking very surprised and worried)***Ok guys I think you

are forgetting who you really are - your egos are getting

a little too big. Remember, we always did these projects

together, as a team.

**Toms:**  Hey, don't tell me what to do. I'm the smart one here, I'm

the HARVARD student! We are not stopping you from whatever

you want to do!

**Murali:**  ***(Talking to Neil)*** I can’t believe how quickly the

success has changed them! It reminds me of a story that we

read when we were Group II SSE students. Remember what

Baba said to the students about humility?

**Scene 3:**

**Narrator:** The scene changes to a typical day in Prashanti, where

Swami is interacting with the students who finished

their final exams and came to know of the results.

***(Sai Children Assembled sitting in front of Swami)***

**Swami:**  My dear boys, how did you do on your exams, everyone? I

know you were studying very hard the past few weeks.

Krishna, you were very worried about your exams. How did

you do?

**Student 1:**  ***(with a sense of gratitude)***Swami, I got 70%, thank

you Swami.

**Swami:**  Very good job! Study harder next time, and you will do

even better.

***(Swami turns to another student, who was eager to tell Swami how smart he was)***

**Swami:**  How about you?

**Student 2:**  **(*arrogantly)***Swami, Swami, I got the highest marks as

usual. I got 97%.

**Swami:**  Why did you miss that 3%? You didn't work hard enough!

***(All students also were left confused about the way Swami responded)***

**Swami:** Bangaru, you are a smart boy. But you also need to be

humble about your successes. Without humility, all of

it is just useless. Ego and arrogance will affect the

character. Always remember! End of Education is

Character. This is Satyam, this is Gnanam!

***(Swami’s video of the bhajan – Satyam Gnanam Anatham Brahma...)***

***Mr. Toms, Mind and* Conscience *enter the stage***

**Conscience:** See my dear! That was when you first started to change.

With the help of this monkey mind ***(He pinches the Mind’s***

***ear)*** you got further and further away from your true

self and covered it with layers of ego and arrogance.

**Mind:** Hey!! It’s not my fault… I’m just a bundle of thoughts

and desires

**Mr. Toms:**  What should I do then? Am I really doomed? Is this my

end?

**Conscience:** Your only duty is to find God in yourself once again so

then you can see him in others. Hmmm… I know what will

help you.. Let me take you back to the moment you

started working...This flashback will definitely awaken

you from your sleep...

**ACT 3**

**FLASHBACK - LOVING GOD THROUGH ACTION (FT. Lauderdale Sai Center).**

**SCENE 1**

***Mr. Toms is walking and bumps into his childhood friends, Racquel and Sathya.***

**Racquel:** Oh my my! Look who is here, Sai Ram my dear friend!

**Mr Toms:**Oh hey! How are you?

**Racquel:** Remember us? It’s been soooo long since we last met..

**Mr. Toms** Yeah time flies!

**Sathya:** How is everything with you?… We really haven't heard

anything from you in years… Is everything ok?

**Mr. Toms:** Yes! I am great! I have a great job with a very high

salary, and I am always traveling first class wherever I

go! You know how it is…

**Racquel:** ***(looks at Sathya and rolls her eyes)*** Yeah I can imagine…

listen.. we are planning a special soup kitchen for the

victims of the recent flood… Many families lost their

homes and they have nowhere to go… we are volunteering

and cooking hot delicious meals for them.. You used to

love coming to the soup kitchen… Would you like to join

us? It will only be for a few hours..

**Mr. Toms:**  Hmmm.. I think I will pass.. I have no time… busy busy

busy… I am sure many people will be volunteering… My help

is not really necessary. In fact.. I am heading to a very

important meeting now - have to run - Time is money!!

**Sathya:**  Ohh ok… I guess some other time… It was nice to see you.

**Racquel:** Yeah it was nice… keep in touch!

**Mr. Toms:** Ok… sure… hmmm bye

**Racquel:** Bye! **Sathya:**  Bye bye!

**SCENE 2**

***Mr. Toms is walking on a street on his way to work, drinking a starbucks coffee when a lady approaches him with her two daughters:***

**Neha:**  Excuse me good man, I am really sorry to trouble you

but.. I was wondering if you could get some food for

my daughters and me… We haven't eaten anything.. and it   
 is so cold today… Please Sir, anything is fine.

**Amber:**  Please sir.. I am very hungry.. my tummy is growling.

**Lexi: *(She points at her stomach and shows how hungry she is)***

**Mr. Toms:** I am so sorry Ma’am, but I am very late for a meeting and

I have no time… Maybe you can go to some shelter… they

might be able to help… ***(He looks at his watch)*** Oh wow… I

am so late… Time is money!!

**Neha:** Sir, it will take only a few minutes, my children are

hungry

**Mr. Toms** I am really sorry.. but I can’t.. Wish you good luck! ***(He***

***walks away in a rush)***

**SCENE 3:**

***(Mr. Toms is sitting in a high end restaurant) (Looking at the Menu)***

**Mr. Toms:** Wow… I am soooo hungry! I could eat everything on this   
 menu!

**Shruti (Waitress):** Good evening sir, are you ready to place your

order? Or would you like a few minutes?

**Mr. Toms:** Oh, I am SO ready! Let me have the large cheese pizza,

french fries, a veggie lasagna, salad on the side and..

hmmmm… as an appetizer, the cheese nachos!

**Shruti:** Oh wow sir, are you sure you want all that?

**Mr. Toms** Yes! I am so so hungry! And please make it fast!

**Shruti:** Yes Sir! Absolutely! Right away ***(Walks away with the***

***order) (To herself)*** Wow! I didn't know someone could eat

so much!

**Prema:** **(Manager)** Make sure he gets his food quickly! He doesn't like

to wait for his food!

***(Shruti and Amrita in a corner of the restaurant)***

**Shruti:** Heey! Come here! Let me show you this! Look at this order

from Table 5, I have never seen something like this!

**Amrita: (Waitress)*(Looking at the order)*** Wow! All that food? It

would be so sad if any of that ended up in the garbage.

**Shruti:** I know… especially now, with all the victims from the

flood. Nowadays, every time I eat, I make sure I don't

waste anything.

**Amrita:** Same here! I feel so grateful for every meal I have! And

whenever I am off from work, I go and volunteer in the

shelters for the victims. Anyways, let’s get back to work!

**Shruti:** Oh! The food is ready! Can you help me bring all of these

dishes to that table!

**Amrita:** Of course!

***(Shruti and Amrita bring all the dishes to the table)***

**Mr Toms:** Yum Yum Yum! Put it all here! You guys took so long!

**Shruti:** Enjoy your meal, sir!

***(Shruti and Amrita go to the side of the stage continuing their work)***

**Mr Toms:** Mmmm this pizza is so good… and the fries! And the

nachos! But oh wow.. I am full already! ***(He raises his***

***hand to call the waitress).*** Excuse me! Can you bring me

the bill? I am full already, and I have to go soon!

**Shruti:** Ohh ok sir! Would you like to pack the food to go?

**Mr: Toms:**  No thanks.. Just throw it… gotta go. Time is money!

**Amrita:** ***(To Shruti)*** Don’t tell me that….

**Shruti:** Yes! That’s exactly what happened… so so sad...

**Prema:** Is everything ok, girls?

**Shruti:** Yes Ma’am… It’s just that…. It’s sad when people waste

so much food.

**Prema:** You are talking about table number 5? Yes I noticed.. He

has been a customer here for many years… He used to be a

very nice guy, very mindful and courteous... but as time

passed.. somehow, he changed a lot. I always pray for

him, maybe something will happen that will make him

the person he used to be. I don’t want to see what the

consequences of his actions will be.

**SCENE 4**

**Narrator 3:** Time passed by,and many drastic changes happened in the

life of Mr. Toms. From being on top of the world with

all the comforts and pleasures, to the point he would

have never seen himself in, leaving him only with his

monkey mind and his conscience. Let us see what happens

next.

***(Mr. Toms enter the stage dressed as a homeless, holding a board asking for food).***

**Mr. Toms: *(Looking at the audience)***Excuse me, can I have some

food? I am very hungry… Sir? Ma’am?... ***(different voices***

***saying “sorry, I’m very busy”, “gotta go - time is***

***money”)*** Oh God! Who would have thought I would be in

this situation? ***(little girl comes to him)***

**Amber:** Excuse me sir, my mom told me to give you this banana.

**Mr. Toms:** ***(takes the banana in his hand)*** But what about you?

**Neha:** No Sir, it is absolutely fine. God will look after us…

Actually I had two bananas so I offered one to you. We

will share the other one.

**Mr. Toms:**  ***(Tearing up)*** That is so sweet of you, You are sharing

with me whatever you have, without even asking anything

in return… I don't know what to say.. but thank you sooo

much! ***(he stands and walks towards the front of the***

***stage, Monkey mind and Conscience come into stage)***

**Conscience:** My dear Self, you are indeed fortunate! Even though you

are facing a very difficult time, this has brought you

back to the path of Loving God, Knowing about God, and

seeing God in everything.

Everyone makes mistakes in their lives, but the greatest

gift is to learn from them and become better. God is

always with you and will never leave you. You just have

to acknowledge him in your heart and in your life.

**Mind:** I seek your forgiveness, Oh Master! For having taken you

down the wrong path so many times… But now, I

am aware that I must be tamed. Now I know that if you

continue on the paths of Devotion, Spiritual Knowledge,

and Selfless Service, then you will never have a problem

with me again! Once I surrender myself to GOD

completely, HE will take care of us in every way.***(he***

***kneels down in front of the Conscience).***

**Mr Toms:** I finally get it! I can't believe how blind I was to get caught up into this world of illusion, running after impermanent things like a mad monkey. But now, I realized I will never ever find true happiness this way. Only when my mind is engaged in God's consciousness, by singing His Name constantly, contemplating about His stories and glories, and serving others selflessly at all times, will the true purpose of my life be fulfilled. ***(Mind, Conscience and Mr. Toms bow to Swami)*** Thank you Swami for showing me that I am just a team player in this game called life, that the world is my playing field, where every human being is my teammate. Ignorance, greed and hatred are my rivals… You have taught me to play this game and to play it well, to You I offer my deepest salutations, to You I humbly bow, seeking out Your Divine Blessings!

**Narrator 1:** So there it goes our story for today my fellow brothers and sisters, the story of Mr. Toms is the story of many of us, it is the story of how to remember who we truly are and where we come from…

**Narrator 2:** Like our dear Mother Sai says: ***“you can be in the world but not of the world” “Mind alone is the cause of man’s bondage and the cause of liberation. When attached to objects, it leads to bondage. When free from objects, it leads to liberation.”*** Jai Sai Ram!

***As the final narration is said, all of the cast members will come onto stage...***

**ACT 4:**

**GRAND FINALE** **SONG**

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