

“Satsang” By: Neel Gandhi

There is one universal power that every human has and that is the ability to learn. Every Friday when I rush out of the school bus, I happily think “Today's Jain Class.” Jain Class used to be a regular class like going to school, but soon I realized how much this impacted me. It has impacted me by being compassionate and humble.

Mahavir Swami once said, “Have compassion for all beings” Initially, Jain class has an impact on me because it has taught me to be compassionate. When I first came to Jain class I learned about non-violence. Every once in a while I would hold a grudge and now I have learned that being violent won't change anything as it would just make the situation worse. Once I was walking down the hallway and my friends were just laughing like always. Then I saw a boy who dropped all his papers and everyone was just walking past him, laughing. Nobody was helping this poor boy. I walked over and started picking up the papers with the boy. We didn't speak but we both knew our actions spoke louder than words. When we got up, he started to smile. One of the most common Jain principles is being compassionate and if there is one concept that Jain class has taught me is to be compassionate. Mahavir Swami worked his entire life in the prosperity and compassion towards others which carried on as a reference to the Jain values today.

Additionally, Jain class has taught the principles of being humble. One day I was selected with two other people to help kids with special needs in an Olympic tournament. This Olympics everyone got a medal, but it gave a place anyone could fit in. Soon the day came as my buddy and I did a bunch of fun games together. Even though that day was a pep rally, I would rather be here than any other place. Also, they have to face a challenge many people don't go through and I feel that even if they have this challenge they should be treated like none else because in Jain Class, I learned that it doesn't matter what your body looks like but it's what your soul has. That day I learned that these kids have one of the biggest hearts in the world so that's why I decided to stick along. Be humble and happy for what you have not in contempt for what you do not have.

In conclusion, teaching me to be compassionate and humble are two impacts that Jain class has taught me. Everyday Jain class teaches me a new concept and that's why I love it. The teachers always make the class exciting and make it so that I want to learn. Throughout the years Jain class has helped me grow as a person and teach me many values through various lessons. Pathshala has inspired me to grow as a human being.