

Those who cannot know, see, talk, walk, hear and feel pain, and pleasure, etc., are known as the non-living -things (ajiv).



These things cannot talk, walk, hear, feel, and see .These things do not have life.

Teacher: Ravi, now can you tell me the difference between the doll and us?



Ravi: Teacher, the doll cannot hear, talk, or feel pain. It is a non-living thing. But we can breathe, talk, see, hear, and feel. We are living beings.

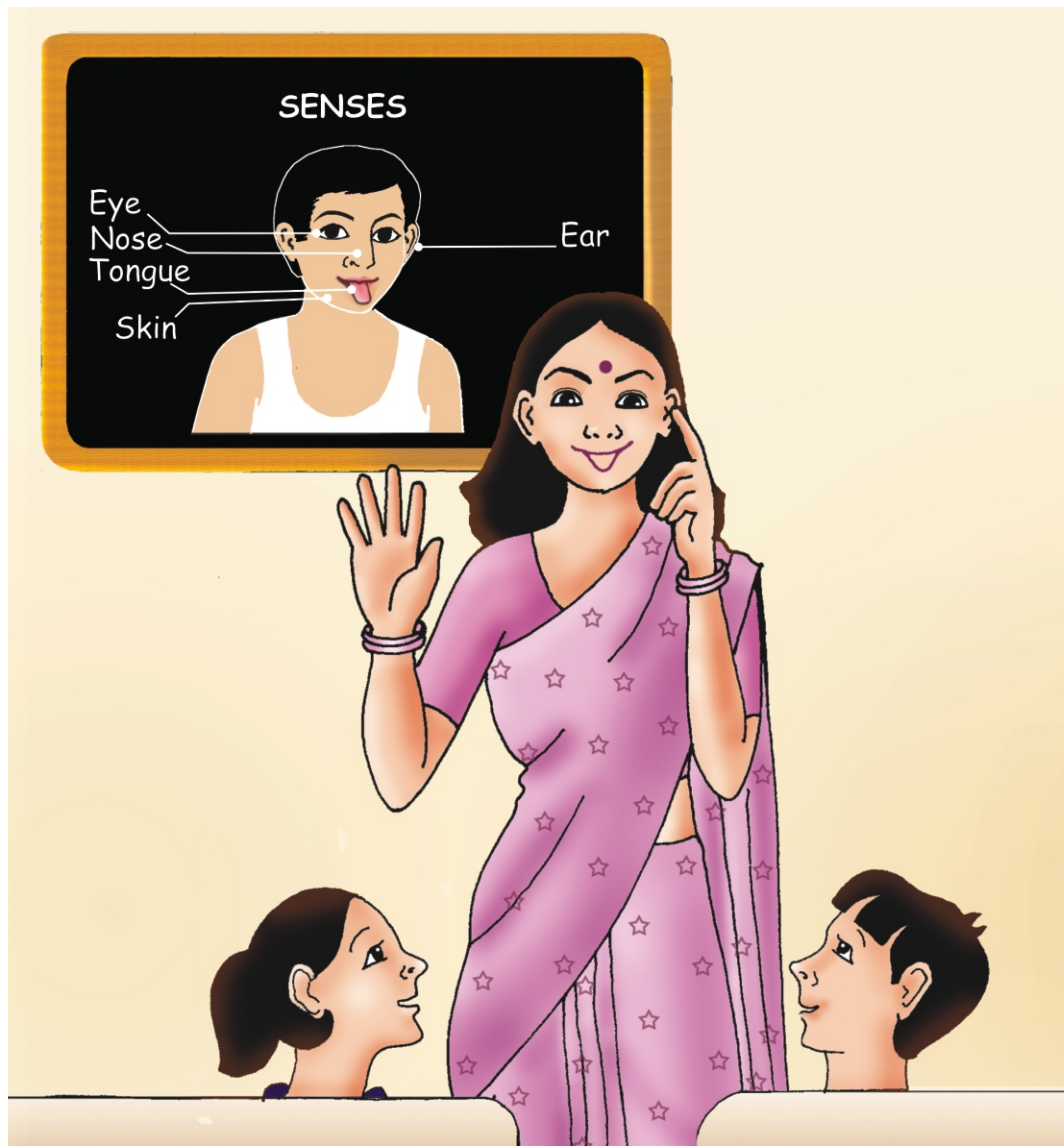


Teacher: Very good, Ravi. Now you have understood it right. Children, listen carefully, I am going to explain more about living and non-living things.



Anything which can know, learn, understand and feel pain and pleasure, or has various senses is known as a living being (jiv).

We can learn, know, understand, and feel pain and pleasure, and have five senses, so we are living beings.



However, anything, which cannot know, understand, feel pain, and pleasure, or does not have various senses is called non-living thing (ajiv).

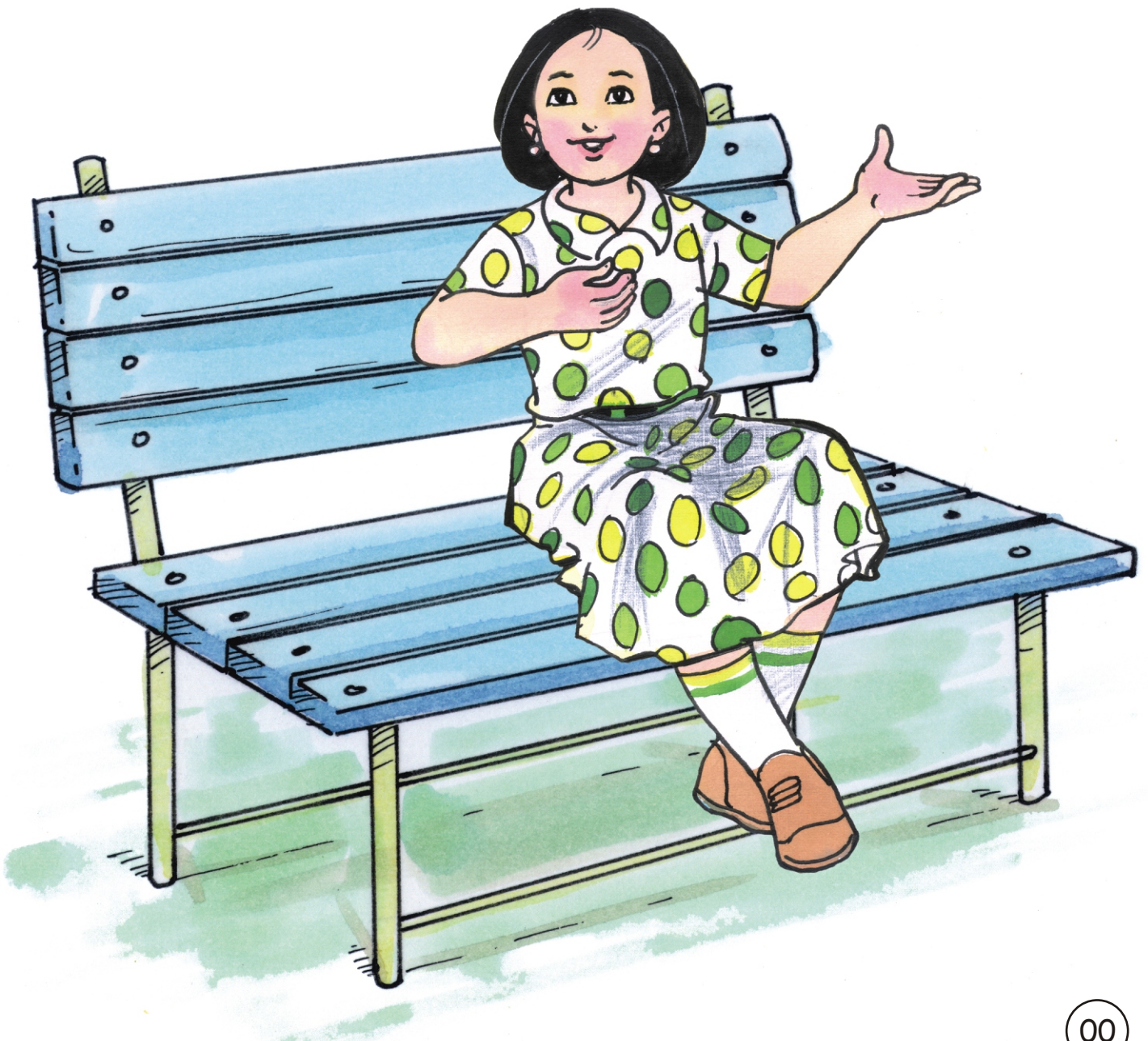
So this doll is a non-living thing.





Teacher: Komal, is the bench, which you are sitting on a living being or non-living thing?

Komal: A bench is a non-living thing, because it does not know, understand, or feel the pain of my weight.





Teacher: Komal is right. Now, what happens when you get a star in your test?



Komal: I feel happy, because I have feelings.





Teacher: Ravi, can you give some names of the non-living things around us?

Ravi: T.V. set, toys, iron, watch, pen, the shirt and the car are all non-living things.



Teacher: Neela, can you name some living beings?

Neela: Yes. Dogs, cats, cows, rabbits, parrots, lions, elephants, fish, chickens, and human beings are all living beings.





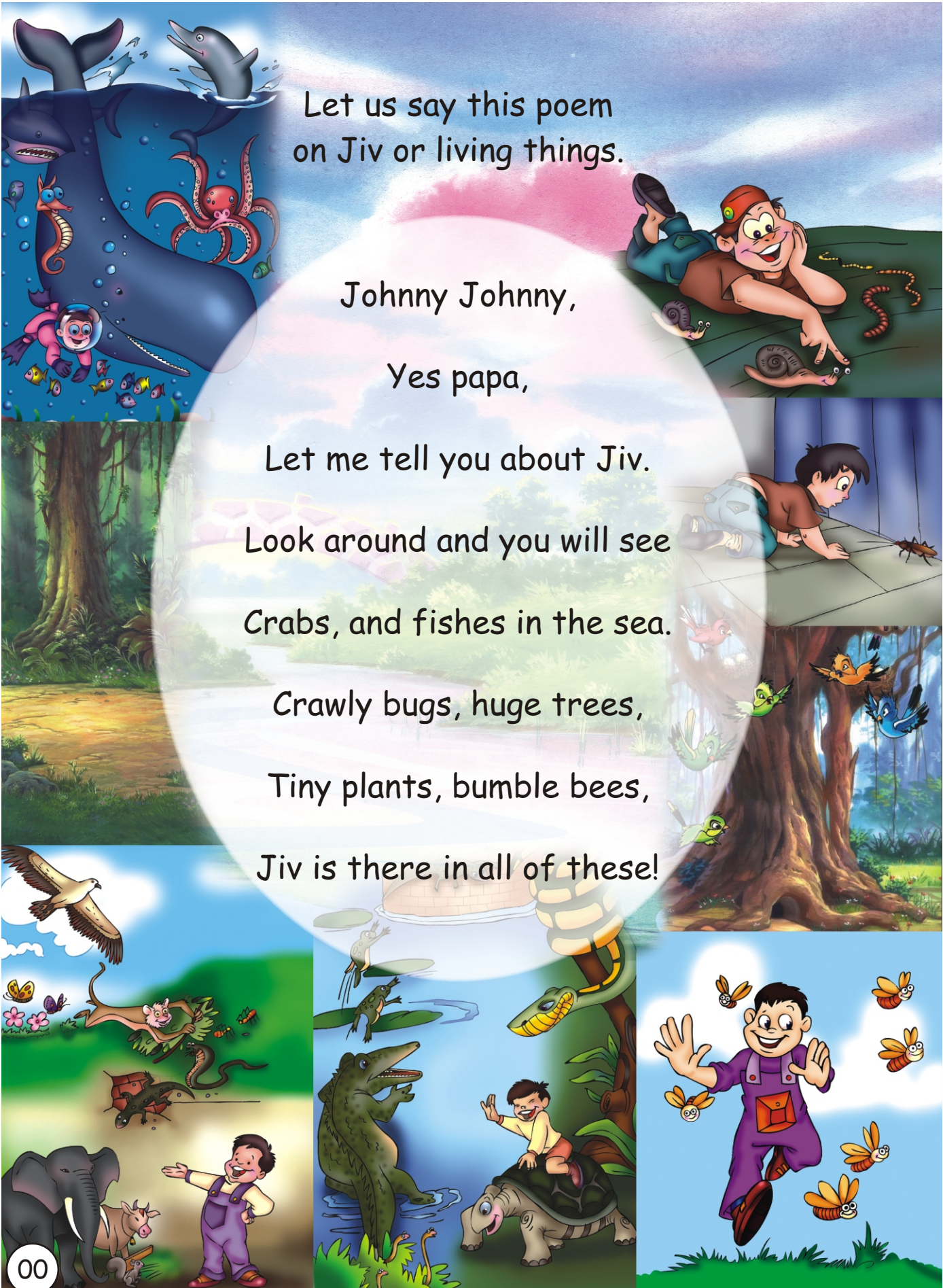
Teacher: Children, do you have any questions?

Children: No teacher, now we understand the difference between living beings and non-living things.



Teacher: Before we finish our class, I would like to remind you to be good to each other because everyone feels pain and happiness.





Let us say this poem  
on Jiv or living things.

Johnny Johnny,

Yes papa,

Let me tell you about Jiv.

Look around and you will see

Crabs, and fishes in the sea.

Crawly bugs, huge trees,

Tiny plants, bumble bees,

Jiv is there in all of these!