

# The Legacy Story

A simple, teacher-read narrative for Lesson 7

Purpose: To gently show the emotional experience of a donor family, focusing on comfort, courage, and honouring a loved one's wish.

Safe: No medical detail, no circumstances of death, no graphic content.

## THE LEGACY STORY “The Gift They Could Still Give”

When the Patel family talk about their son, Arjun, they always describe him the same way: bright, energetic, and someone who found joy in helping others. He was the kind of person who held doors open, checked on friends, and never missed a chance to make someone feel included.

Months before his final days, Arjun had told his parents during a school assignment, “If I could help someone someday, I’d want to.” It wasn’t a big moment – just a small conversation around the dinner table. But his parents remembered it.

When the time came, the Patels were faced with a moment no family ever wants to face. Their world felt heavy and quiet. But as the doctors gently explained that Arjun had the chance to help others, his parents remembered that simple sentence from months before:

“If I could help someone someday, I’d want to.”

Honouring his wish didn’t erase their sadness, but it gave them a small light in a dark moment. Saying yes felt like giving Arjun the chance to finish something he had already begun: a final act of kindness.

In the weeks that followed, the Patels received a letter – not from any recipient, but from the donation team. It thanked them for their courage and explained how Arjun’s decision had helped several people regain time, health, and hope.

The family cried together, but this time the tears were different. There was still sadness, but now there was also pride. Arjun had left a Legacy – not in trophies or awards, but in people whose lives were changed because of him.

On his birthday each year, the Patels light a candle and say,  
“Your kindness keeps going.”

And in a way, it truly does.

