

ENGLISH



THE SELFISH GIANT

~Summary~

-by Oscar Wilde

Oscar Wilde's "The Selfish Giant" is about a giant who lived his life selfishly without thinking about others. He lived such a selfish life without **realising** his mistake. He had a beautiful garden and did not allow children to play in it. It was this selfish attitude of him that made the winter occupy his garden for many months. Spring and autumn never entered his garden. As there was no spring and autumn in the garden, **flowers** didn't blossom and **fruits** didn't grow. Birds never entered to sing in his garden around. The garden had lost its beauty and richness.

Winter, along with snow, frost, north wind, occupied the giant's garden for a very **long time**. The giant was confused about why the **spring** and **autumn** had left his garden alone despite occupying the whole country. His **confusion** was clear one day.

One morning, he noticed spring to be back in his garden, and children were playing there secretly, but it (spring) went behind the children when they ran away after seeing the giant. Winter began to occupy the garden once again due to the children's absence. The **reason** was **obvious** for the giant as to why spring and autumn had avoided his garden.

Having realised his mistake, the giant changed his mind. He decided to let the children play inside his garden and broke the garden's wall. He also helped a little kid who tried to climb up the tree, which made him **hug** and **kiss** the giant. The giant was highly attracted toward the little boy but never had a chance to meet the little boy again. But, the giant's heart always wished to meet the little boy.

As years passed, the giant turned old and weak and couldn't play with the kids but admired his garden by sitting in an armchair. Yet, his wish to see and play with that little boy persisted in his mind. It came true one winter morning, as he had seen the same little kid under a **golden tree** filled with silver fruits on it. The giant **rushed** to see the little kid and wanted to be with him. But, on getting closer to him, he found nail marks on his little hands and feet. When the giant asked him who had wounded him for killing them, the little boy replied it was the wounds of love. The little boy was none but Jesus Christ himself, who saved him from his sin of selfishness and made him realise the importance of **selfless love**. As he allowed the little boy inside his garden and served the kids all those years, God took him to his garden of **Paradise**.

~Conclusion~

The Selfish Giant dwells on the message that we should not be selfish and try to be open-minded and spread love among others and make everyone around us happy. Presenting the CBSE Class 8 English It So Happened Prose Summary of The Selfish Giant that will help students to have a complete understanding of the chapter.