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A Letter To God

Chapter Sketch

This story is about hard life and extreme faith in GOD of a poor farmer (Lencho) who had lost his crop due to heavy rain and hailstones. It was the only source of income to fulfil his family's desire.

He firmly believed that GOD would help him in such a difficult situation and would not let him and his family die of hunger. He wrote a letter to GOD to seek help. Some kind employees of the post office helped him. So, the story tells us to have faith in GOD and never lose hope in adverse situations.

About the characters

Lencho - A poor farmer who lived on the peak of a low hill with his family. He was a firm believer of God. He was innocent, hopeful, caring and responsible.

Postmaster - A fat, amiable(friendly) fellow who helped Lencho to retain his faith in God. He gave a part of his salary in the charity for Lencho on behalf of God.

Post Office Employees - People who helped Lencho on postmaster's call. They laughed at Lencho when they saw the letter but help him in his need. Lencho called them a bunch of crooks.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

1. Lencho's hope of good rain to have a good crop. It rains but the rain soon changes into hailstorm.

2. Lencho has a firm faith in God.
3. Lencho writes a letter to God to help him.
4. He asks the God to send him hundred pesos.
5. The postmaster and other employees laugh at Lencho's letter to God.
6. The postmaster decides to help Lencho in his problem.
7. The postmaster wants every employee to help in the noble deed.
8. The postmaster collects seventy pesos and gives the envelope to the postman who gives it to Lencho's himself.
9. Lencho gets angry after getting seventy pesos amount as he had asked for hundred pesos.
10. Lencho calls the employees of the post office a 'bunch of crooks' as he thinks that they have stolen the rest of amount.
11. Lencho again writes the letter to God to send him rest of the money. Lencho has firm faith in the magnanimity of God; and God never betrays the trust of a believer.

SHORT ANSWER (SA) TYPE QUESTION

[2MARKS]

Q-1 Who was Lencho? What was his main problems?

Ans - Lencho was a hardworking farmer who lived on the crest of a low hill with his family. His was the only house in the entire valley. He eagerly waited for a good rain to have a good harvest but hailstorm

destroyed his crops, so he needed money to sow his field again and support his family. So these, were his main problems.

Q-2 What did Lencho compares the raindrops to and why?

Ans - Lencho, a poor farmer, was waiting for the rain to have good harvest so when it rained, Lencho compared the raindrops to new coins. The big drops were ten cents pieces and the little ones were five because the crop needed the rain badly and it was the sign of good harvest.

Q-3 Why did Lencho write the letter to God?

Ans - Lencho's crops were completely destroyed by the hailstorm. But there was no one to help him in his difficult situation. Being a firm believer of God, he wrote a letter to God, as he was the only hope in his despair. Lencho asked him to send hundred pesos to sow his field again support his family till the next crop.

QUESTION – 4 a) “ Humanity still exists ” this is what we get to know after reading ‘ A Letter To God ‘in which firm faith in god of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are aptly depicted thought . Write a paragraph on the values in it in about 120 – 150 words, Give the paragraph a suitable title.

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Existence of humanity

The story 'A Letter to God' written by GL Fuentes enforces our faith in humanity. After reading the story, we know that there are still people who help others without any self-interest. Here the post master and other employees lay an example of humanity and kindness for others. First they all laughed at Lencho's letter to God because they knew that there was no such person but they were really moved by Lencho's faith in God. They decided to help him to keep his faith alive

and firm. Even though it was not possible for them to collect hundred pesos and kept them in an envelope for Lencho. They signed on it 'God' except their own name. This act shows us the true picture of humanity and motivates us to be a noble and kind person.

b) Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees, right?

Ans- Lencho was a poor farmer who totally depended on the harvest to survive and fulfil basic needs of his family. Once his crops were destroyed due to heavy rainfall and hailstones, he was afraid to think how his family would survive. He believed that God would help him in his plight. He had firm faith in God, he believed that God would not let him be hungry. Now a day's faith in God like Lencho's is almost impossible and unseen. People are very much aware that nobody is willing to help others without any self-interest. Lencho's reaction towards post office employees was not right or justified but it was just because of his innocence as he could not believe that God had done such a mistake. It was only the post office employees who had stolen money according to him.