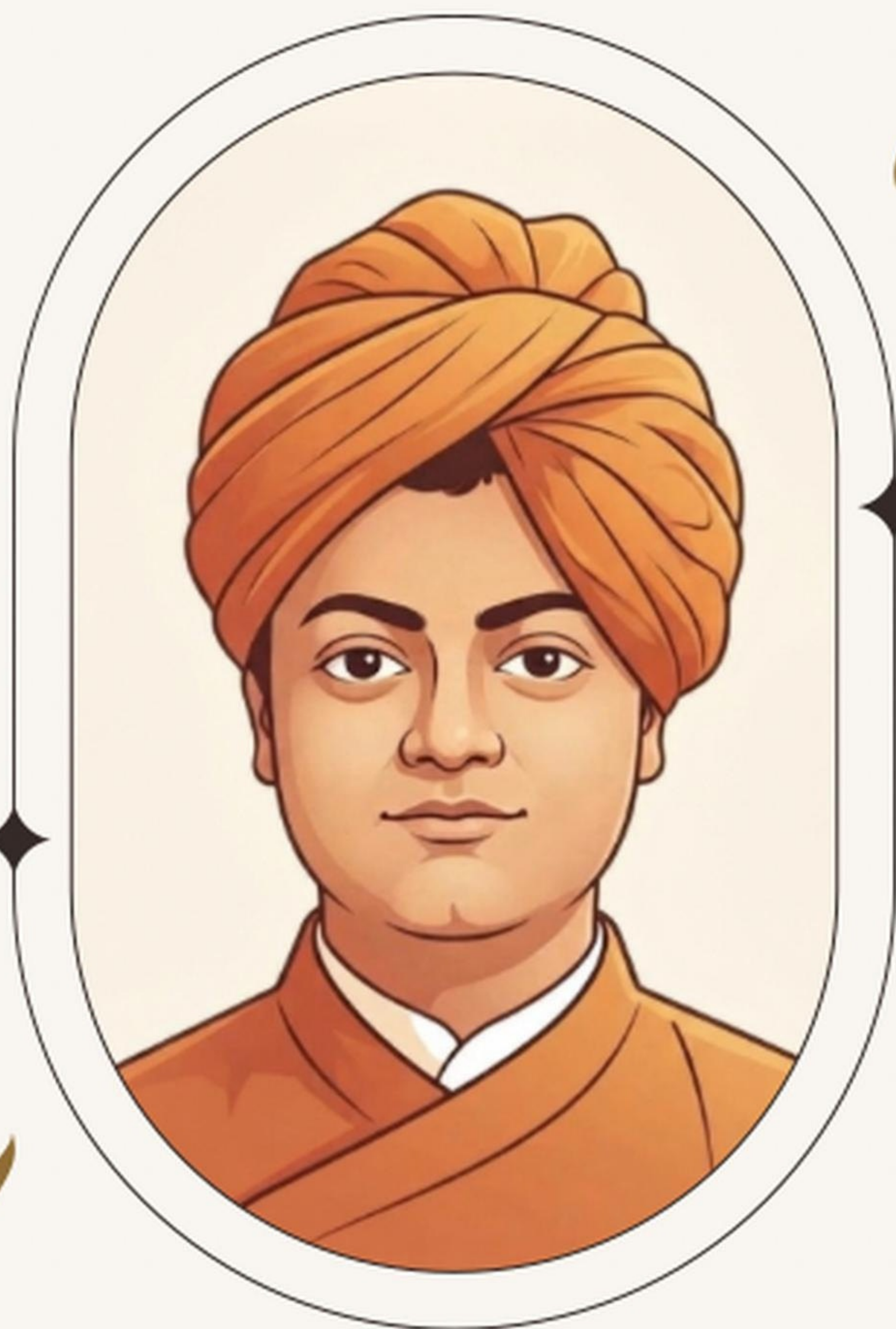


Real Superheroes

True Stories of Great Souls



SWAMI VIVEKANANDA



Meet Naren

Swami Vivekananda was born in Calcutta on 12 January 1863. His family called him Naren, short for Narendranath.

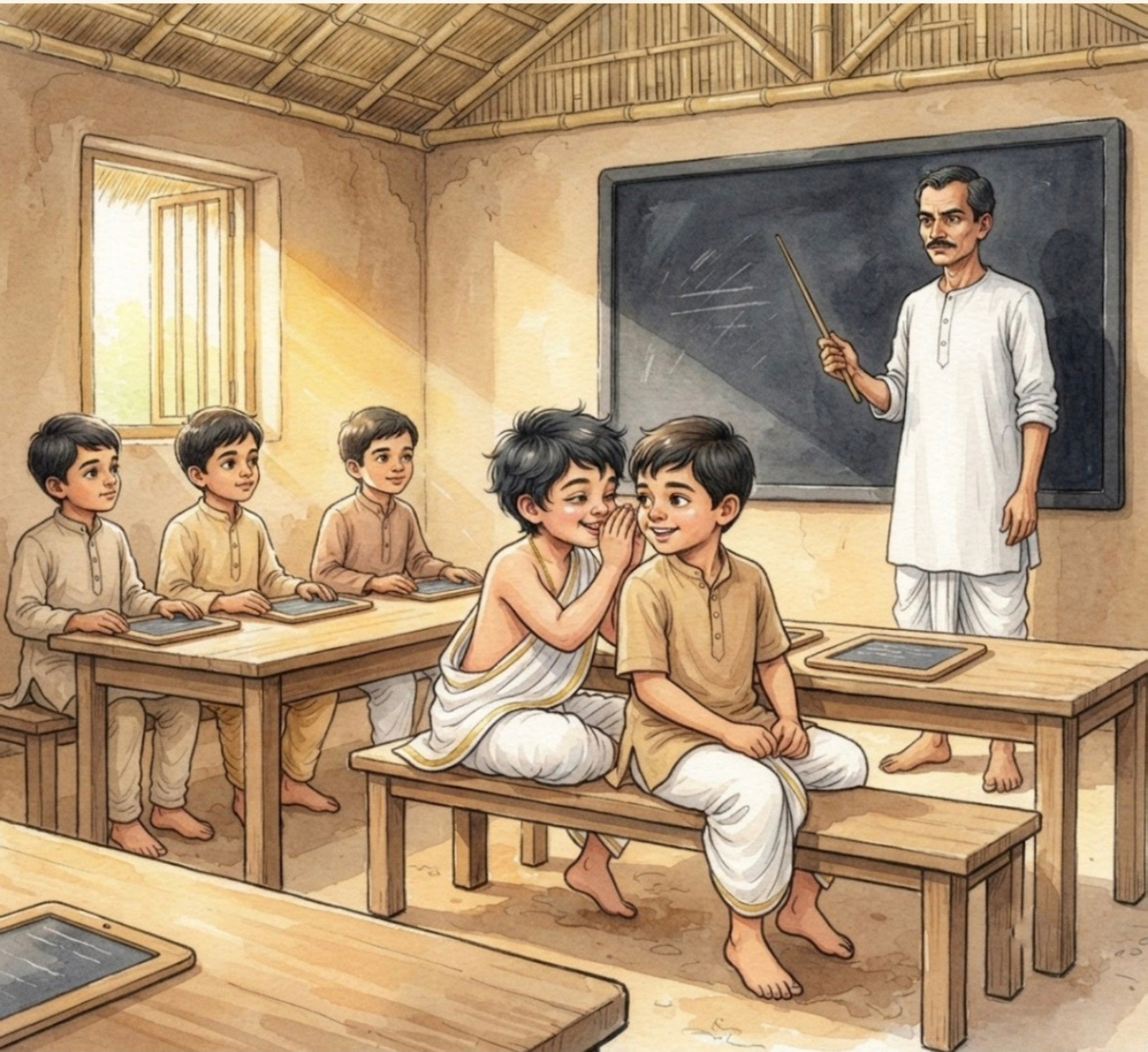
As a boy, Naren was bright, playful, and fearless. He loved stories, games, and asking questions.

He grew up to become one of India's most loved teachers. He spoke to people across the world about kindness, courage, and believing in yourself.

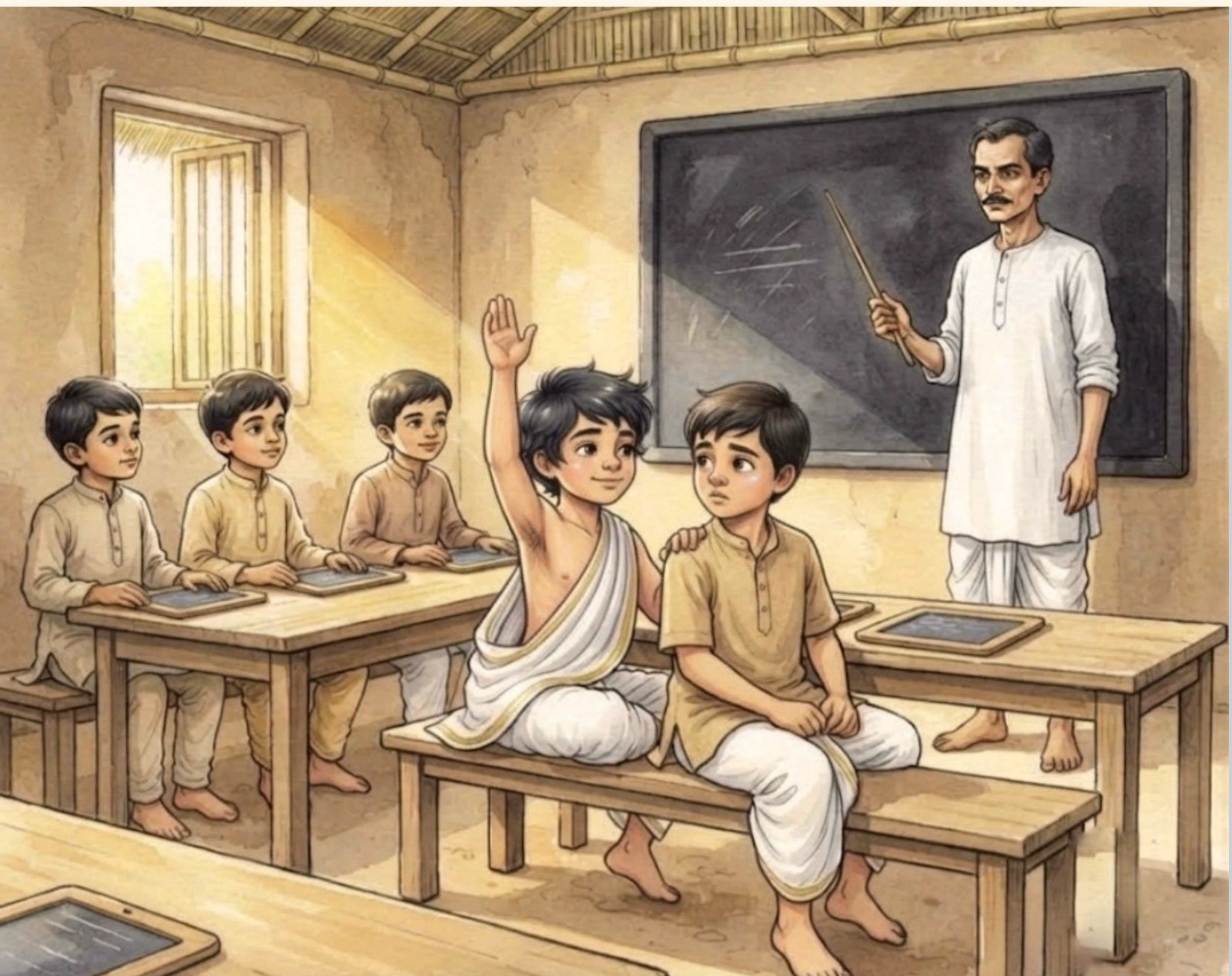
Every year, India celebrates his birthday on 12 January as National Youth Day.



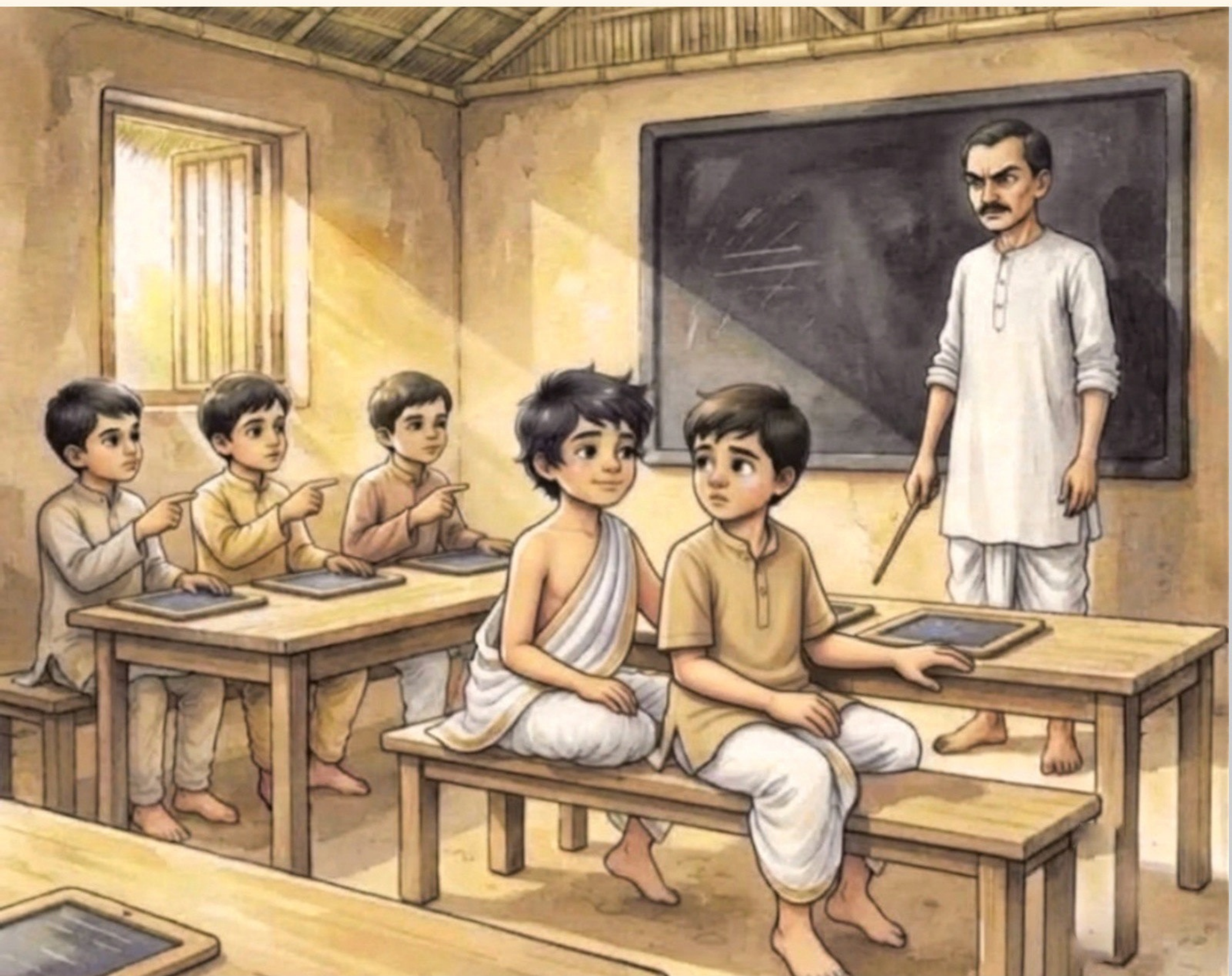
3. HONESTY: Standing Up for the Truth



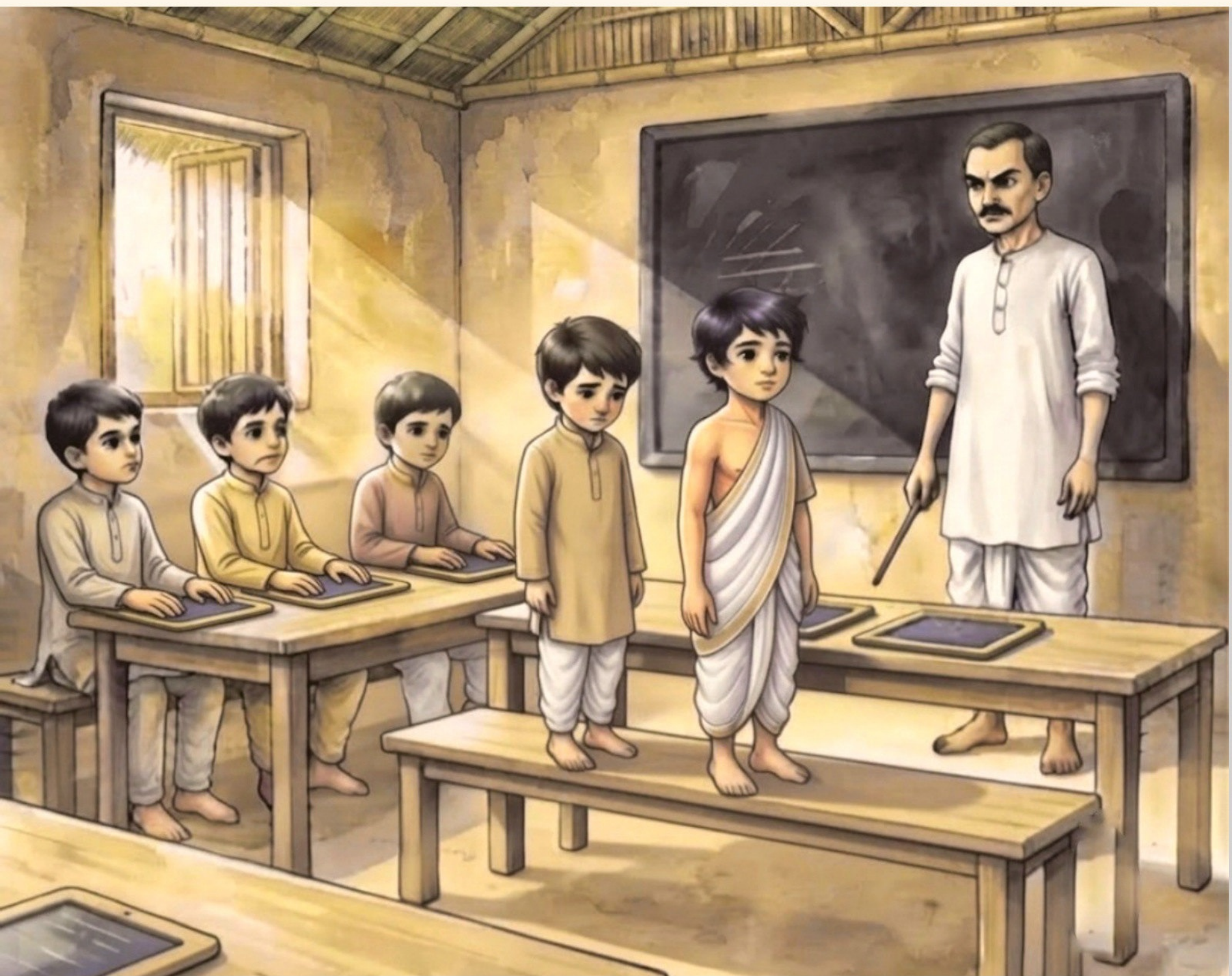
Naren loved stories. One day at school, he had a funny story to tell his friend. He could not wait to share it! So he leaned in close and whispered it into his friend's ear. But the teacher was busy teaching the class.



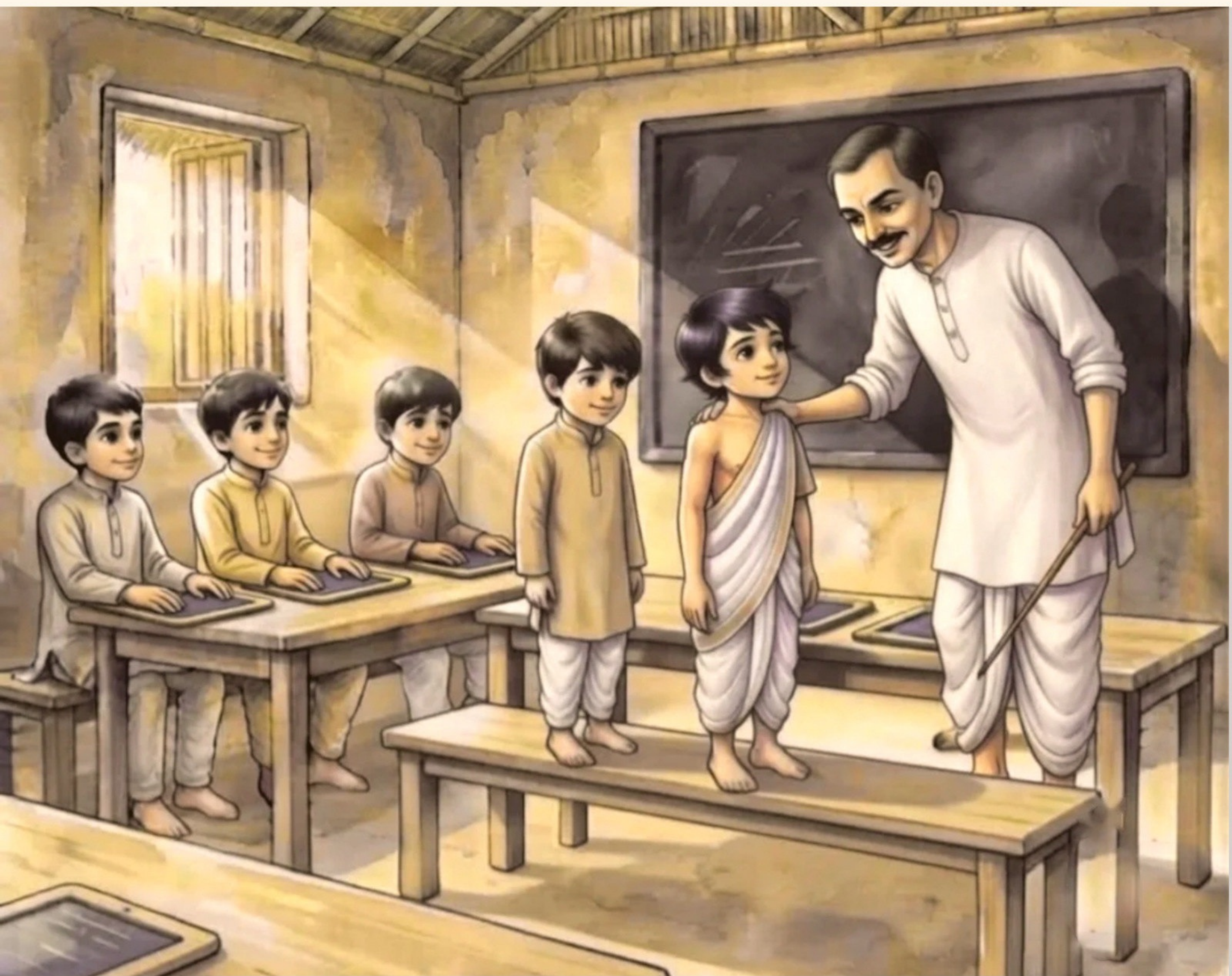
The teacher heard some whispering. "Who can answer my question?" he asked the class. Nobody knew the answer, and the room went quiet. Then Naren raised his hand, and his answer was right! He had been listening all along.



"Who was talking in my class?" asked the teacher. All the children pointed at Naren. The teacher could not believe it. "Naren? But he knew the answer!" he thought.



The teacher asked Naren's friend to stand on the bench. He did not ask Naren. But Naren stepped up on the bench too! "Naren, please sit down," said the teacher. "No, sir," said Naren. "I was the one who was talking. So I must stand too."



The teacher smiled and gently patted Naren's shoulder. "You told the truth, even when you did not have to. I am very proud of you," he said. Naren smiled, and the whole class smiled with him.



Let's Think!

Naren told the truth, even when he did not have to. This is called Honesty.

Have you ever told the truth when you felt scared? How did it feel?

What is one way you can tell the truth today? Think about it!