

# The New Blue Dress

## Lesson Explanation Part 2

The little girl came to the school the next day in the new blue dress. She was looking very tidy and clean. She was overwhelmed with the new dress and told her teacher that her mother couldn't believe her eyes when she saw her in the new dress. She also said that as her father wasn't home, he would see her at supper.

The father that night was amazed to see his little daughter so clean in her new dress. He was amazed to see that he actually had a pretty girl. Not only that, the father was astonished to see a cloth on the kitchen table that night as they had never used the one before. The mother after seeing the clean and tidy daughter felt ashamed of herself and promised to be tidier as their daughter is so clean.

The father looked for several moments at the mother while she cleaned everything. Seeing this, the father too started repairing the fence. And the next evening, he even began to make the garden with his family's help.

Seeing them becoming tidier, the neighbour too started cleaning his house and surrounding. It

was for the first time in ten years that the people of Gates Avenue had cleaned themselves.

The young minister after few days for the first time noticed that the place had no pavements and streetlights, neither running water. Seeing these people working hard to keep themselves clean, the young minister that they need help and so he talked to the important citizens to help them.

And a few months later the entire scenario changed. The Gates Avenue had pavements, streetlights and running water. And six months after the girl received the new blue dress, Gates Avenue had become cleaner than ever. When the people of other places heard about the cleanliness story of the Gates Avenue, they too started 'clean up' campaigns. And since, 1913 such campaigns started happening.