

UNIT-3B

About the Author : Oscar Wilde or Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was an Irish poet and playwright. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, the early 1890s saw him become one of the most popular playwrights in London. He is best remembered for his epigrams and plays, his novel "The Picture of Dorian Gray" and the play "The Importance of Being Earnest". The Happy Prince and Other Tales is a collection of Children's stories.

Introduction: The Selfish Giant is a famous play by Oscar Wilde. The Giant is the main character in the story. The Giant and the Old Giant is the same character. The Giant is a selfish character and the Old Giant is a kind character. The young boy in the story is the messenger of God whose touch has transformed the selfish giant to a kind character. The giant would never allow the children play in his garden but the moment the young boy touched him, he changed into a kind character and later on the boy took him to heaven. We can see that, a gentle touch can turn a selfish giant to a kind character. And how the same selfish giant has become kind towards all the children