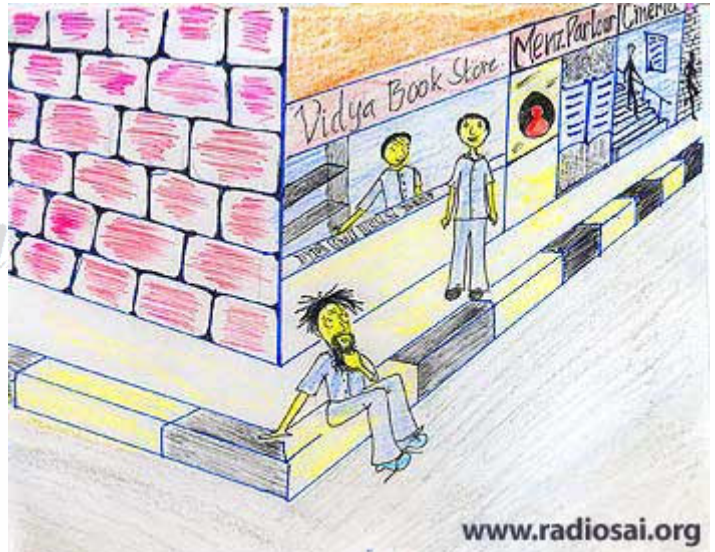


## Kids' Corner

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### The Barber Shop



not exist."

"How can you say that?" Asked the surprised barber.

"I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers do exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, does exist! Because people do not look to God for help is why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Bhagawan Baba explains this whole problem as a simple lack of awareness of who we truly are. He says:

*"When anyone asks you, 'Can you show me God?' You should reply 'You are God; that is why you are able to talk and act.' To know divinity, you should know the sacredness within you. Keeping salt in your mouth, you can not taste anything sweet. Only by rinsing your mouth and getting rid of the salt can you taste sweetness. Worldly desires are like salt. Discard them; then you can realize divinity."*

A man went to a barber shop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation and talked about many subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children?"












"If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God, who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop.

Just after he left the barber shop, he saw a man in the street with long stringy hair and an untrimmed beard; he was looking dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers do

### Cross Word for kids

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**Across :** 1. One of the fundamental value.

Opposite to lie. (5)

6. A **dot** without a vowel. Abbreviation of 'Desk Top'. (2)

8. A greeting in Hawaii. Jumbled! (5)

9. Abbreviation of 'Artificial Intelligence'. (2)

10. Statement of what can or should or must be done in a game. Still some countries have king's ---- (4)

11. Not a ball point pen, --- pen. A liquid. (3)

12. Take no notice of. 'I' missing. Ending with 'raw metal'. (5)

14. Abbreviation of 'Computer Science'. (2)

15. Train the mind. Make someone learn. (7)

17. Abbreviation for 'Post Office'. (2)

19. Tell someone to leave. (2)

20. A bird, ends with a word described by 'people or things in a line'. (4)

22. A character from Ramayan, who went in search of Sita, made Rama happy by giving Sita's news. Jumbled. (4)

**Down :**

1. Object or mark to be hit in shooting etc. (6)

2. Circular. (5)

3. First two characters of each of the words 'Ultimate', 'Love', 'Umbrella', 'Omkar'. (8)

4. Bring into existence. Upside down and no letter is repeated! Jumbled 'React'. (5)

5. Abbreviation for 'His highness'. (2)

6. Move with rhythmical steps and gestures. Tap, Bharatanatyam, Kathak etc. (5)

7. Short Parody. Down to top. (4)

13. A fruit. First letter moved to the middle. (5)

16. Past tense of Tear. (4)

18. Belonging to oneself or itself. (3)

19. Abbreviation of Georgia, US state. (2)

21. Common in between 'spout' and 'Joule'. (2)

### Can you find the word?

1. This is a 7 character word, a person to remember after mother and father.

2. This word starts with a drink made of leaves (three characters).

3. This word ends with a pronoun representing a feminine, 3<sup>rd</sup> person, singular (3 characters).

4. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> characters in sequence form a word for pain.

### Tricky question - Smart Answer



How do you read

?

Answer: Ball + Point + Pen, which is Ball point pen.

Send your answers (Crossword and 'Can you find the word?') to the below address or e-mail on or before *December 15<sup>th</sup>*.

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