

One Centimetre

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One Centimetre is a very emotional story of a lady Tao Ying. She and her husband work to earn money and run the house. They are poor and struggling financially. They have a son Xiao. Tao, the lady, loves her a lot. She makes him learn good lessons and social practices as well. One day Tao goes with Xiao in a bus.

The conductor asks for two tickets, one for the lady and another for her son. Tao refuses to take another ticket for her son because Xiao is not very old to buy a ticket for. The conductor doesn't listen to her and forces her to buy two tickets.

However Tao does not want to create any unwanted situation in front of her son, so she buys the ticket. She is very sure of the height of her son but could not make the conductor understand so. Now she makes sure

that such kind of incident must not take place again. One day Tao gets a free ticket as a gift from Lao Chiang, a friend. She takes her son to visit the temple. The unfortunate happens again as the guard prevents the boy saying that he must come with ticket as his height has crossed the exempted limit.

Tao is very sad and leaves the place. She becomes upset of hurting her son again. After returning the house, she measures the height again of Xiao. She is very angry as the height has not crossed the exempted limit, claimed by the gate keeper. It is still 1.10mt. instead of 1.11mt. The days pass by Tao and her son forget the incident. One day the temple authority comes to her and accepts the fault of wrong measurement of Xiao. They offer free tickets again to Tao for the visit of Lord Buddha's temple.

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important questions:-

- ① Discuss about Tao Ying and her family.
- ② What happens when Tao and her son travel by a bus?
- ③ Why does the gate keeper send Tao and Xiao back without watching the temple?
- ④ What happens at the end of the story?

characters:-

- ⇒ Tao Ying - a poor lady.
- ⇒ Xiao - son of Tao
- ⇒ Bus conductor
- ⇒ Gate keeper of the Buddha Temple