**Write a letter to one of your grandparents describing how you and your friends celebrated a festival with some physically challenged children. Narrate how the experience was different and special.**

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Dear Grandpa,

We could not visit you this summer vacation as mother could not get leave from her work place. However I want to narrate a wonderful experience which I had last Diwali vacation.

Before Diwali , myself along with three friends had decided to spend some time with each other. One of my friends mother is associated with an N.G.O. which works for the wellbeing of children. She regularly visits a ‘Home’ run by the N.G.O. meant for physically challenged children aged between 6 to 12 yrs. She asked if we would like to visit the ‘Home’ and cheer up the children during Diwali vacation. We were skeptical and not sure whether we would enjoy it. However after some discussion we agreed to give it a try.

We wanted to carry some gifts. All of us were of the opinion that we will not add to noise and air pollution and decided against such crackers. Finally we shopped for decorative ‘Diyas’, some chocolates, painting and colouring material. Next day morning we got ready and went to visit the ‘Home’. It was situated in the ground floor of an old building. It was mid-afternoon when we entered. There were approximately 15 to 16 children, some seated on the floor and others on chairs. They were expecting us, their faces lighted up when they saw us and greeted us in a chorus.

They were wearing simple but clean clothes. Some were obviously disabled. Few of them were deaf, mute and communicating with each other in sign language. We went close to each one of them and offered the gifts. They were visibly delighted. What was amazing that despite being without parents and not very able bodied, they were cheerful and smiling. I felt ashamed that so often I was grumpy over small matters. I thanked God for being so kind to me. I realize that I had taken so many things for granted. That one visit changed me for the better.I decided to be more considerate and thankful henceforth.

We have decided to visit these children whenever possible during our holidays on a regular basis.

Yours lovingly,

Simran