



Read-Along Guide for Grown-Ups

Welcome to the *Read-Along Guide for Grown-Ups* for *The Sleepy Village Awakens!* This guide provides important background information to help you engage with children as you read this story. It will give you insights into the themes, characters, and messages of the book, so you can answer any questions and discuss the story meaningfully with your little ones.

Story Overview:

The Sleepy Village Awakens tells the story of a poor and isolated village where the people have given up hope. The villagers, an "unreached people group," believe that nothing can change their circumstances. Enter Sunil, a dedicated Master Trainer from Medical Ambassadors International (MAI), who brings with him a new program called CHE (Community Health Evangelism). Sunil teaches the villagers practical ways to improve their health and lives, and alongside his teachings, he shares the gospel of Christ. Despite initial opposition from Daulat, a greedy moneylender, the villagers embrace change. The village begins to transform both physically and spiritually, bringing hope, joy, and a new future. In the end, the village is so impacted by these changes that they rename themselves, reflecting the new life they've received.

Key Themes and Concepts:

- **CHE (Community Health Evangelism):** This program addresses both the physical and spiritual causes of poverty. It combines health education with the love of God, helping communities improve their lives through holistic approaches. *CHE* is currently being used in over 3000 communities worldwide, bringing transformation to many people like the villagers in the story.
 - For more information, visit: www.medicalambassadors.org
- **Transformation and Hope:** One of the core messages of the story is the transformation of the village, both physically and spiritually. The villagers move from despair to hope, from sickness to health, and from isolation to community.
- **Faith and Gratitude:** The villagers' transformation is not just about health but also about spiritual renewal. Sunil helps them grow in their relationship with God, and they express gratitude for what He has done. This reinforces the message that everything good comes from God, and we should always give Him the glory for our blessings.
- **The Role of Children:** Children are essential in this process of transformation. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us that teaching children early about good practices (health, faith, and community) leads to lasting change. Special programs in CHE focus on children as well, helping them grow with a strong foundation for life.

Page-by-Page Notes:

Front Cover: The Sleepy Village is isolated and impoverished, with no outsiders caring for it. The villagers have lost hope, feeling that nothing can be done to improve their lives.

Page 1-2: The villagers' poor health is partly due to bad hygiene and a lack of knowledge about how to prevent disease. They accept this as their fate, unaware that change is possible.

Page 3: Sunil, the compassionate trainer from MAI, arrives with the CHE program. He shares with the villagers the good news that there is hope and practical ways they can improve their lives.

Page 4: Opposition from people like Daulat, the greedy moneylender, is common when change arrives. Daulat wants to keep the villagers poor so he can continue to exploit them, but the villagers decide to trust Sunil instead.

Page 5-6: As CHE begins, the villagers eagerly learn new ways to take care of themselves. They start growing healthy foods, practicing good hygiene, and making positive changes that improve their lives. What changes do you see in the village?

Page 7: Children are integral to the process. By teaching them good habits early on, the villagers are setting them up for a healthier, more fulfilling life. Proverbs 22:6 speaks about the importance of guiding children in the right direction.

Page 8-9: As the village transforms, the effects are visible. People are healthier, happier, and more connected to one another. The village becomes a place of joy and community. Photo shows people making toilet seats and implementing healthy hygiene practices.

Page 10: It's important not to forget God in times of prosperity. Sunil helps the villagers maintain a balanced relationship with God, reminding them that caring for others is as important as caring for oneself. Icon Map located on Tree (top to bottom): Blue - Reconcile to God, Red - Reconcile to Self, Green - Reconcile to Others, Orange - Reconcile to Creation, Last Blue - Don't be a Container for God's blessing, be a Conduit.

Page 11-12: Gratitude is an essential virtue. Sunil teaches the villagers to always give God the glory for their transformation. They are deeply thankful for what God has done through Sunil's obedience to His call.

Page 13: Names hold significance in the Bible and often reflect a person's identity. The villagers decide to change the name of their village to reflect the transformation they've experienced.

Page 14: The transformation in the village inspires others. As the villagers replicate the practices they've learned, they begin to spread the message of CHE to neighboring villages. This multiplication is a sign that the change is real and sustainable.

Back Cover: The once "sleepy" village is now awake, thriving in health, spirit, and community, all thanks to the intervention of Sunil and the CHE program.

Key Bible Verse:

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *"If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come."* This verse reflects the ultimate transformation that takes place when people embrace Christ and His teachings, just like the villagers who experienced change in every aspect of their lives.

Final Thoughts:

As you read this book, encourage children to ask questions and talk about how they can make a difference in their own communities. This story teaches us that transformation is possible, and with faith and action, change can come to even the most hopeless of situations. **Share the message of hope and transformation, and help children understand that they too can be a part of something bigger than themselves.**