

Safe from Worms





Meena is a little girl who lives in a village with her parents, her grandmother, her brother Raju, and her baby sister, Rani. Mithu, the parrot, is her best friend.

In many ways, Meena is like any other little girl you know. She is friendly but is not afraid to ask questions.

Share in Meena's adventures as she laughs, climbs trees, asks questions and solves problems, and shows you all the things that a little girl can do.

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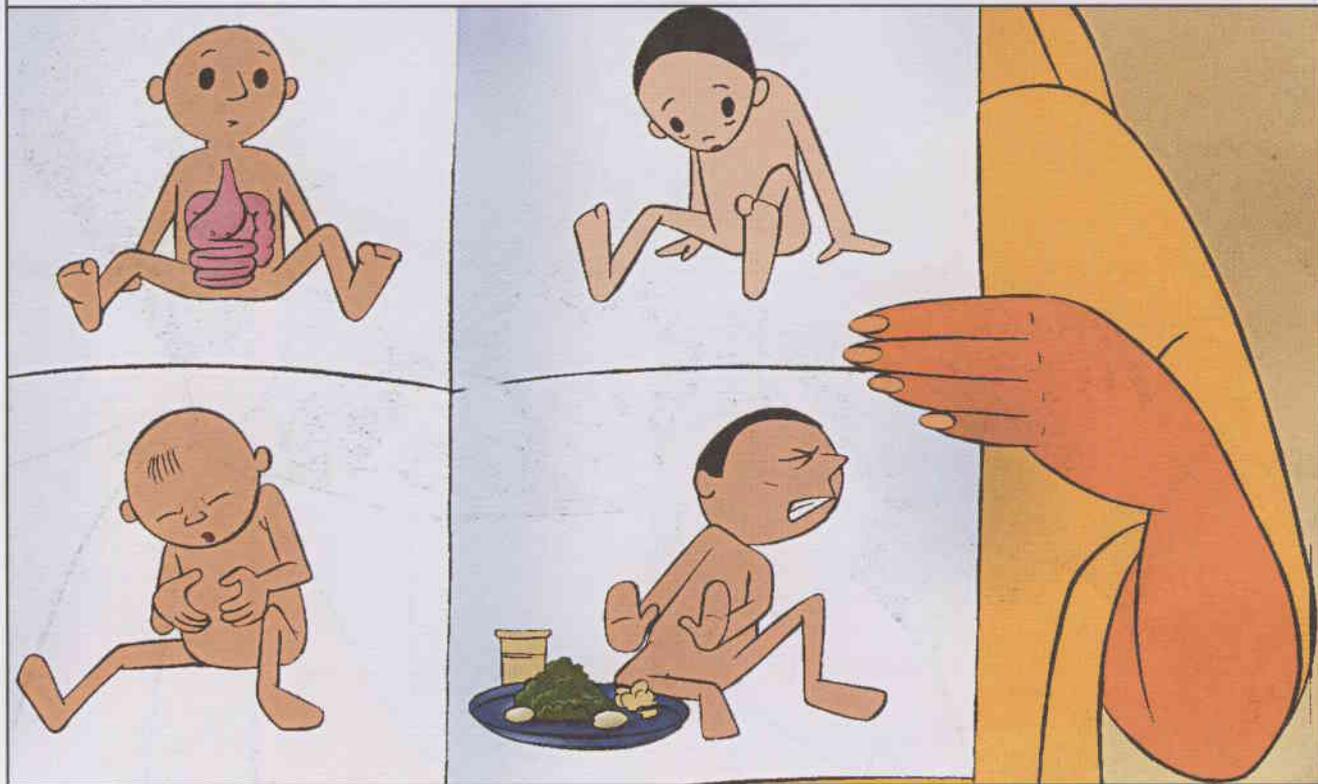
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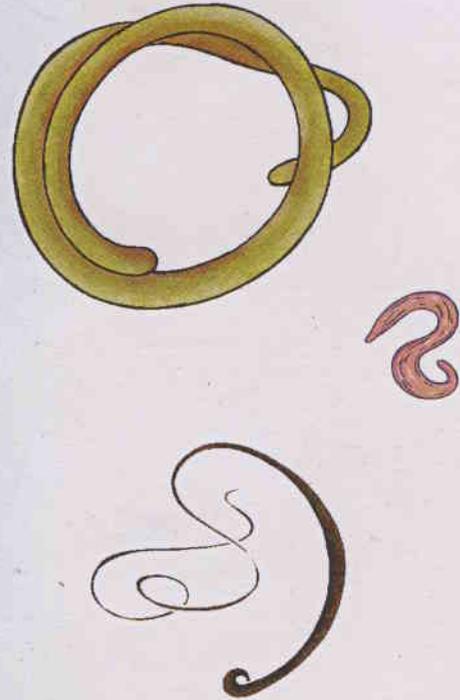
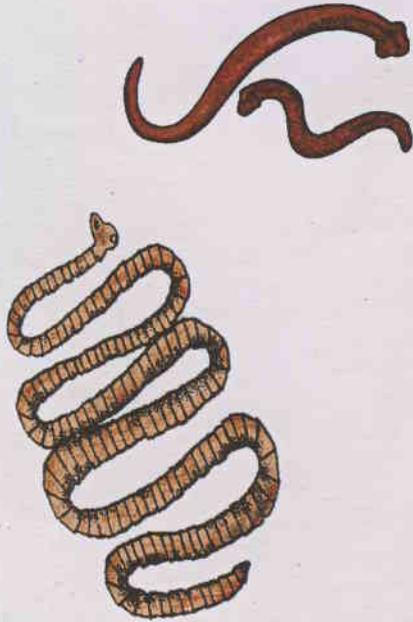
Teacher was taking a very interesting lesson. It was on WORMS!



Did you know that millions of people in our country have worms in their bodies? These worms make people very sick with anaemia, stomach ache and loss of appetite.



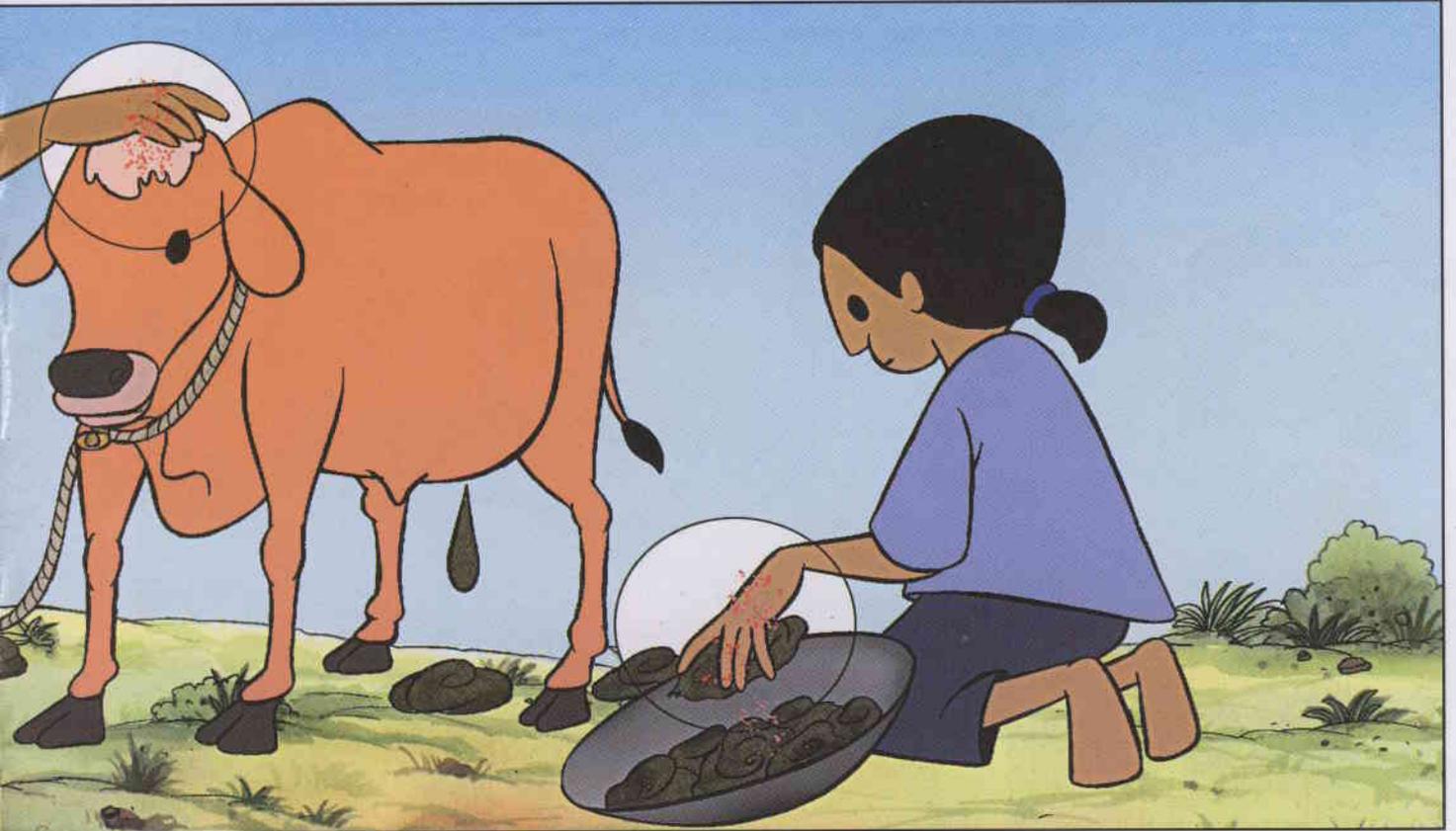
Here are pictures of different types of worms.



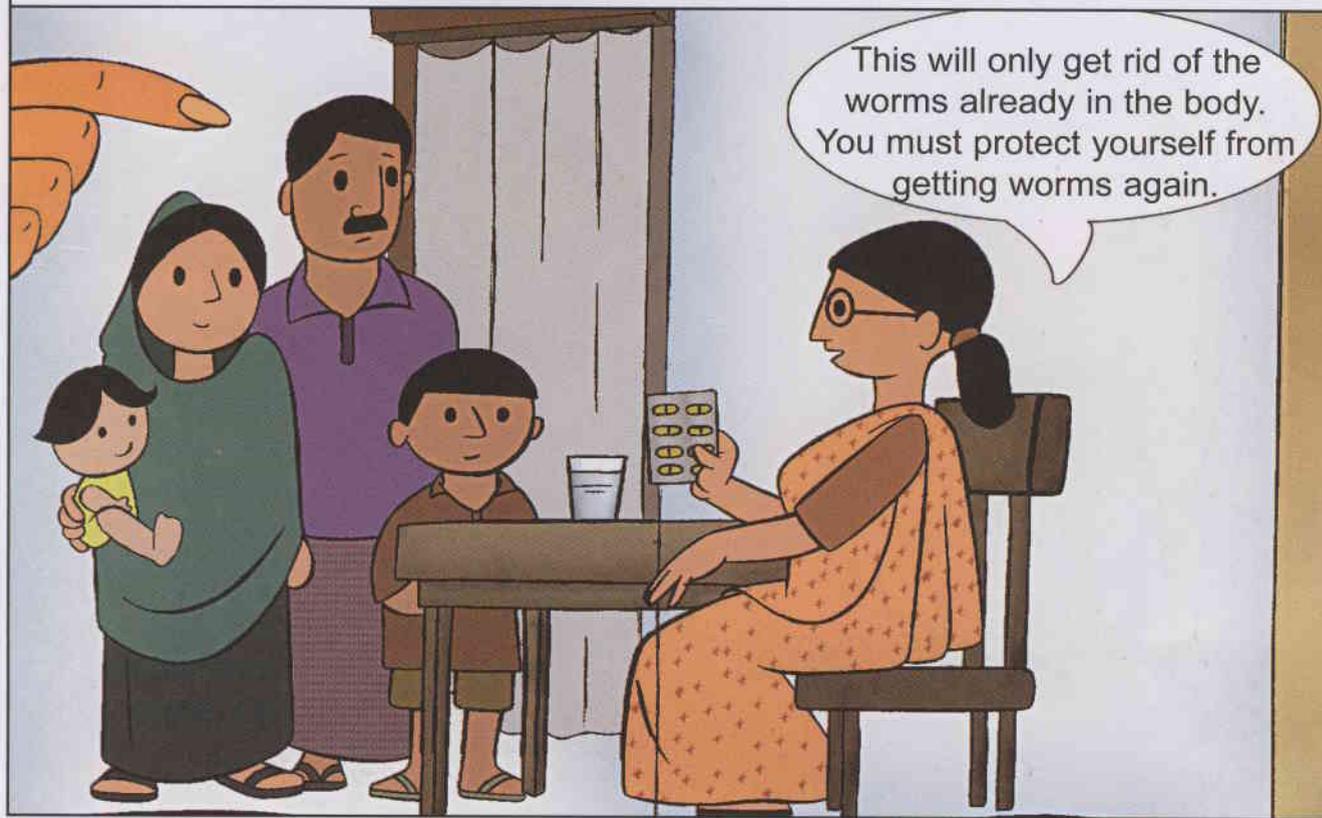
Worms enter our bodies as eggs that are too small to be easily seen. We pick them up



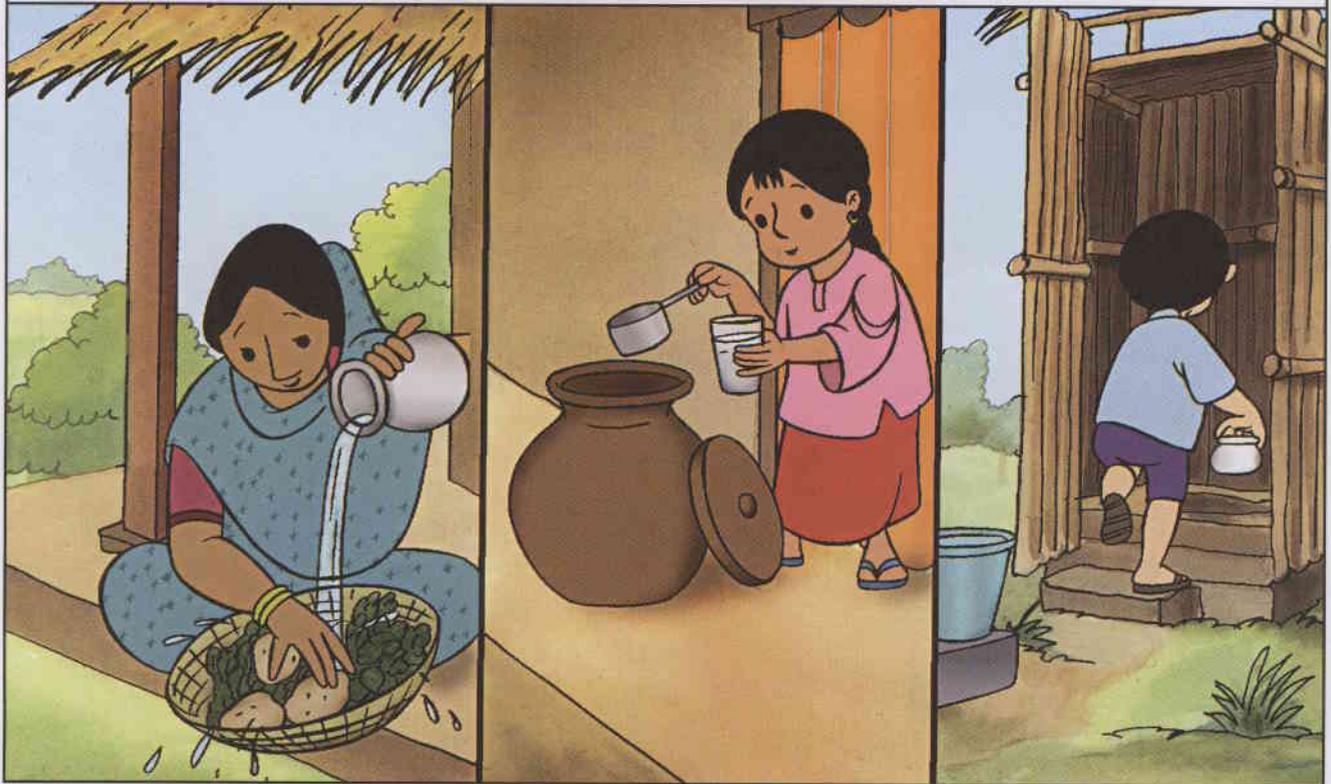
from the soil and from other people, animals and things.



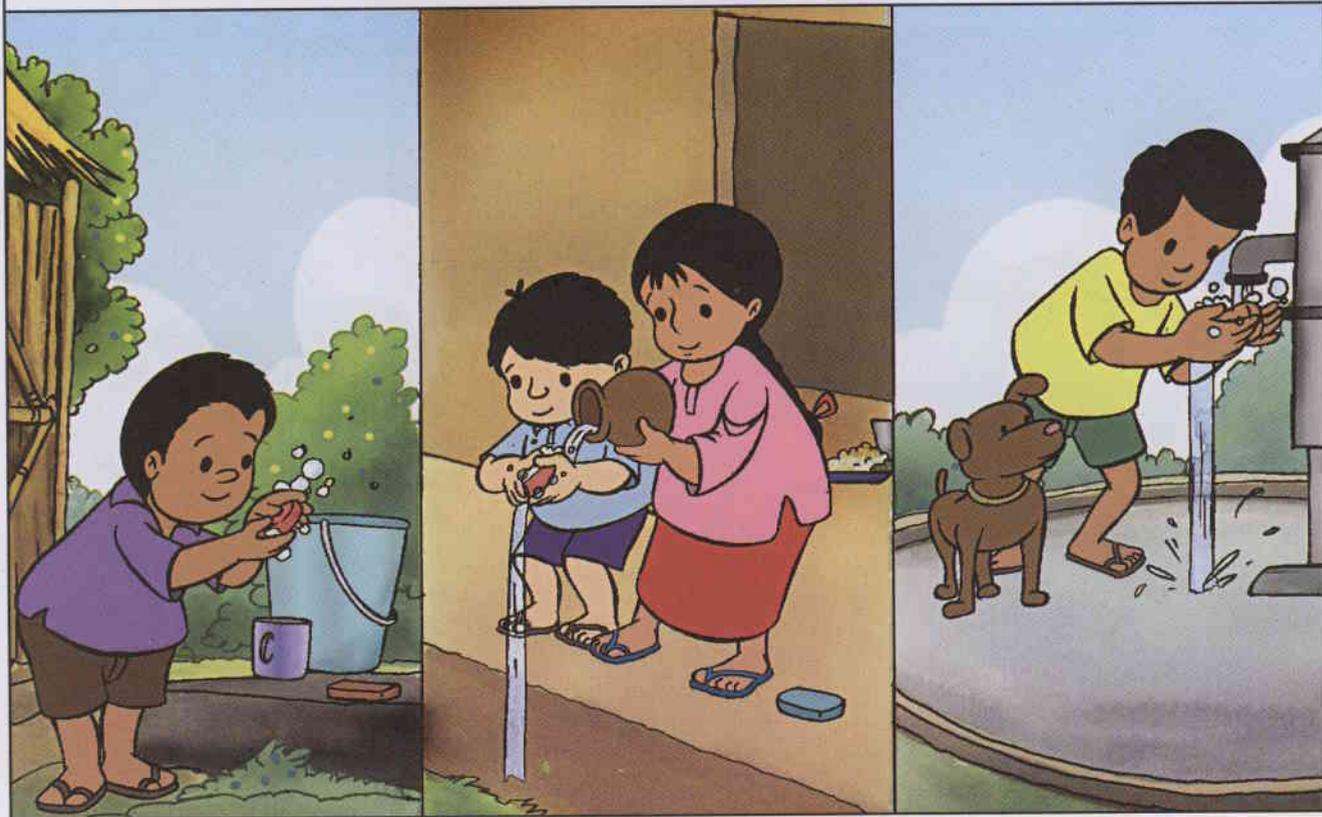
Teacher said that if we are worried that we may have worms, it is important for the entire family to go to the health centre. They would tell us what to do.



The best way to stay safe from worms is by following these simple rules: wash and scrub vegetables and fruits before eating; drink only safe water and use a sanitary latrine.



Also remember to scrub hands after using the latrine ... before eating ... and after playing with animals or birds.



And, always wear slippers!



We are not scared of worms anymore. We know how to deal with them.



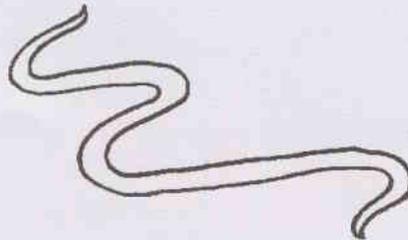
WORM FACTS!



This is the mouth of a hookworm. Hookworms attach themselves to the intestines and drink blood.

Five hookworms can drink 1 teaspoonful of blood a day.

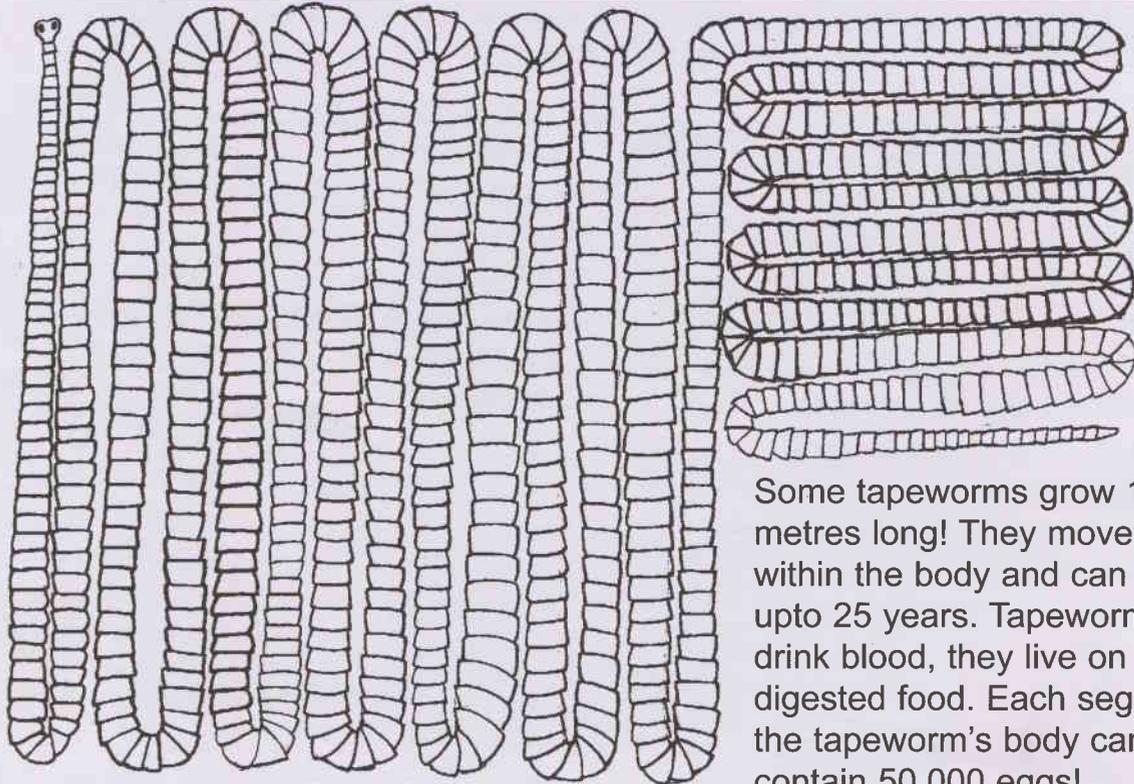
Can you imagine the weakness and loss of blood in someone with 100 hookworms in the body?



Pin worms live in the intestines too. They cause itching or tickling in the anal area, mainly at night, because that is when they come out to lay eggs.



Roundworms are very common in people. The female roundworm can grow 18 inches long and she can lay 2 lakh eggs EACH DAY!



Some tapeworms grow 10 metres long! They move about within the body and can live for upto 25 years. Tapeworms don't drink blood, they live on digested food. Each segment in the tapeworm's body can contain 50,000 eggs!
How long is this tapeworm?
Measure it and find out.

Now you know
why it is
so important
to stay safe
from worms!



No worms!
No worms!

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