

Moments Chapter 7 **THE LAST LEAF**

**Think about It (Page 48)**

1. Johnsy is suffering from pneumonia. She has lost hope and thinks that she would not get well. Somehow, she starts believing that she would die once the last leaf from the creeper outside her window would fall.

Johnsy can be cured only by her willingness to live and not just by medicines.

2. Yes, the feeling of depression that Johnsy has, is quite common among teenagers. They may undergo depression due to various reasons like stress, peer pressure, conflict with parents, academic pressure etc.

3. Behrman has a dream of painting a masterpiece. It does come true when he paints a leaf that looks identical to the leaf on the creeper. Because of this masterpiece, Johnsy survives.

As he saves the life of Johnsy, it can be called a masterpiece.

However, Behrman does not live to realise his dream.

4. The leaf painted and tied to the creeper by Behrman is his masterpiece.

Sue said so as it was successful in saving the life of her friend, Johnsy.

**Talk About It**

1. Yes, I have been depressed once. Our life is full of troubles. To move ahead we have to face the troubles boldly. Sometimes because of troublesome conditions we get to depressed and

dejected. We lose interest in the world around us. Pessimism surrounds us. In this state of mind, we should try to think positively and get rid of this condition. Our faithful friends can also be helpful in this regard.

I felt depressed and dejected when I could not score good marks in the final examination of class VI. I was a meritorious student. I was sure that I would get the highest marks in the class. Unfortunately, a month before the final exam, I suffered from severe typhoid. It continued for 15 days. I became weak and could not prepare properly for the exam. As a result, I got the lowest marks in the class. But my parents and teachers consoled me by telling that it happens with everyone. They said to be confident and be prepared to do best in the next class.