

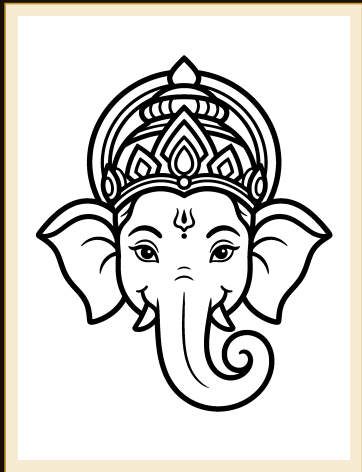
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Itihasa & Purana, brought to life

GANESH CHATURTHI · 14 SEPTEMBER

GANESHA DIY STARTER

Three colouring sheets · the story · a wisdom card



WHAT'S INSIDE

- The story of why Ganesha has an elephant head — traced to its source
- Three colouring sheets, easy to detailed, for the whole family
- A talapatra wisdom card to cut out and keep

Print on A4 at 100% scale. Plain paper is fine — thicker paper holds crayon and sketch pen better.

Free to print, share and photocopy for your family, school or temple.

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THE STORY

WHY GANESHA HAS AN ELEPHANT HEAD

Parvati wished for a moment to herself. So she shaped a boy out of the earth and breathed life into him, and asked him to guard her doorway and let no one pass. The boy took the task seriously, the way children do when they are trusted with something important.

When Shiva returned and found a child refusing him entry to his own home, neither would give way. In the clash that followed, the boy was struck down. Parvati's grief was terrible, and Shiva understood what had been lost.

So he sent his companions out with an instruction: bring back the head of the first creature you find turned toward the north. They returned with the head of an elephant. Shiva set it gently upon the boy, and life returned to him.

And then Shiva gave him something more than life. He blessed him to be remembered first — before every journey, every wedding, every new venture, every beginning.

"The loss had become a blessing."

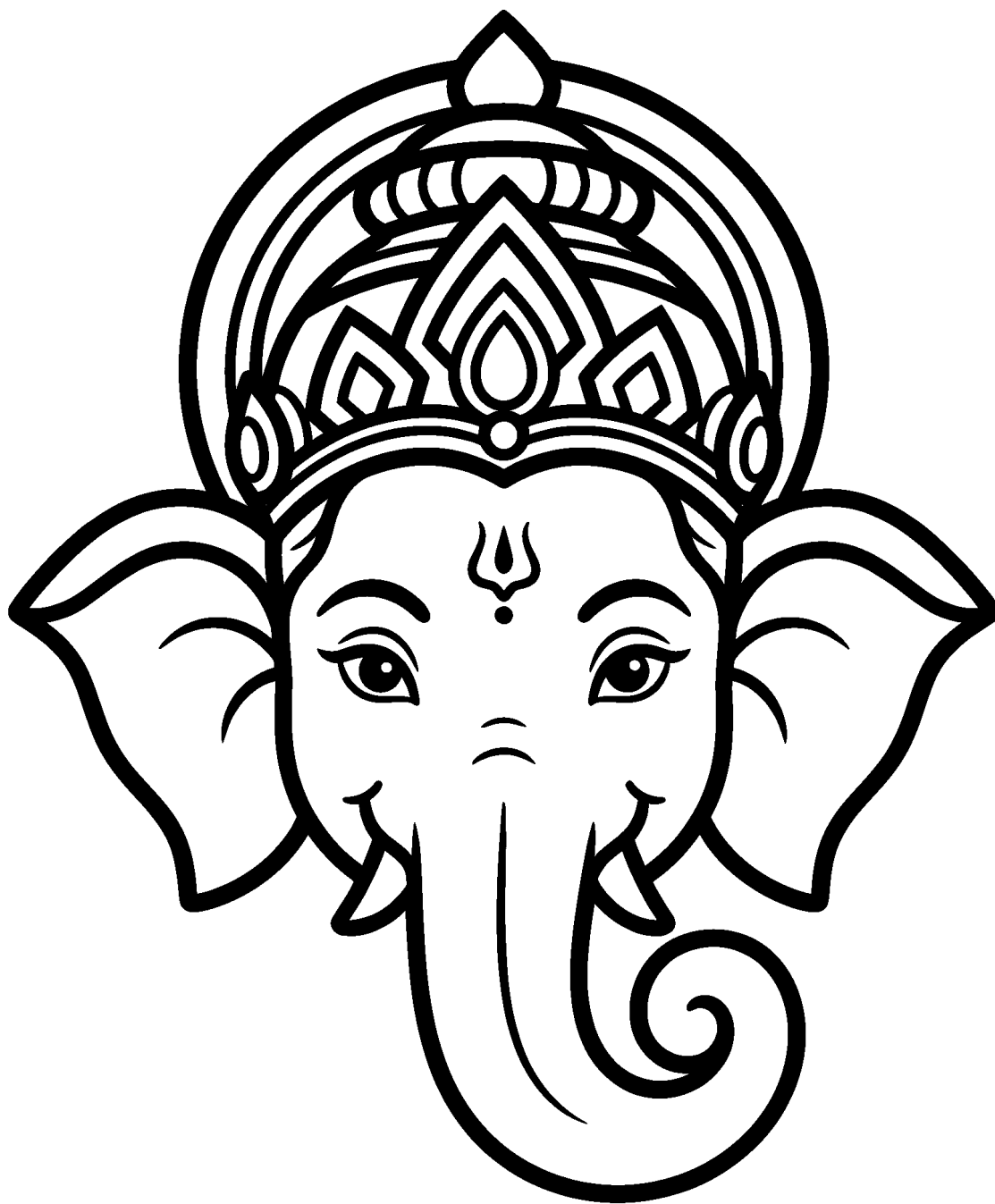
TALK ABOUT IT

Ganesha was guarding his mother because she asked him to. Ask your child: when is it right to stand firm — and when is it better to listen? A mistake can still become a new beginning.

*Source: Shiva Purana and Puranic Ganesha traditions.
Retellings differ between regions — this is the most widely told version.*

GANESHA

Start here — big, simple shapes. Ages 3+



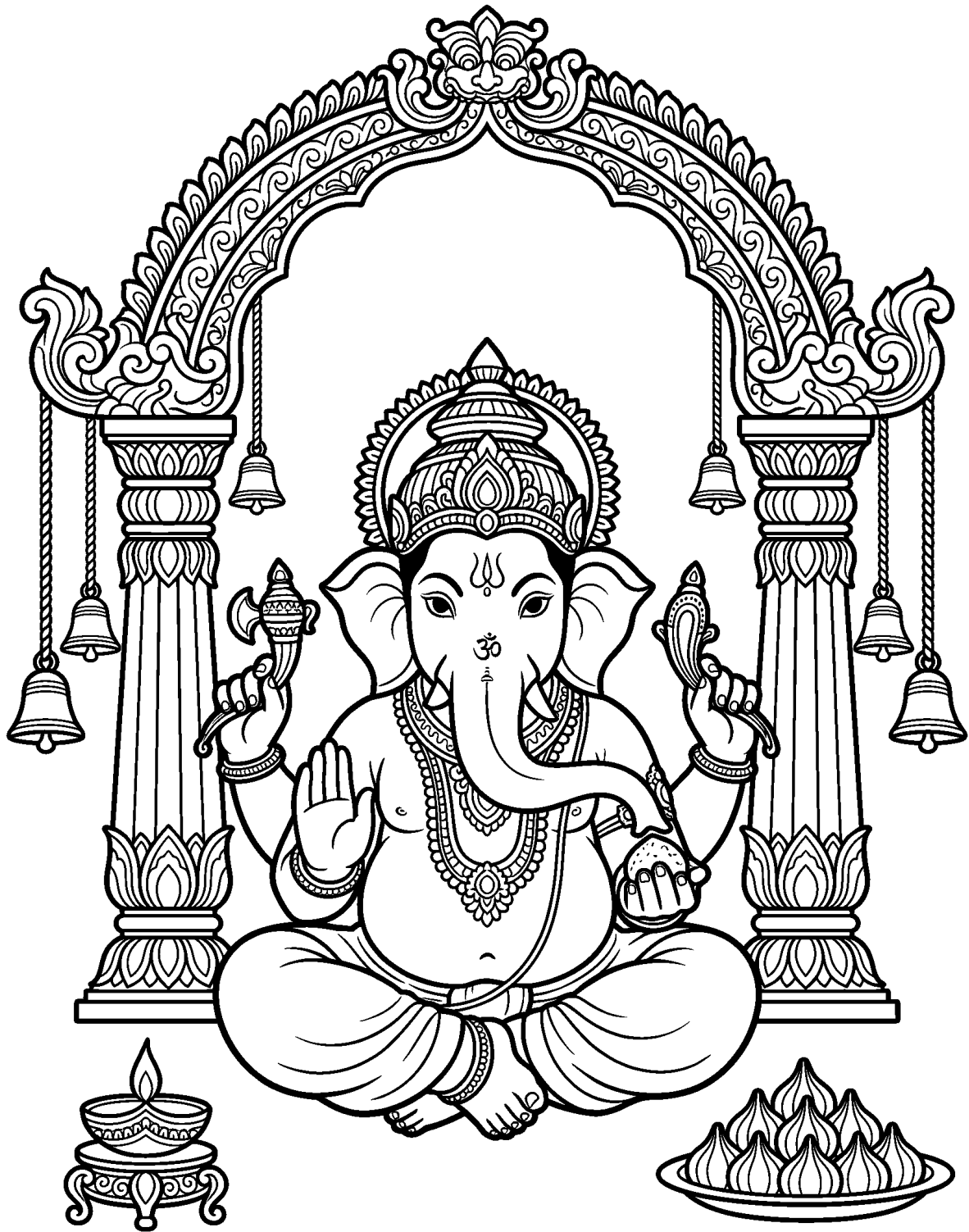
GANESHA, SEATED IN BLESSING

A little more detail. Ages 6+



GANESHA IN THE TEMPLE

For patient hands. Ages 9+ and grown-ups



CUT OUT AND KEEP

YOUR TALAPATRA WISDOM CARD

BEGINNINGS

GANESHA

Before Every Beginning

*Wisdom begins by
making space.*

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Our DIY kits bring this same artwork onto soft cotton t-shirts and a large pooja backdrop, with fabric markers and a storybook. Colour it together, then wear it through the festival. T-shirt kit Rs 999 · backdrop set Rs 1,499 · reserve with Rs 300.