

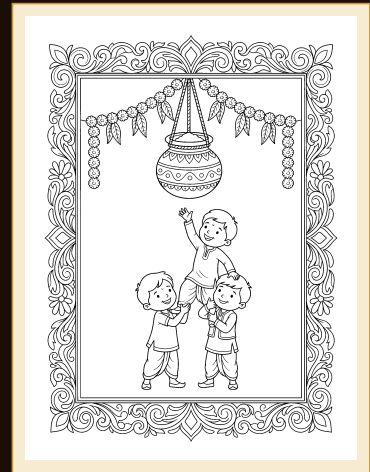
KHATAKSHETRA

Itihasa & Purana, brought to life

JANMASHTAMI · 4 SEPTEMBER

JANMASHTAMI DIY STARTER

Three colouring sheets · the story · a wisdom card



WHAT'S INSIDE

- The story of the night Krishna was born — 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

THE NIGHT KRISHNA WAS BORN

A king had been told that his sister's eighth child would end him. So Kamsa locked Devaki and Vasudeva away and waited. Fear makes people careful about the wrong things.

Krishna was born at midnight, in a prison, in the rain. And that same night he was carried out of it — across the Yamuna to Gokul, to Yashoda and Nanda, to a house full of cows and butter and noise. The child a king could not hold grew up among cowherds.

He was, by every account, a difficult and delightful boy. He stole butter. He would not sit still. He played the flute so well that the whole village stopped working to listen. Nobody in Gokul knew they were raising the one who would counsel Arjuna on a battlefield.

This is why we celebrate at midnight, and why we hang the pot of butter just out of reach — the joy came first, and it came to ordinary people in an ordinary village.

"The child a king could not hold."

TALK ABOUT IT

Krishna was born in a prison and raised in a village of cowherds.

Ask your child: what did Yashoda give him that a palace could not?

The best things often begin in the most ordinary places.

Source: Bhagavata Purana and Puranic Krishna traditions.

Retellings differ between regions — this is the most widely told version.

LITTLE KRISHNA

Start here — big, simple shapes. Ages 3+



KRISHNA AND HIS FLUTE

A little more detail. Ages 6+



THE DAHI HANDI

For patient hands. Ages 9+ and grown-ups



CUT OUT AND KEEP

YOUR TALAPATRA WISDOM CARD



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Every sheet in this kit can be coloured digitally on our website — tap to fill, undo anything, and save your artwork to share. No app to install.

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WEAR IT TO THE DAHI HANDI.

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.