



Stories of Lord Krishna

Birth Story

- Krishna was the 8th child of Vasudeva and Devaki. He was born in the 8th dark night (Krishna Paksha) of Shravan month in a prison cell in Mathura. This day is celebrated as "Krishna Jayanthi" or "Janmashtami". His birthplace is known as "Krishna Janmabhoomi".
- He is the 8th avatar of Lord Vishnu.
- He was brought up in the house of Yashoda and Nanda.



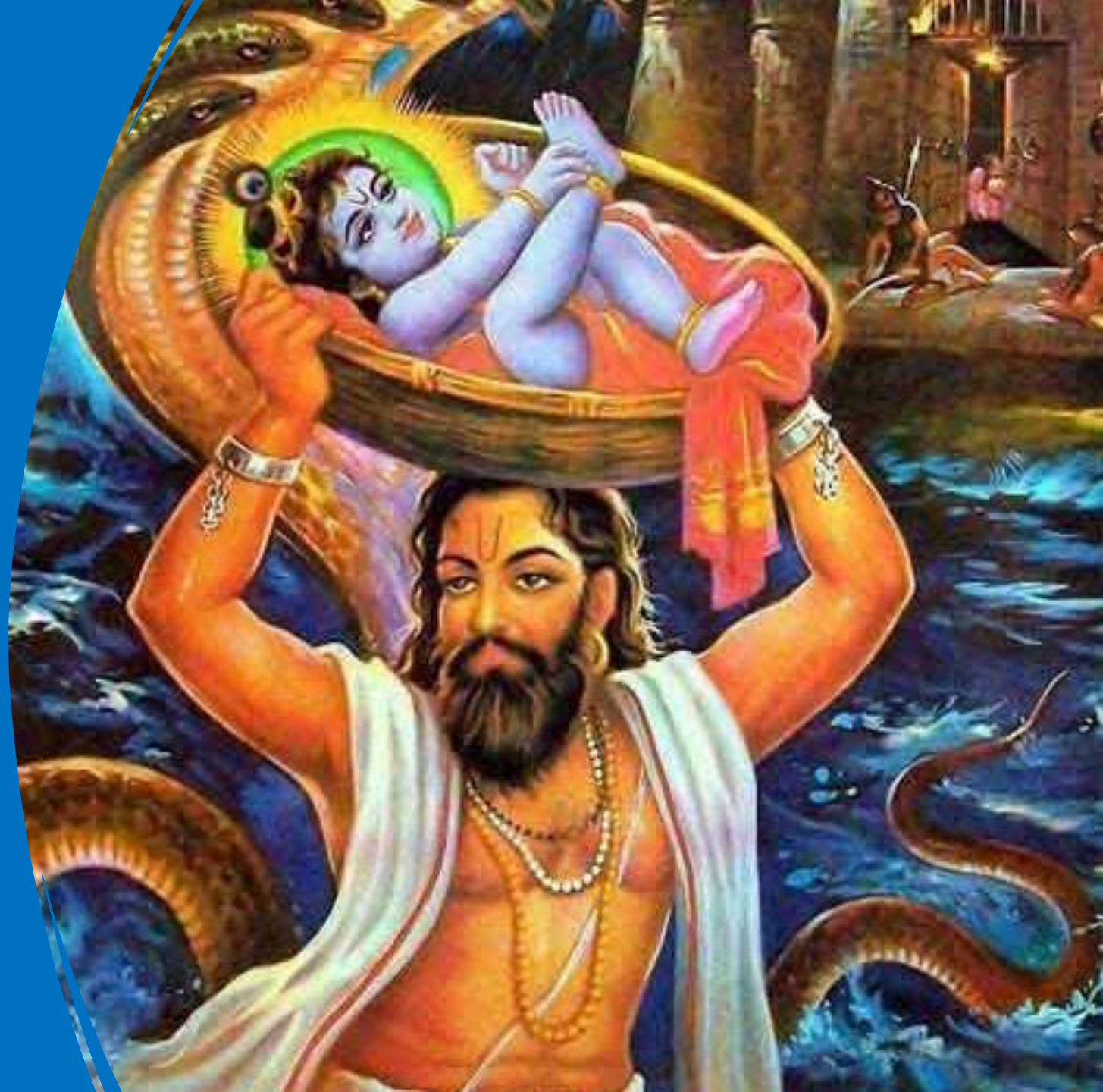
- Devaki was the sister of Mathura's cruel king Kansa. It was predicted that her eighth son would be the cause of his death. The moment Kansa got to know about the prediction, he had imprisoned both Devaki and Vasudeva and one by one, killed all their sons until Krishna was born.
- The night Krishna was born, a divine voice instructed Vasudeva to take Krishna to Vrindavan where he would be safe. Once Vasudeva's eighth born grows up, he can come tackle the Kansa and free Mathura of its sorrows.



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- Just then Lord Vishnu's Shesh Naag, the giant multi-headed snake came and helped Vasudeva carry Krishna safely across the river.
- Vasudeva went to Nandraja's house and exchanged the babies. Vasudeva returned to Mathura with a baby girl and handed her over to Kansa, however, when the king attempted to kill this baby too, she transformed into Goddess Durga, warning him about the impending doom that he was fated for. Years later, Lord Krishna visited Mathura and killed Kansa, thus ending his reign of terror.



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- Kamsa was determined to kill Krishna. Kamsa came to know that Krishna was somewhere in his kingdom. So he ordered female demon Putana to kill all the infants in his kingdom.
- Being a ruthless woman herself, Putana gladly accepted the job. She knew this would instill fear in the hearts of people.



- She reaches Gokul and comes to know about Krishna. Kamsa warned her that she should be careful while implementing the task as the child was a miraculous boy, an incarnation of lord Vishnu.
- She poisons her breastmilk and nurses Krishna with the poisoned milk.
- She thought that within minutes Krishna would die. But instead Putana suddenly started feeling as if the little boy was sucking the life out of her. The lifeless body of Putana fell on the ground.
- The villagers ran towards Putana's lifeless body to find out if Krishna was alright. They were astonished to find the little boy playing happily .
- This poisoned milk had caused the bluish tinge in Krishna's skin.

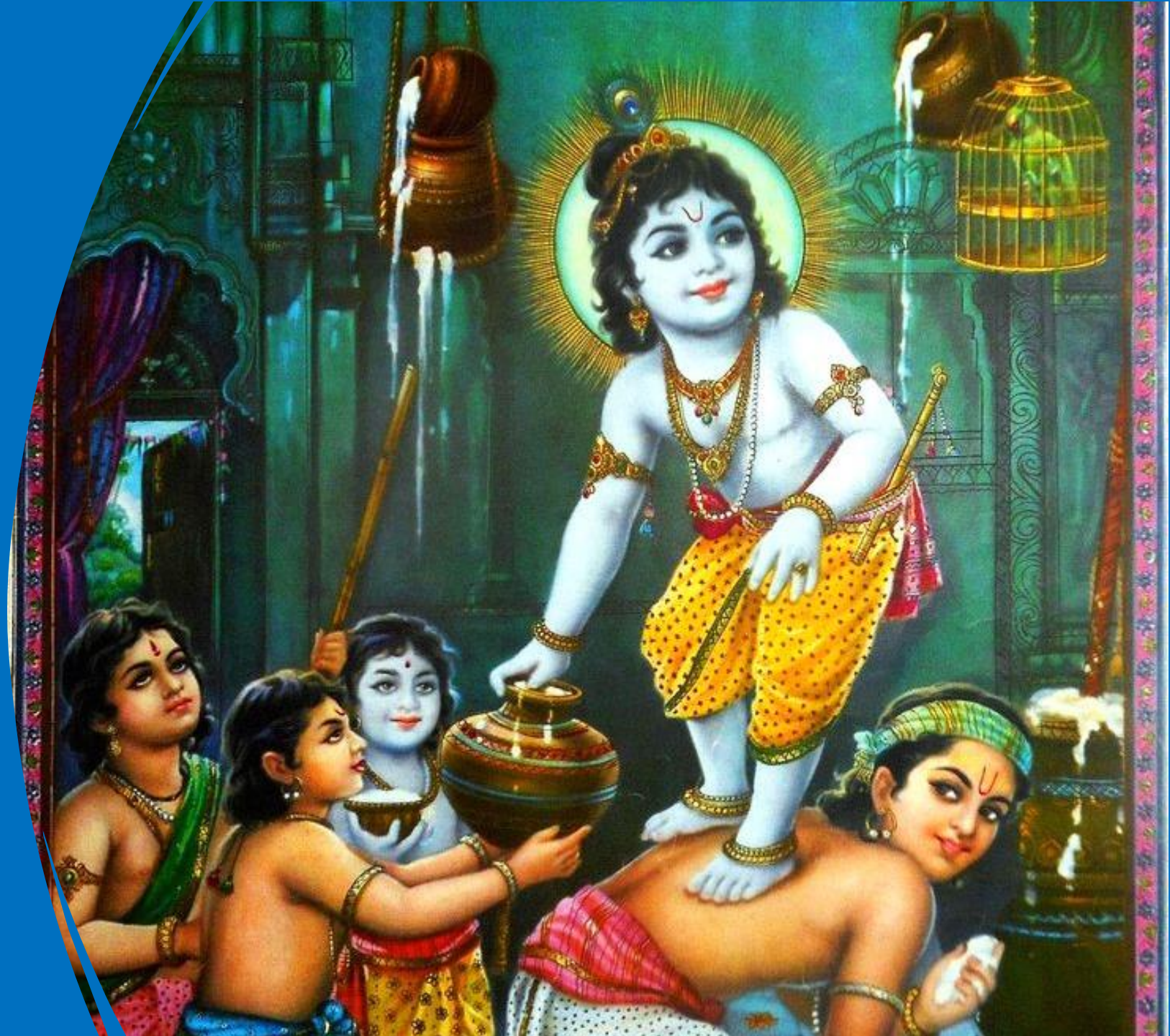


Krishna and Butter

- Krishna loved eating butter. He used to love so much that he'd often steal butter from his own house and neighbors.
- One sunny day, Yashoda found him with his hand stuck in a big pot of butter. With buttery fingers and an even butterier face, he said, "I was just checking if it was fresh!" Everyone laughed, because even with butter all over, Krishna's innocent eyes and naughty smile were just too adorable to resist.

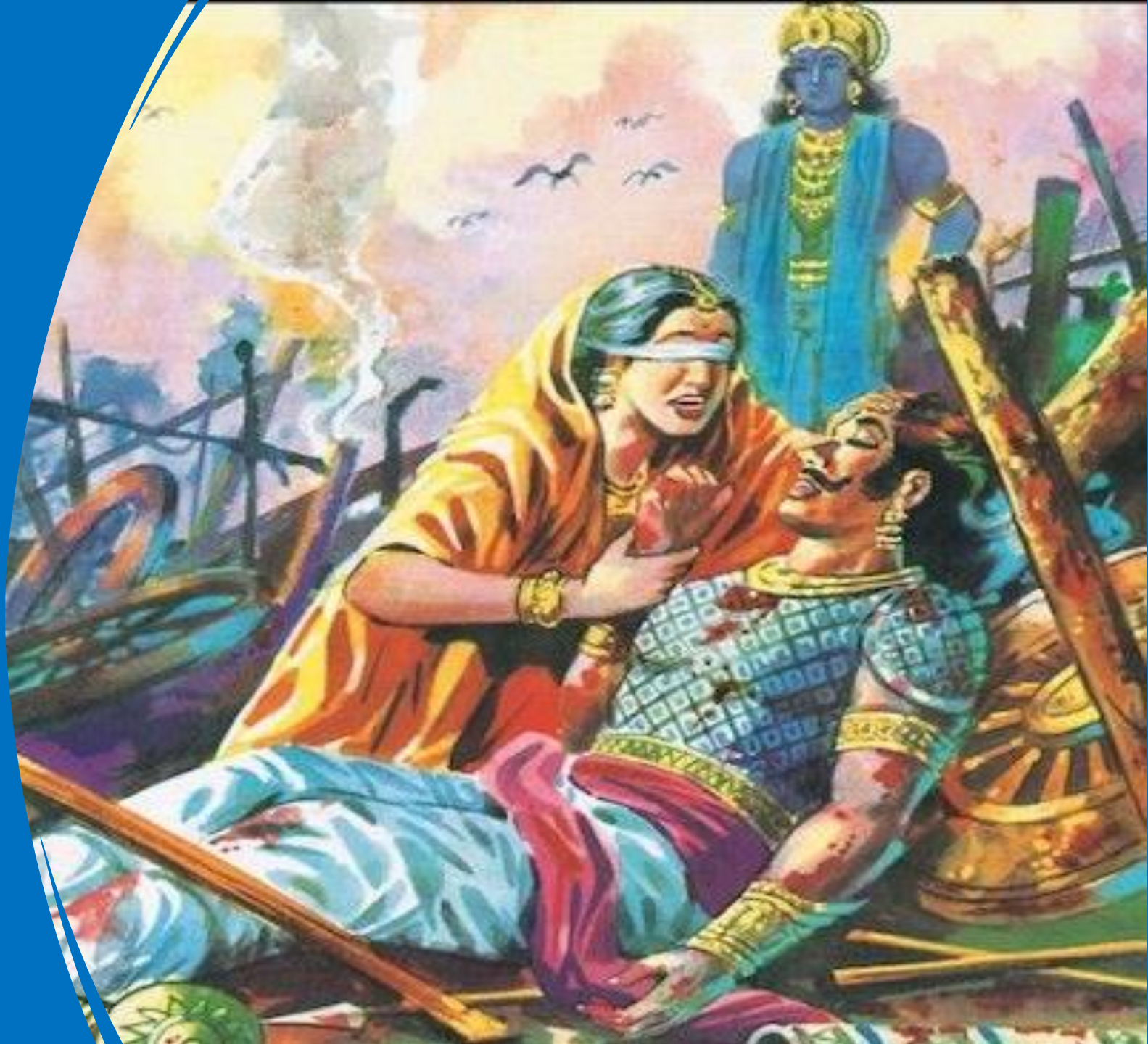


- Yashoda hung up the butter so that Krishna wouldn't reach it.
- Krishna and his pals didn't give up easily.
- Krishna made his friends form a human pyramid.
- He reached and broke the pot of butter.



Krishna's death

- It is believed that Gandhari's curse was the reason for the demise of Lord Krishna and the entire Yadu dynasty.
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- Lord Krishna accepted her curse as he felt that the Yadu clan was already on a downward spill and hence it was better that they perish instead of spreading adharma in the world.





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