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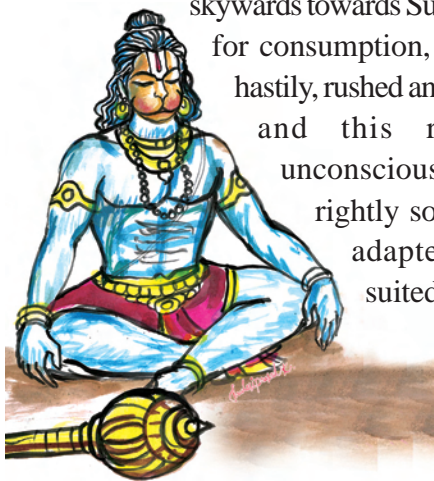
LORD HANUMAN

- Sri M.P. Ramachandran

Hanuman or Anjaneya, the name itself gives us immense strength, courage in all aspects. Parents used to tie Hanuman's sacred thread with the imprint of Hanuman as a pendant around the neck or waist of their children to ward off cowardliness. The worship of Lord Hanuman cures all diseases and gives courage to fight against physical and mental illness. Let us have a brief glance on Hanuman. Anjaneya was born to Anjana Devi. His birth was destined to support Lord Rama, who was in His limited human form. Lord Rama was to free the Earth of Ravana and Kumbakarna. The tyrant was power arrogant and ruling for his pleasure pursuits than keeping people welfare in mind and hence needs to be eliminated.

The story of Anjaneya, as a kid-monkey, jumping skywards towards Sun, thinking it to be a fruit for consumption, is well known. Indra, hastily, rushed and used his Vajra weapon and this rendered Anjaneya unconscious. Vayu protested and rightly so, for Indra could have adapted an approach more suited for a mischievous kid.

Many boons were conferred on the monkey kid, who



became to be known as Hanuman. This settled Vayu's case and earned Hanuman the name Vayu kumara. Hanuman was strong, immortal and shall not succumb to any divya astra but for his own will.

Hanuman was a mischievous child. His escapades in the forest for food was becoming a disturbance to the assembly of rishis in their focus or penance. Hanuman came under a spell that his strength shall be hidden until it is reminded and used for a Godly cause.

Hanuman's wisdom, memory, will power, humility and dedication also went with him until he stood in front of Sita, under a tree, as a small monkey. He spoke wisely and then gave the signet ring of Lord Rama. Winning her confidence, Sita gave her Choodamani, which worn on her head. He finally proposes a plan to Sita in Sundara kanda, to sit on his shoulder. He shall then carry her and re-unite her with the Lord.

Though this gave some assurance to Sita she was quick to chastise that it was befitting of a monkey plan. She had no idea of his mighty form. Hanuman accepted his folly morally yet was bit hurt, for it was about his physical powers. He grew to his mighty form he had assumed while crossing the sea. Seeing this, Sita could feel her misery to end. She called him Hari sattama. The spell to remind - probably ended there. Later no one need to remind Hanuman in the battle field to assume the mighty form.

Hanuman perfectly exemplifies 'Dasyabhakti' (devotion) that binds the master (Lord Rama). Likewise, children should also respect their elders, teachers showing respect always...

Jai Sri Ram....



**Twelve
Alvars**

SRI MADHURAKAVI ALWAR'S GURUBHAKTI

- Smt. Mythili Sampath

Today we are going to learn about Sri Madhurakavi Alwar. I am sure you know that Alvars are celebrated ardent devotees of Sriman Narayana.

The uniqueness of Madhurakavi Alwar is that he has not sung any song on Sriman Narayana but he sang only in praise of his Guru, Nammalwar. These divine songs teach us the importance and the value of Gurubhakti, which is in the core of our tradition.

Madhurakavi, considered an amsa of Garuda, was born in the small town of Thirukolur in South India, near Alwar Thirunagari, in the 9th century. All the people of this



city were learned, well-disciplined and devotees of Mahavishnu. Therefore, it was not a surprise that young Madhurakavi became a staunch devotee of Sriman Narayana. One fine day, young Madhurakavi decided to go on a pilgrimage of Divya Kshetras of North India. After darshan in Mathura, Kashi & Avanthi, Madhurakavi was in Ayodhya. One day, he saw a moving ball in the sky that was as bright as

fire. He was intrigued and followed it. After a long journey the ball reached Kurugoor, in south India and vanished. On enquiring he came to know that there was a boy under a tamarind tree for the past 16 years without food. The boy would not speak to anyone and nor hear or respond to anything.

Madhurakavi meets him and asks him ‘When the small one enters a lifeless body, how will it survive, what will it feed on and where will it stay?’ Madhurakavi was referring to the Soul, the Jeevathma and asked this in Tamil in the form of a riddle. The young boy replies ‘The soul will remain in the body and experience the pleasures & pains therein.’ This meant that only a realised soul will enjoy the attributes of the Paramatma and finally attain him. Madhurakavi understood that he was standing in front of a great realised soul, inspite of the boy being much younger to him and immediately fell at his feet accepting him as his Guru.

That young boy under the Tamarind tree later came to be known as Nammalwar. Madhurakavi used to sing praise of his Guru wherever he went. His bhakthi towards his Guru was so great.

A Guru shows us the path and for such a person, we must have our greatest respect. Madhurakavi’s life teaches us that his pure Gurubhakthi got his 11 songs in praise of his Guru not only to be counted in the Naalaayira divya prabhandham but also raised him to the high pedestal of an Alwar.

Children must show their respect towards their Guru / teachers like Madhurakavi alwar and be blessed.



SRI MADHVACHARYA

- Smt. A. Geetha Veeraraghavan

Sri Madhvacharya was born to Narayana Bhatta in Udupi. Lord Vayu the son of Vishnu is believed to be born as Madhvacharya for the propagation of Vedic Dharma.

Narayana Bhatta named his son as Vasudeva. From the early childhood he was a great devotee of Lord Vishnu. When he was just three years old, one day he was not to be seen anywhere in his house. His panic father ran all over in search of him. He was found standing before the Lord in Anantheswara temple. When father asked him how did he reach that temple he told that, God Himself took him there holding his hand. Parents did not take it seriously.



Two years later on another day when his mother took him for a spiritual discourse, Vasudeva stood up and told the interpreter that, his meaning was not correct and gave the right interpretation. Every one was surprised at his Spiritual insight. He

also was endowed with miraculous powers. One day when Vasudeva came out, a man was standing at their door. He told Vasudeva; he had come to collect the money which lend to Vasudeva's father. His father was not to be seen anywhere. Suddenly Vasudeva ran to their garden brought some tamarind seeds and put them in the creditor's palm. Surprisingly those seeds had become Gold coins.

In due course Vasudeva had his sacred thread ceremony and started his formal education at Gurukulam. He was very good at Vedic studies. After completion of his studies on his way home he decided to become an Ascetic and try to learn and explain the true meaning of scriptures. He convinced his parents and was ordained as a Sannyasi by his Guru.

At Udupi, Madhvacharya used to go to sea shore every morning to meditate. One day a cargo boat from Dwaraka was being mercilessly tossed about on the turbulent sea. Madhvacharya saw that and immediately waved his Saffron Robe. To everyone's surprise the sinking ship was drawn to the shore. The captain and others came running and offered so many gifts to Madhvacharya. He rejected everything but accepted a big block of Gopichand which is dear to his Lord. From there he went straight to the temple tank and immersed the Gopichand in it. Very next moment a beautiful Krishna idol rose to the surface. Acharya built a shrine for it in his mutt.

Dear children, we learn all good things by the life of great people. From his life, we know dedication and devotion in the Let you all motivate yourselves in the pathway of these great personalities and be blessed.





THE STORY OF PRAHLADA

Original Story in Telugu by : **Smt. Deepa Sri**

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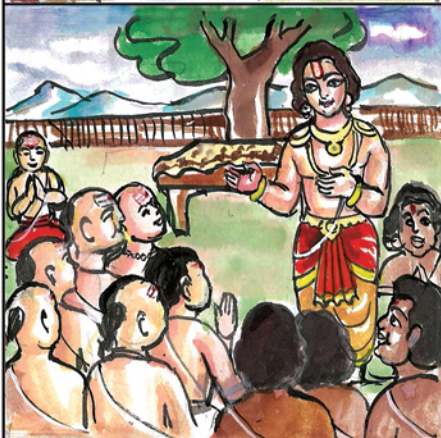
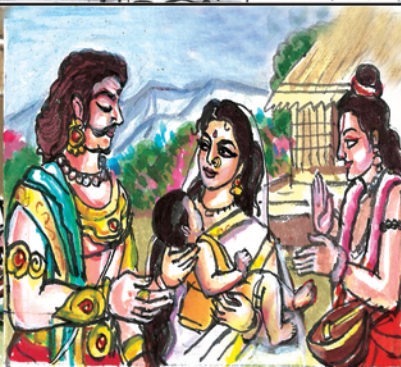
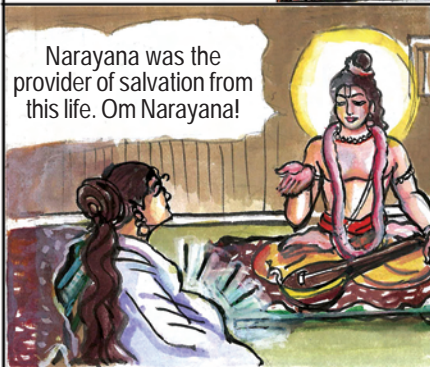
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Prahlada who belonged to Daitya family, was the devotee of Vishnu and the son of Hiranyakasipa who went to forest to do penance to get blessed by Lord Brahma. Leelavathi, the wife of Hiranyakasipa was kidnapped by Indra and Narada protected her from Indra's hand. Hearing the words of Narada, Indra left her. Narada took her to his ashram. She was a pregnant lady.



Indra, the threat is inevitable to you. Leave Leelavathi. Her husband Hiranyakasipa was alive.

Narayana was the provider of salvation from this life. Om Narayana!



While Narada was preaching Leelavathi, the baby boy who was in the womb of Leelavathi followed every word. Hiranyakasipa thanked Narada and took his wife and the baby boy to his kingdom. He named him as Prahlada. Prahlada attained complete knowledge just at the age of five. He remembered every word of Narada. He became the devotee of Vishnu. Hiranyakasipa was unable to bear it. Prahlada grew as a devotee of Lord Vishnu and teaches all the friends about the greatness of Lord Vishnu.



As long as my son does not stop Hari Bhakti, keep him in prison and do not give food to eat.



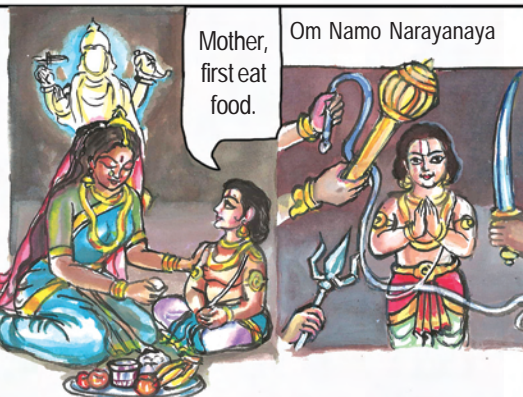
As per the instructions, Chandamarka tried many ways to stop Prahlada's Hari Bhakti. His all efforts turned waste.

As per the instructions of Hiranyakasipa, Prahlada was sent to dark room without giving food.

Prahlada did not bother about food and continued chanting the name of Lord Hari.

Lord Vishnu, appeared before Leelavathi as Prahlad. He consoled Leelavathi who was weeping without even taking food.

On the other side, Prahlad was given various kinds of punishment. Prahlad bore the punishment with smile saying Om, Namo Narayana. Nothing troubled Prahlada.



Seshasayana Narayana



Om Namo Narayanaya

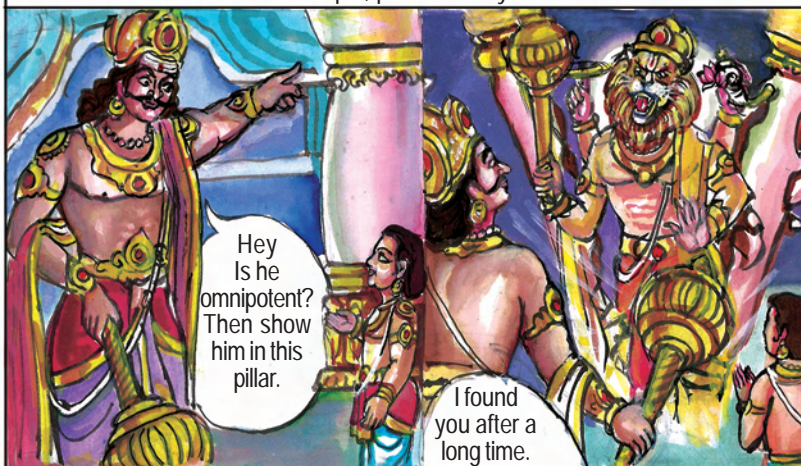


When he was pushed from the top of the hill, Lakshmi Valaba (Vishnu) protected him, Matyakanya (women in ocean) protected him, when he was thrown into ocean fire did not touch him when Prahlad was kept in fire and venomous snakes turned as garland on his neck.

Hiranyakasyapa did not believe when he was told about all these.

So he himself gave poison to Prahlada. But Prahlad did not die. He was as usual.

I will hit you with this. Birth and death are not in our hands.
Hari will protect me. We need not to have doubt about his presence.
He is unique, present everywhere.



Prahlada prayed Hari. The very next moment, he appeared in pillar. The appearance of Hari in the form of Lord Narasimha was horrific. He split the stomach of Hiranyakasipa and protected Prahlada. God will protect his devotees always...

In the next edition, we will know about one more story.

End

In a small village, there used to live a family whose occupation was cattle rearing. One of the family members named Srinivas believed Lord Venkateswara and he used to pray always Lord Venkateswara. Daily he takes his cattle to the suburb of his village for grass. Once the cattle ate grass, he used to bring them back to his house. It was his routine. Among the cattle he rear, he liked a cow with its baby. He named the cow as Lakshmi. He treated it with respect and accepted it as the Goddess of his house. Rest of his family members also accepted his interest and treated the cow Lakshmi as Goddess.

One day, he had sent his cattle to the precincts of his village. The whole cattle turned back to the house except Lakshmi. Srinivas observed that the cow missed in the group. He went in search of his cow. Nowhere had he found Lakshmi. It was becoming dark but he couldn't trace out the cow. He went back to his house to get back Lantern (lamp). His family members suggested him not to go in darkness to the outskirts as the place was hilly and forestry area. There could be dangerous animals. Srinivas replied, "I keep faith in God. It gives me confidence that lead to courage and strength". Without listening to their words, he started from his house taking lamp. He shouted loudly the name of the cow. But there was no response. It had become too dark. As it was the rainy season, there was heavy wind and rain due to which the lamp was not glowing and so he left it. He felt for few minutes why he came to this side without listening to his family members.



He felt that he was walking deep into the forest. He did not lose his bravery. The whole situation was horrific to him. He kept confidence on

God and on himself and gathered courage in himself. While he was going, he heard sounds from the nearby bushes. As it was dark, he was unable to see what it was. He felt that it was an animal that could turn dangerous to him. To escape from the animal, he started running. It also increased its speed to follow him. He decided that he has to face the situation with valour.



Srinivas remembered God. He said to himself many times Srinivasa Govinda, Srinivasa Govinda and was running. At a certain point, he slipped from the place he was running and skated down. He felt that he was falling from the top. Somehow he caught the branch and controlled himself. He understood that he was at some point of the edge. He said to himself, 'If I slightly bend to the one side, I will fall from the top. If I bent towards the other side and leave the branch, I will be prey to the animal'. He Prayed God and requested Him to give him courage to face the situation.

The moment he prayed God, his inner conscience answered him. It said him, 'Keep confidence and leave the branch to jump the other side from the top'. The very next moment, he jumped. To his surprise, the land was just beneath his feet. As he imagined, it was not the top edge, but it was the edge of a big rock. He thanked God and started running fast. The animal also followed him quickly. He thought that he could not escape. But without losing guts, he ran, ran and reached the entry of the village. There he stepped back without entering his village. He did not want to take dangerous animal to his village. He decided to face it. He was ready to sacrifice his life for his villagers. He turned back to face it. This time, instead of fear, his eyes filled with tears that rolled with happiness. The animal that followed him was not the dangerous animal but it was his Lakshmi.

Eventually, he understood 'Confidence gives courage and strength to lead the life. One should not simply say a word of God, but one should keep faith on God and work with confidence.



A DISTINGUISHED CHILD



Name:

Kalaga Achyut Sarma

Class: UKG

DOB: 17 Sept 2015

Father's Name:

Sri K.N.V. Kameswara Rao

Mother's Name:

Smt. Sailaja

Awards to His credit

1. Youngest to recite maximum sthotras – India Book of Records.
2. Youngest to “Read”, “Recite” and “Write” Complete Bhagavadgita (700 slokas) - India Book of Records.

He has a youtube channel with close to 100 recordings of various sthotras some of them are -

1. Vishnu Sahasranama Sthotram
2. Lalitha Sahasranama Sthotram
3. Shiva Buhjanga Sthotram
4. Sapta Sloki Ramayanam
5. Shiva Aparadha Kshamarpana Sthotram
6. Complete Bhagavad gita (18 Chapters)

Quiz

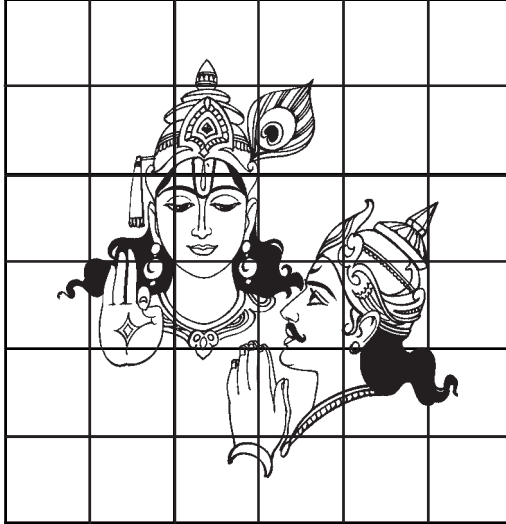
- Smt. J.C. Gnanaprasuna

- 1) Foster father of Andal
a) Perialwar
b) Nammalwar
c) Thirumangai alwar
d) Peialwar
- 2) In which garden, andal was found
a) Flower garden
b) Tulasi garden
c) Mango garden
d) Neem garden
- 3) Andal's unique poetical work is called
a) Tiruvempavai
b) Venkatachala Mahatmyam
c) Tiruppavai
d) Venkatachala Ithihasamala
- 4) Andal's poetical work consists of how many pasurams
a) 27
b) 28
c) 29
d) 30
- 5) Andal was also known as
a) Godadevi
b) Sitadevi
c) Anaghadevi
d) Sridevi
- 6) Where did Andal was born
a) Sri Rangam
b) Srivilliputtur
c) Kaanchipuram
d) Tirumala
- 7) What is recited instead of Suprabhatam in Tirumala during dhanurmasam
a) Sri Venkateswara Ashthotharam
b) Govinda Naamaas
c) Sahasra Namaarchana
d) Tiruppavai

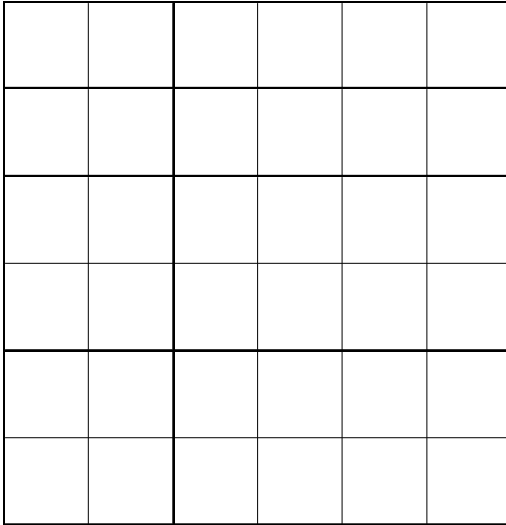
Answers: 1) a 2) b 3) c 4) d 5) a 6) b 7) d

DRAWING

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Draw the Picture as given in the above







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