



# Gopala's

## new

## house

*INSTRUCTIVE STORIES  
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Gopala was building a new house



According to the Vedic custom, before you open a house you have to have a sacrifice called a grha-pravesana.



This means that there is a yajna so that the house is pure and offered to God. No one is allowed to pass any stool in the house or it will be considered contaminated. Nothing is used by anyone until the Brahmins enter with sankirtan-yajna, reciting mantras and sprinkling Ganges water.



Thus in the Vedic culture, everything, including building a house and conceiving a child is regulated so that at every point one is conscious of Krsna.



But the king wanted to defeat Gopala



So he offered a large reward of gold coins if anyone could outsmart Gopala and pass stool in his newly constructed house.



One day Gopala was inspecting his house



When a man sent by the king came up and pretended to be suffering from an urgent call of nature.

Gopala, I have to immediately pass stool. Please show me your bathroom. I cannot contain myself.





All right, come in.

He took him over to the bathroom of the newly constructed house...



..and allowed the man to squat down inside.



But when he tried to close the door for privacy, Gopala stood there by the open door.





Gopala, why are you standing there and not allowing me to close the door? Why are you holding that big stick in your hand.



No, you can pass stool in my bathroom, but if you pass one drop of urine I'm going to smash your head.

Then the man laughed and confessed

You are very clever



He ran off defeated.

