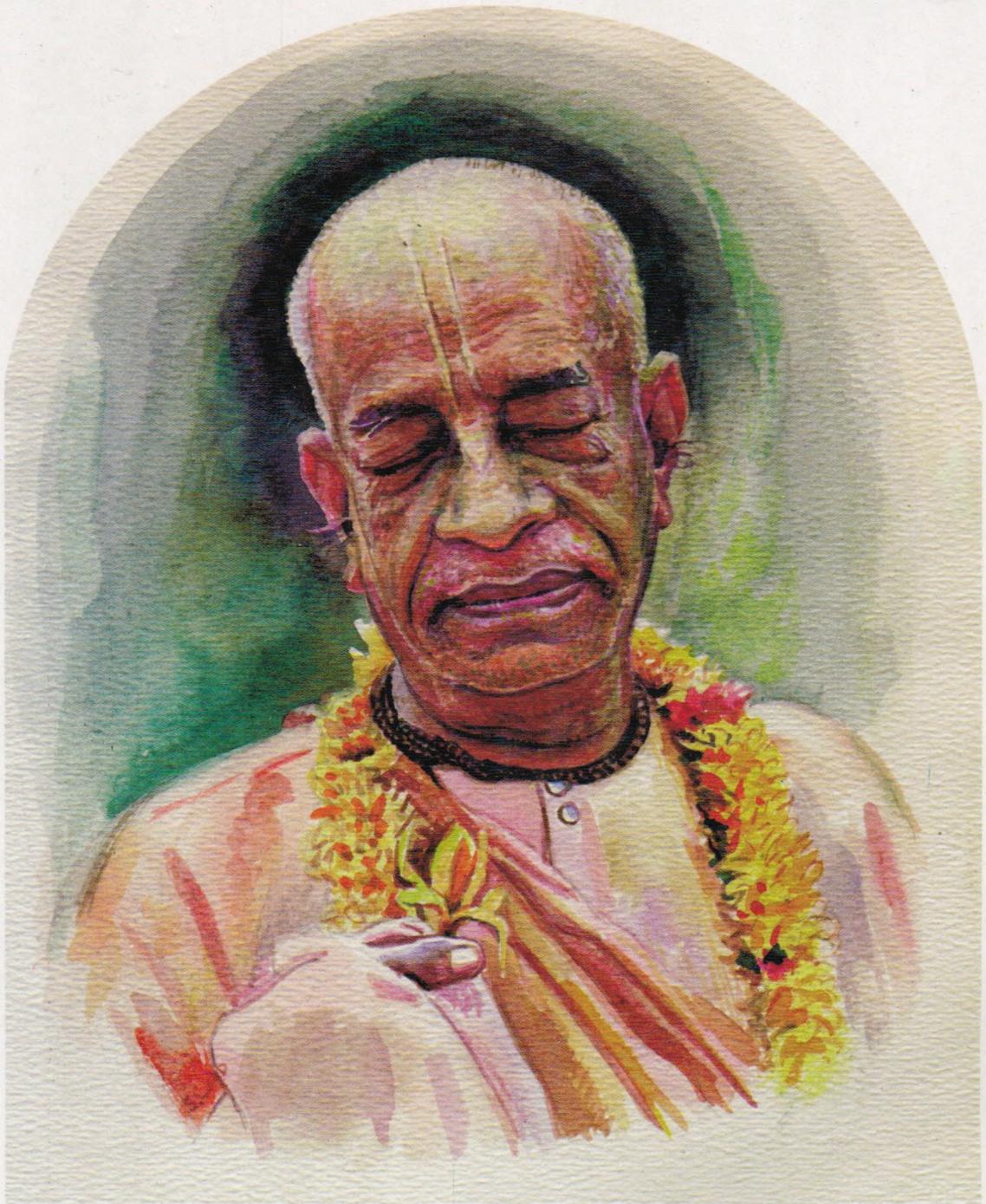


# He Lives Forever



**A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA**

**A Coloring Book About the Life, Works & Mission of  
His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada  
Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness**

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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami is a saint who walked among us. He will always be remembered for starting the International Society for Krishna Consciousness which many people also call The Hare Krishna People. His Bhaktivedanta Book Trust prints books about Krishna (a Sanskrit name for God) and the rich Indian Vedic Culture.

He was born on September 1, 1896 in Calcutta, India. His father named him Abhay Charan—meaning “never afraid”—and truly he was *never* afraid because he always knew Lord Krishna always protected him. Even at play, he and his sister prayed, “Oh Krishna, please make our kite fly higher.” Lord Krishna was his dearest friend.

Abhay’s father, Gour Mohan De, owned a cloth shop. Every day before going home for lunch, Gour Mohan placed a bowl of rice on the floor so that any visiting rats could eat the rice instead of the cloth. The rest of the day, his father sang prayers and worshiped his Radha and Krishna Deities at home. Abhay loved singing with him, playing the kartels (cymbals), mrdanga (drum), and harmonium (organ), and worshiping his own Radha and Krishna Deities, just like his father.

When Abhay was five years old, his father helped him celebrate his own Rathayatra just like the big festival in Puri where millions of people pull large Jagannatha Deities in three huge temple chariots. “Jagannatha” is a special name for Krishna which means “Lord of the Universe”. For eight days, his friends pulled his small Jagannatha Deities all around his neighborhood in Their special *rath*, while little Abhay led the singing for the kirtan. Each day, his mother would feed a wonderful meal to the whole crowd.

Abhay met his guru, or spiritual teacher, Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, in 1922. In Allahabad, in 1933, his guru gave him a new spiritual name, Abhay Charanaravindam Das, or “fearless servant at the Lord’s lotus feet”. He asked Abhay to teach the Vedic Scriptures in English. So Abhay began the *Back to Godhead* magazine and printed a few small books. He walked around with these magazines and books, selling them door to door in small shops and houses. When he got much older he went to live alone in the holy town of Vrndavana, where he could write peacefully about Lord Krishna and His devotees.

Finally, he decided that the best way to teach about Krishna and the Vedic Scriptures in English was to go to America. A very religious lady named Sumati Morarji gave him a free ticket on her ship called the Jaladuta. At first, she was afraid he was too old to go. But he told her he had no choice. His spiritual master had ordered him to take the beautiful secrets of the Vedas out of India and give them freely to the whole world. Sumati Morarji instructed the captain of the ship to take very good care of Abhay, who was now a respectable Swami and almost 70 years old.

The beginning of the ocean journey was very rough. He got very sick and prayed to the Supreme Lord Krishna. One night he had a dream that Krishna, in many different forms, was rowing the boat. Krishna told him not to worry and that He would take care of him. After that, the weather and sailing was beautiful and his health returned.

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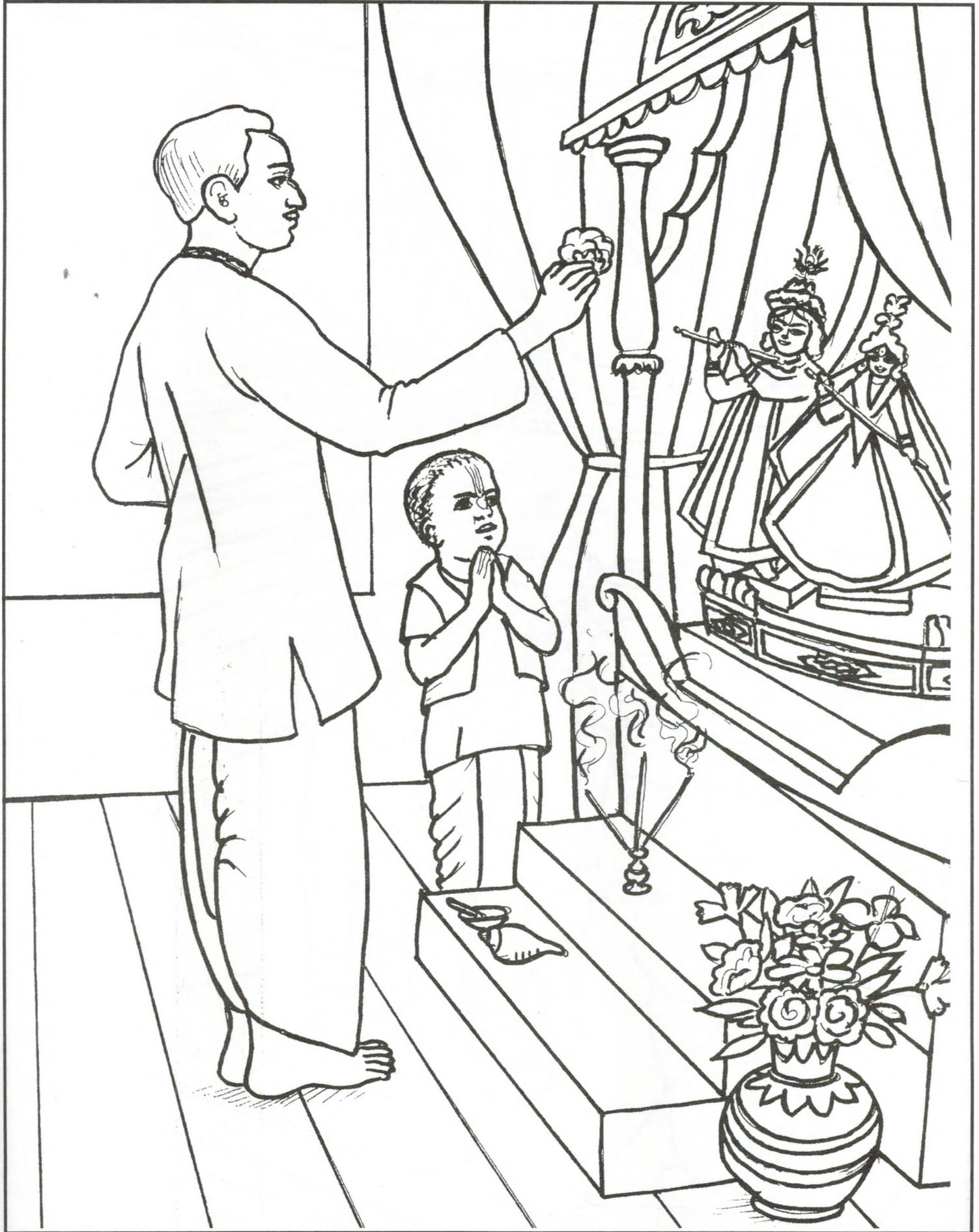


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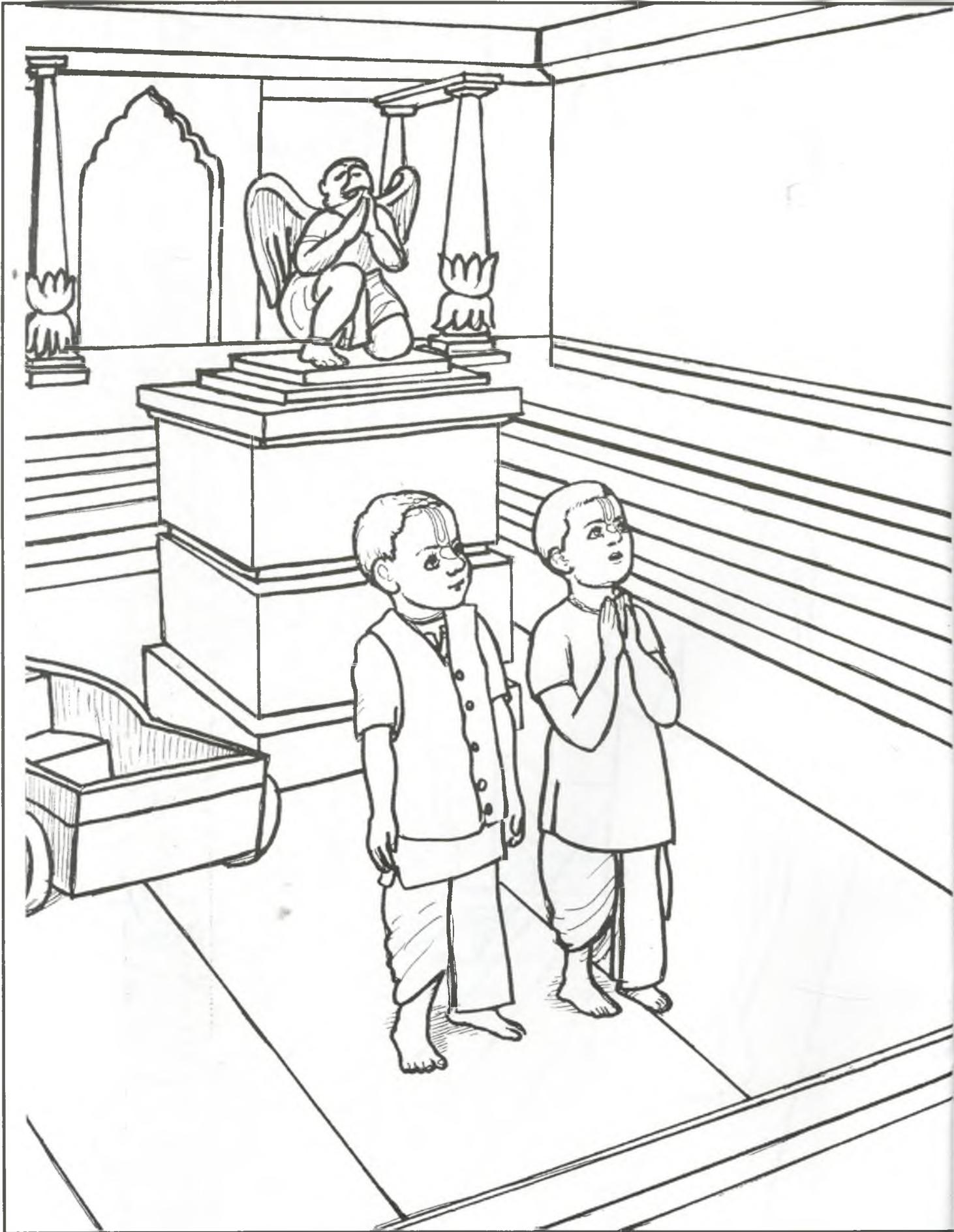
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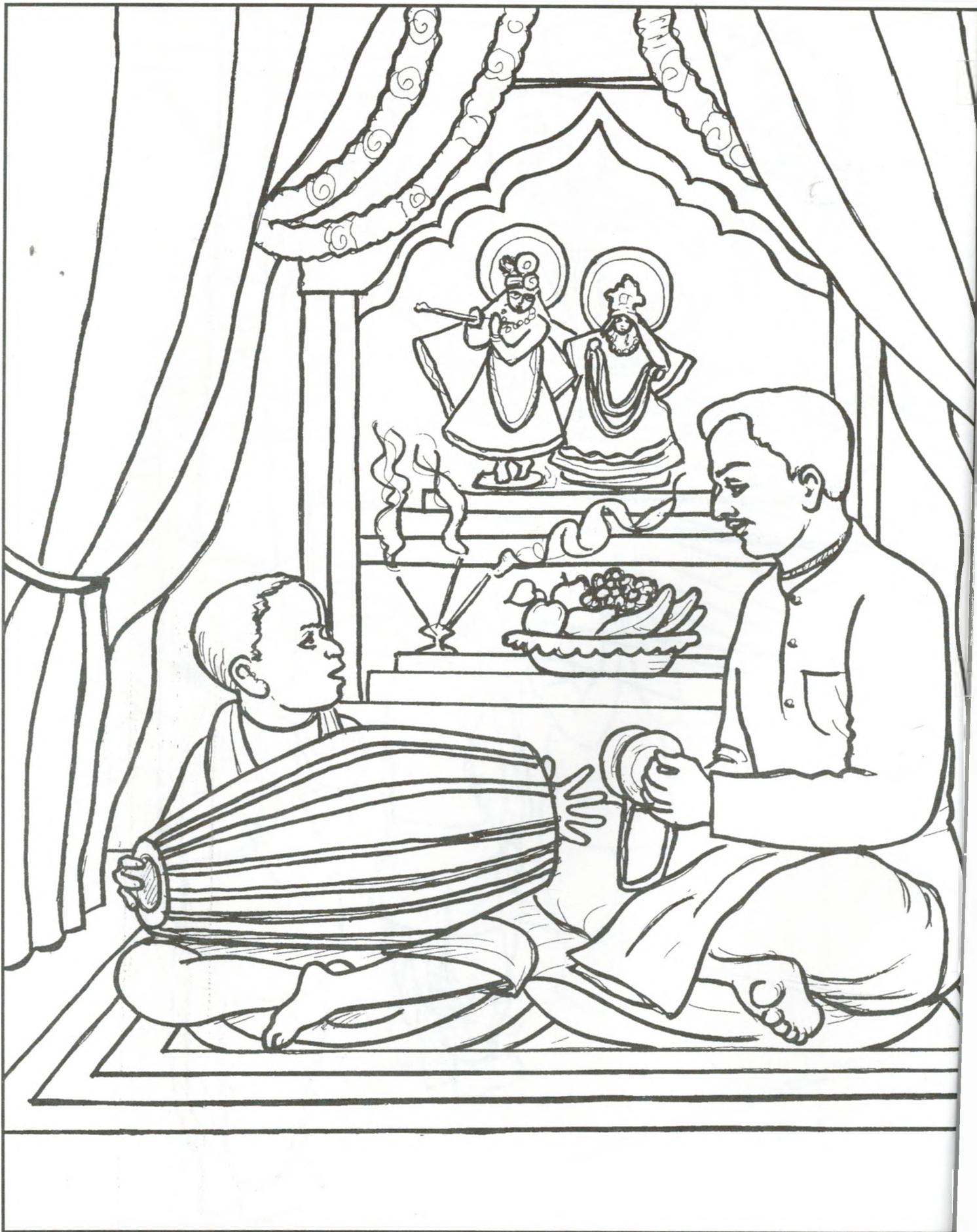
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Little Abhay loved worshiping Radha and Krishna with his father.



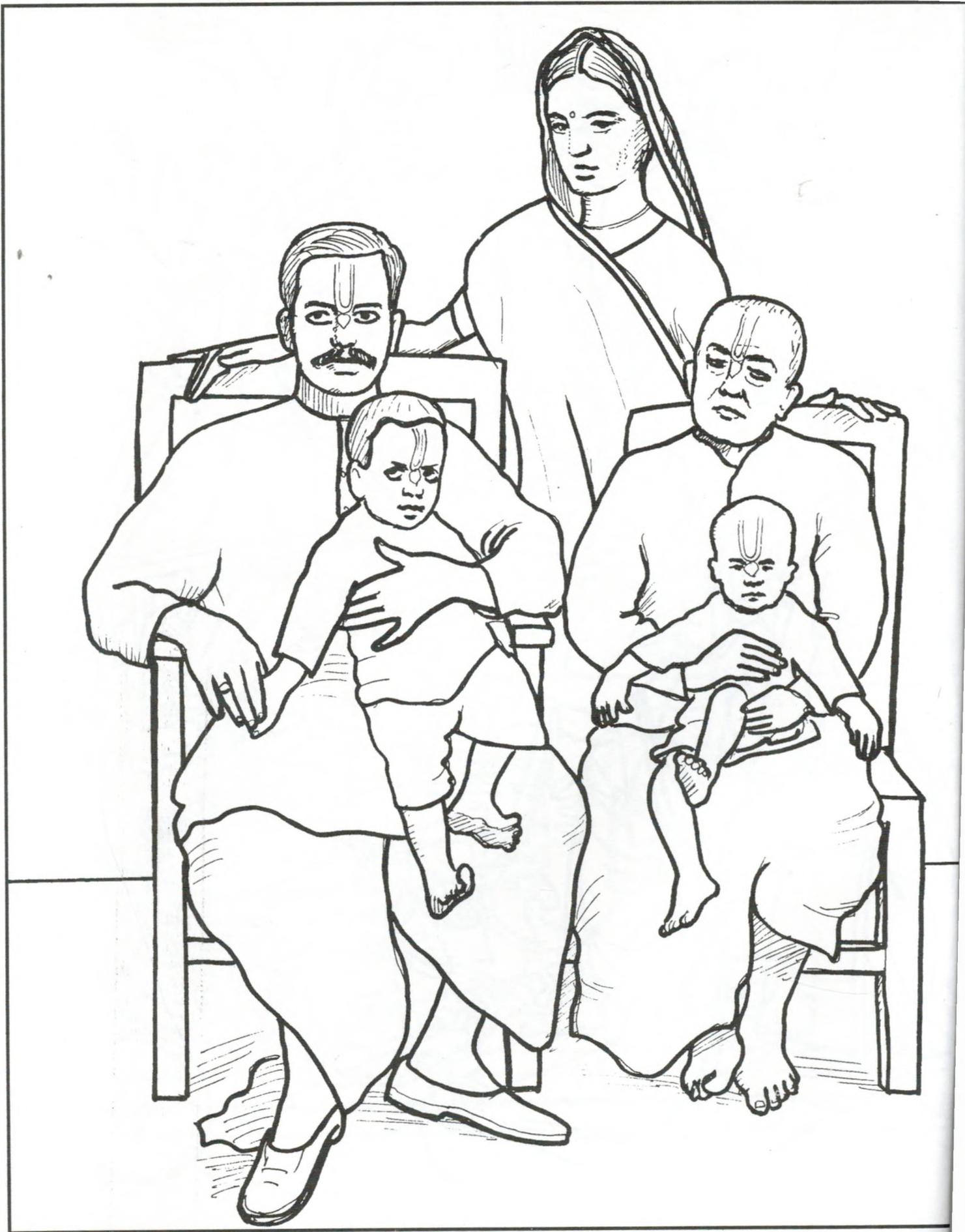
Little Abhay and his friend Subidhi would go to the Mullik's temple



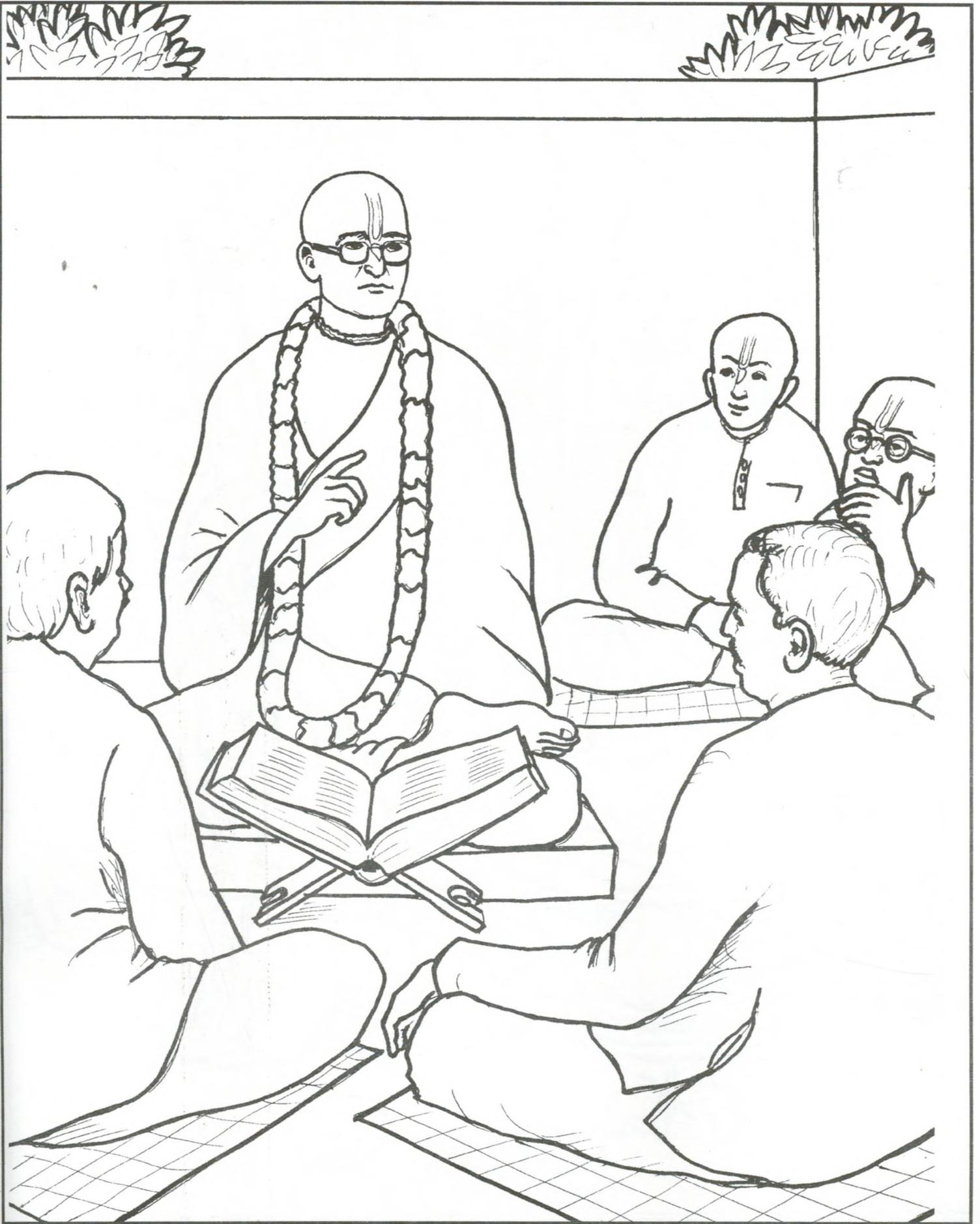
Abhay enjoyed singing for Radha and Krishna.



The children held a Jagannatha Rathayatra.



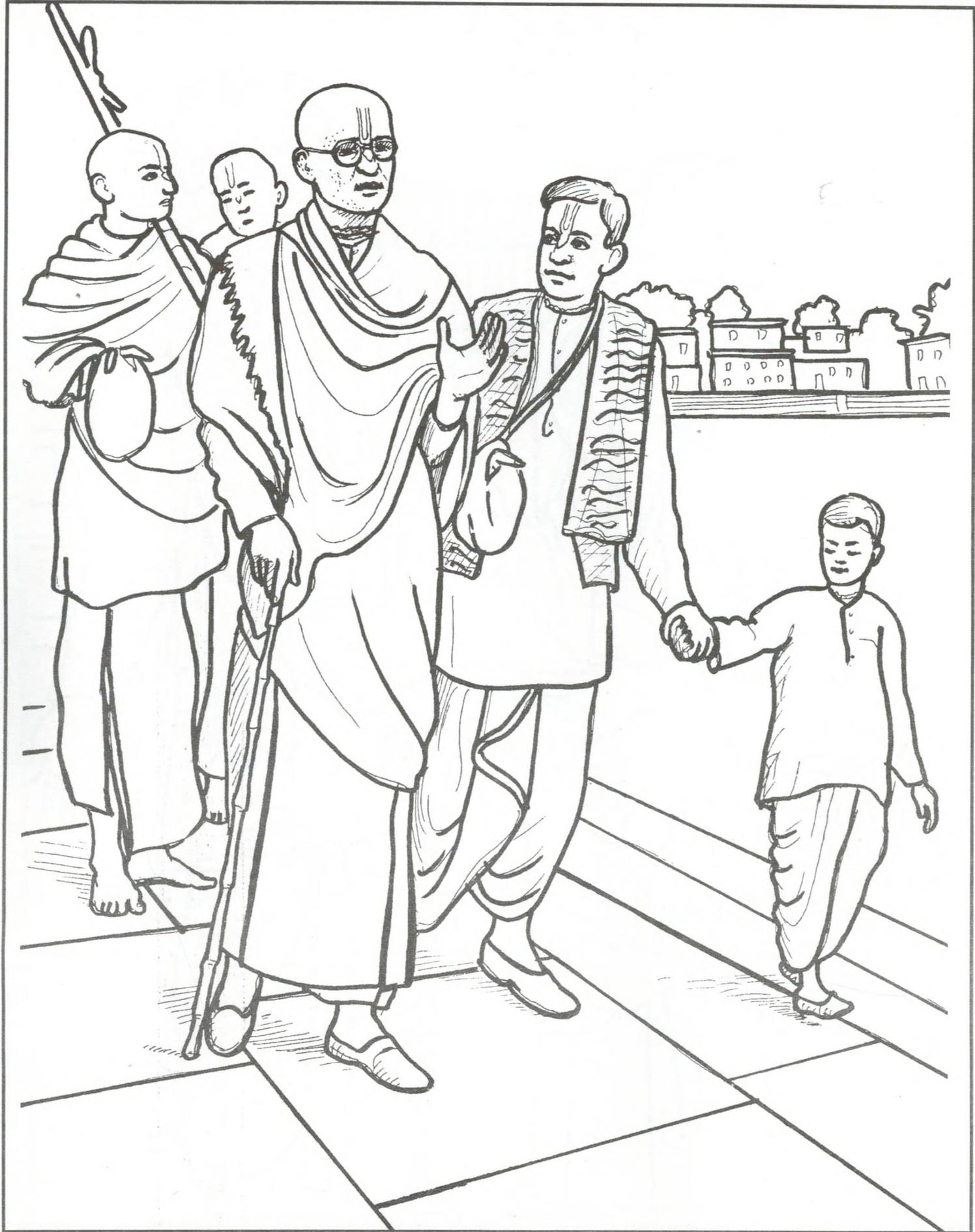
Abhay Charan with his father, wife and two of his children.



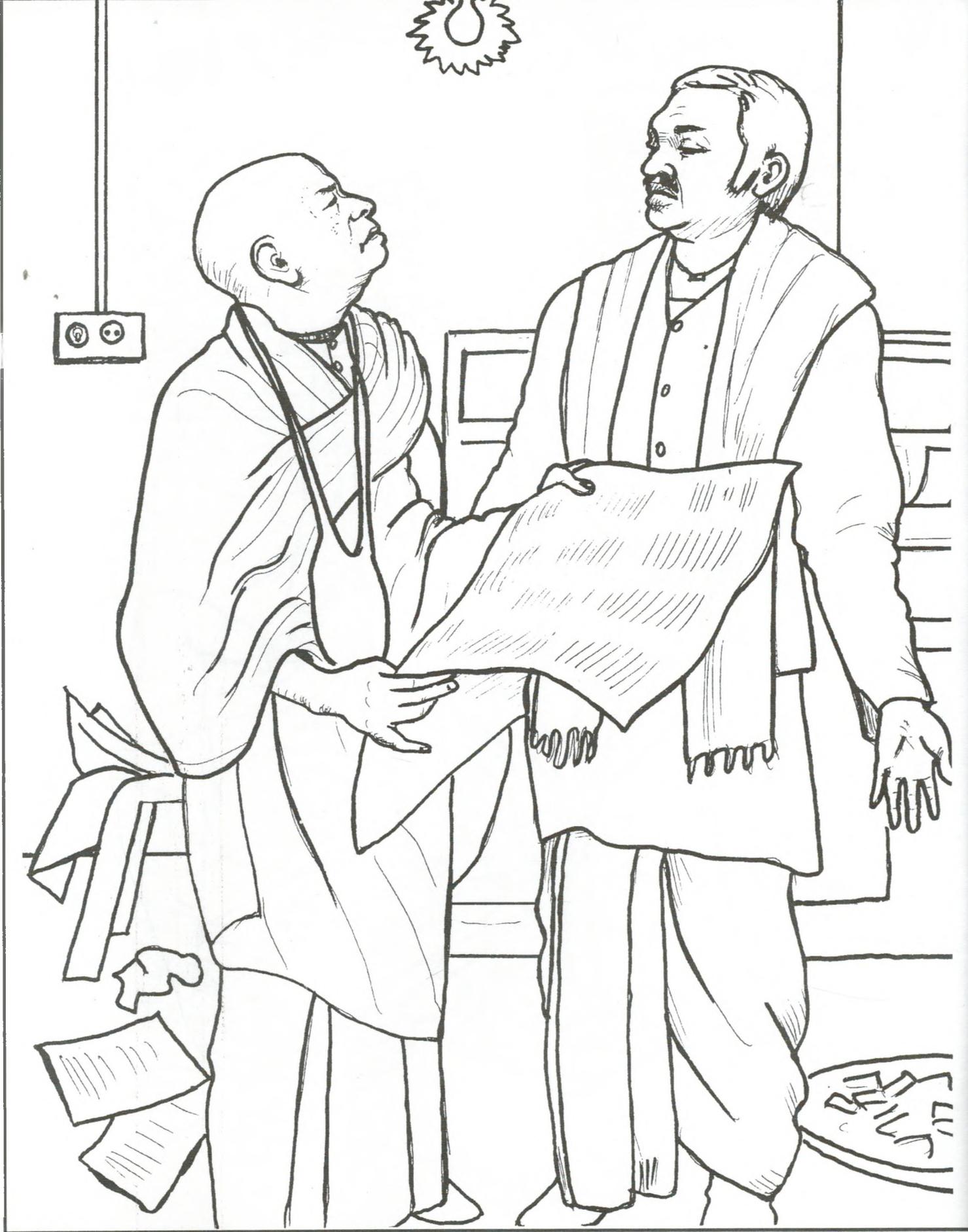
Abhay joins his friends to meet Bhaktisiddhanta for the first time.



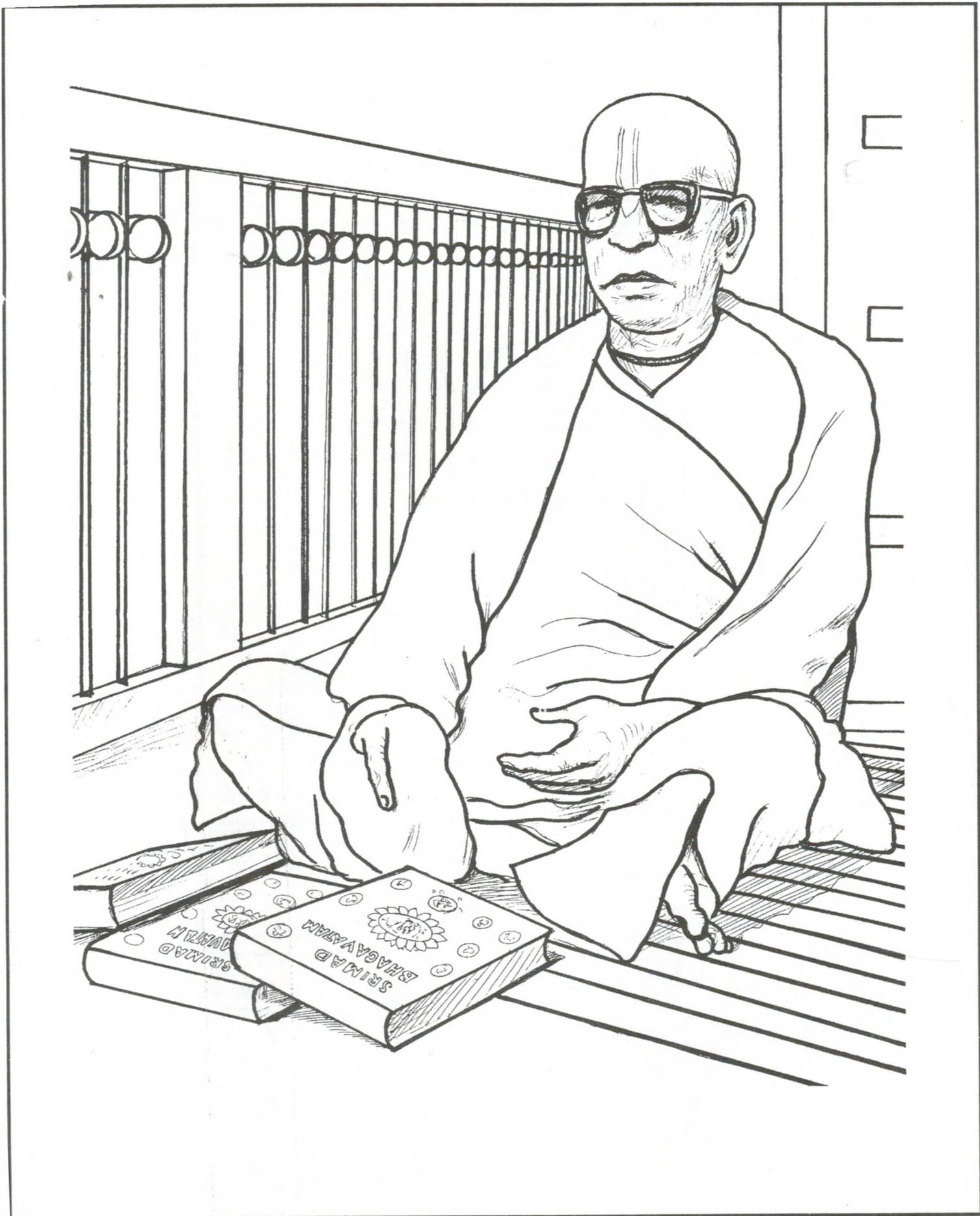
Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati initiates Abhay in Allahabad in 1932.



"If you ever get money, print books."



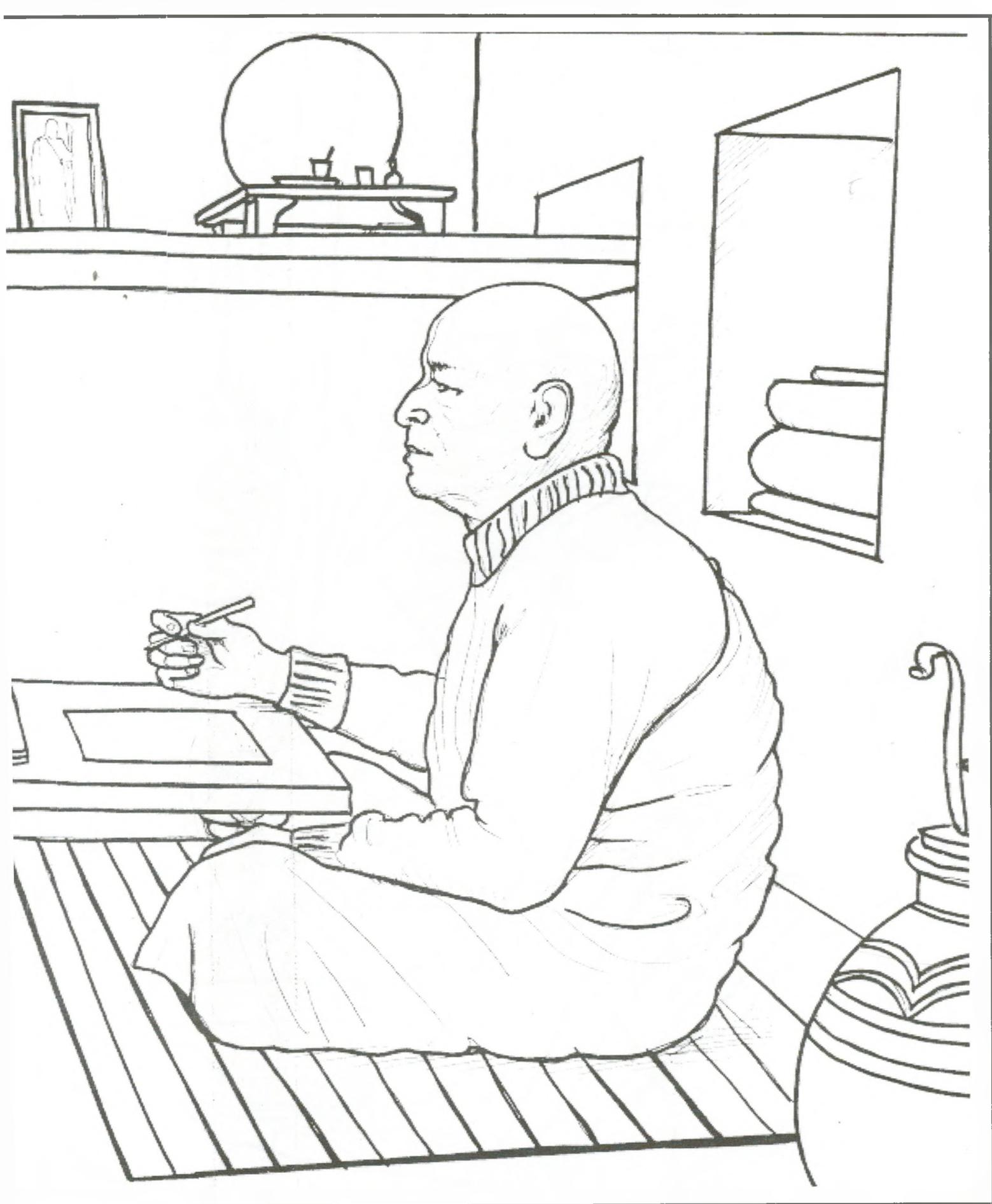
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami writes and prints books about Krishna.



He prints his first three volumes of Srimad Bhagavatam.



He looks at Rupa Goswami's blessed Samadhi (tomb) from his rooms



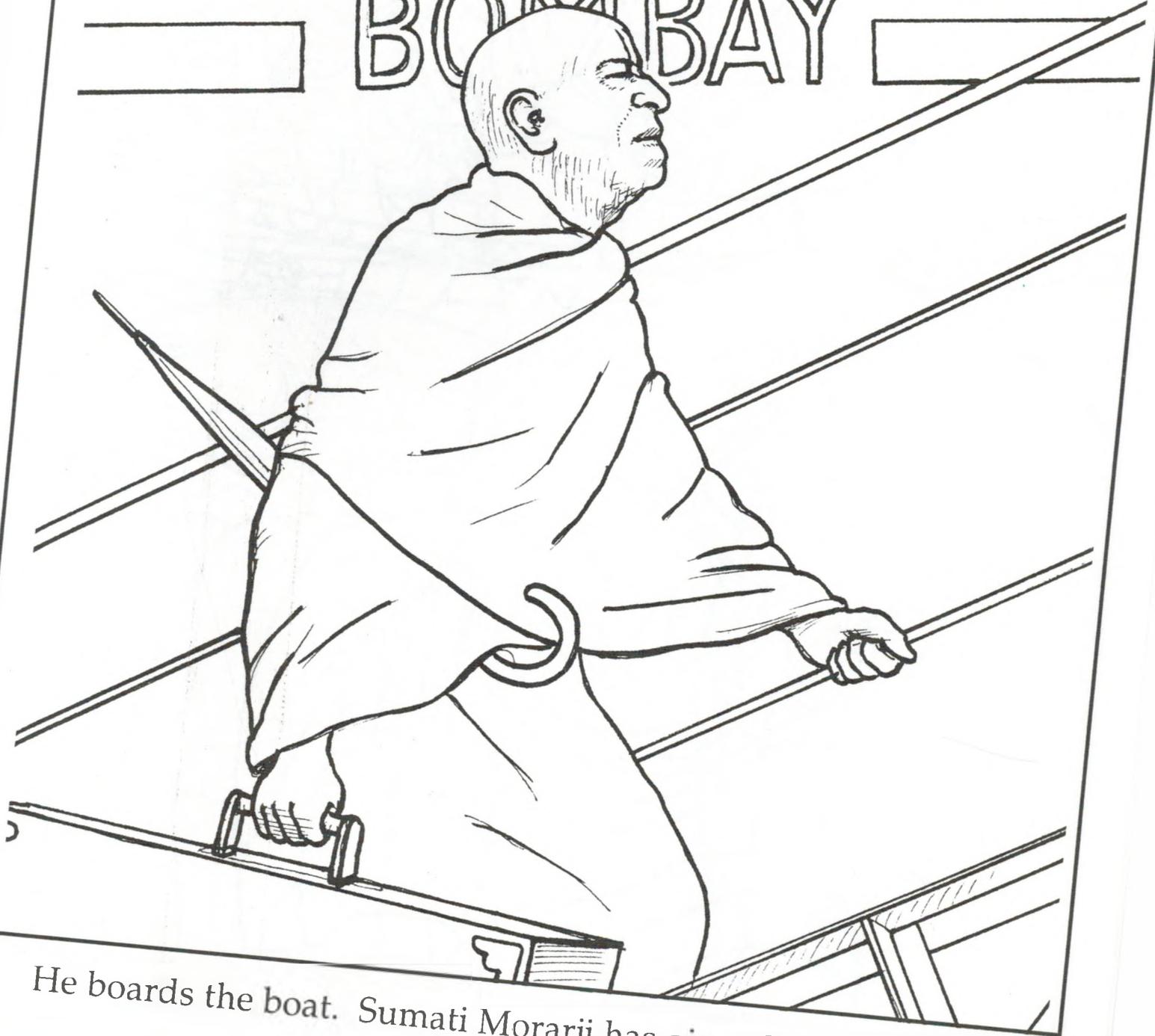
at the Radha-Damodara Temple in the holy village of Vrndavana.



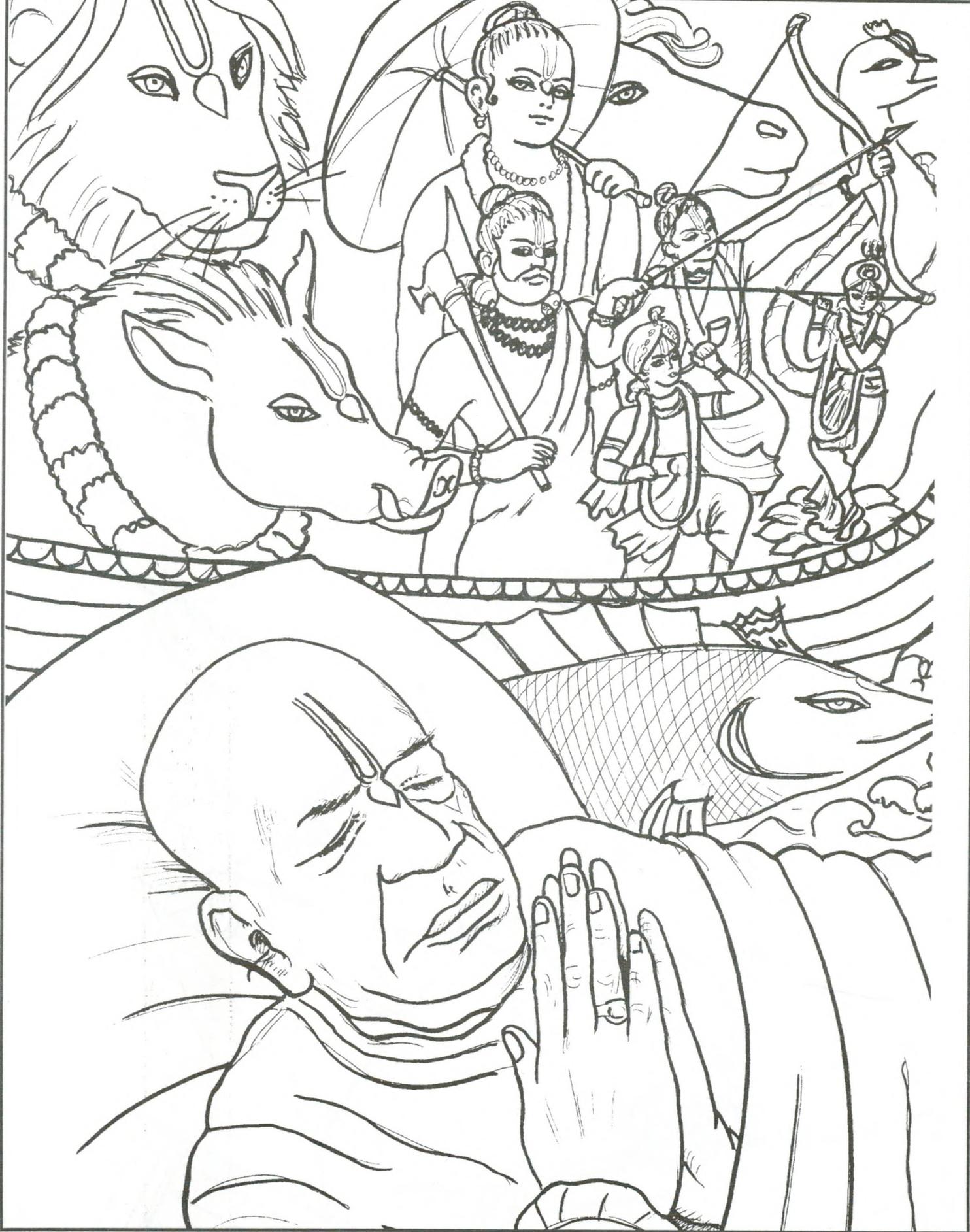
He tells Sumati Morarji, "I *must* go. My spiritual master ordered me

# JALADUTA

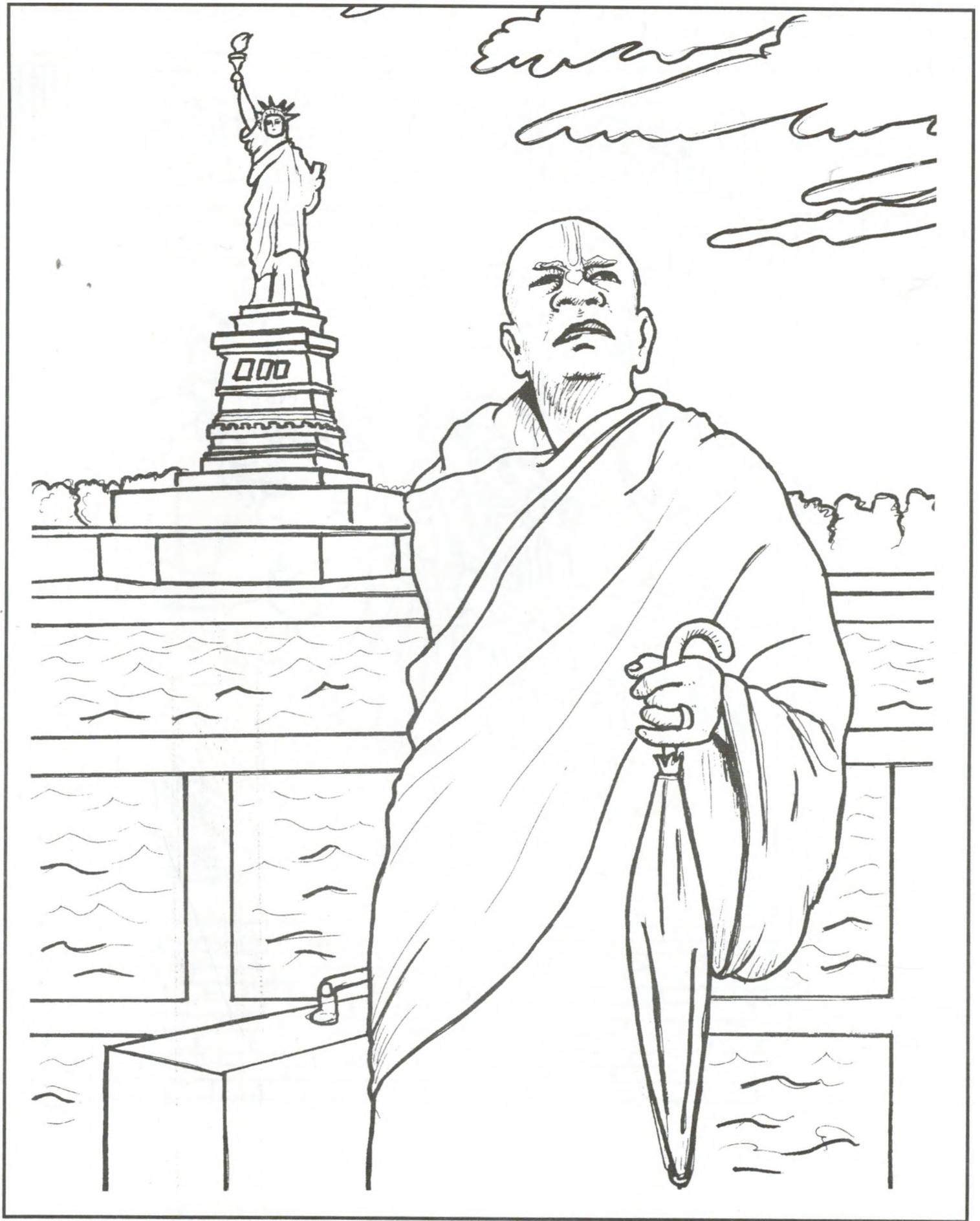
## BOMBAY



He boards the boat. Sumati Morarji has given him his ticket.



Krishna in His many forms takes charge of the ship.

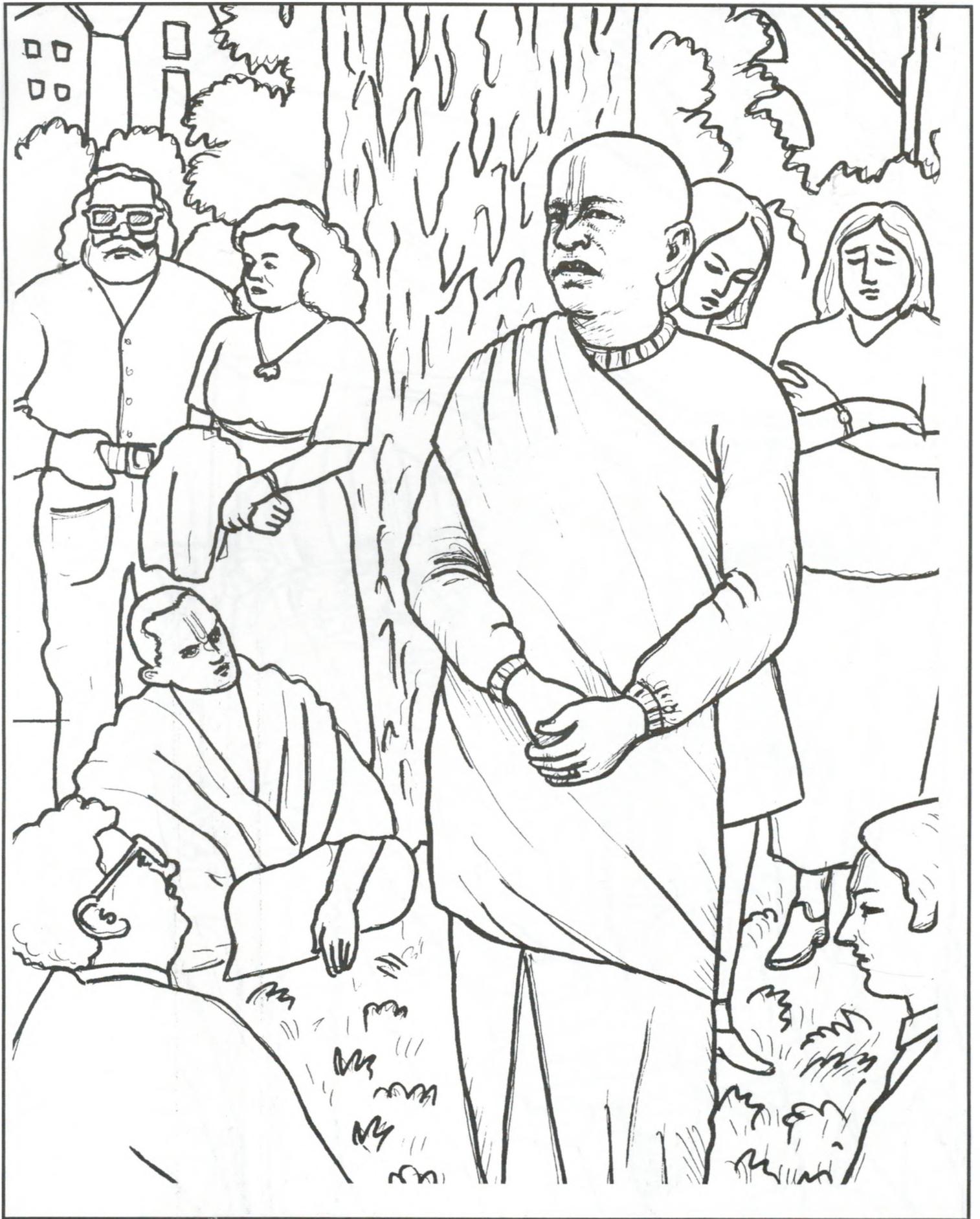


A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami arrives in America.

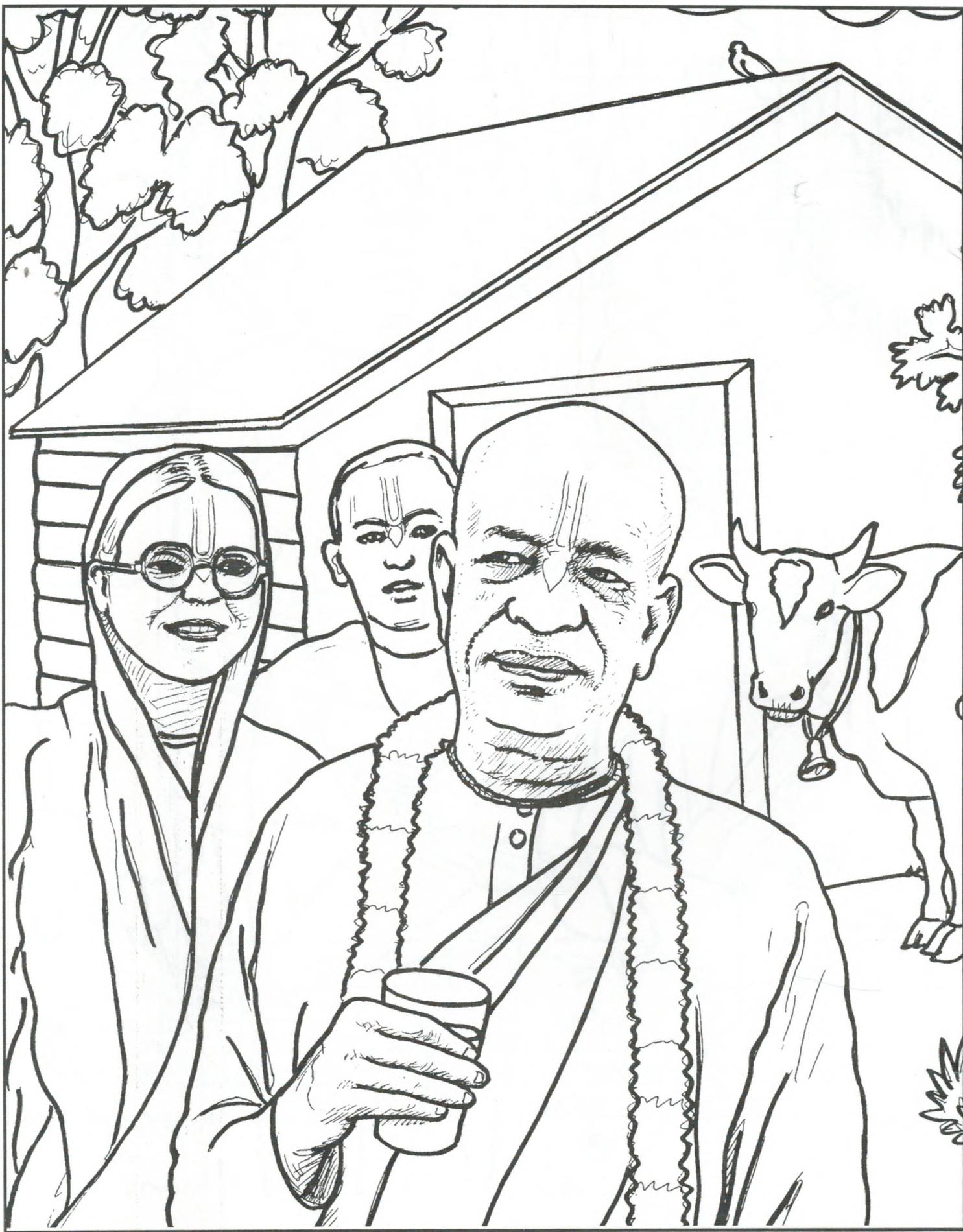
# MATCHLESS GIFTS



He finds an old store in New York and opens a temple.



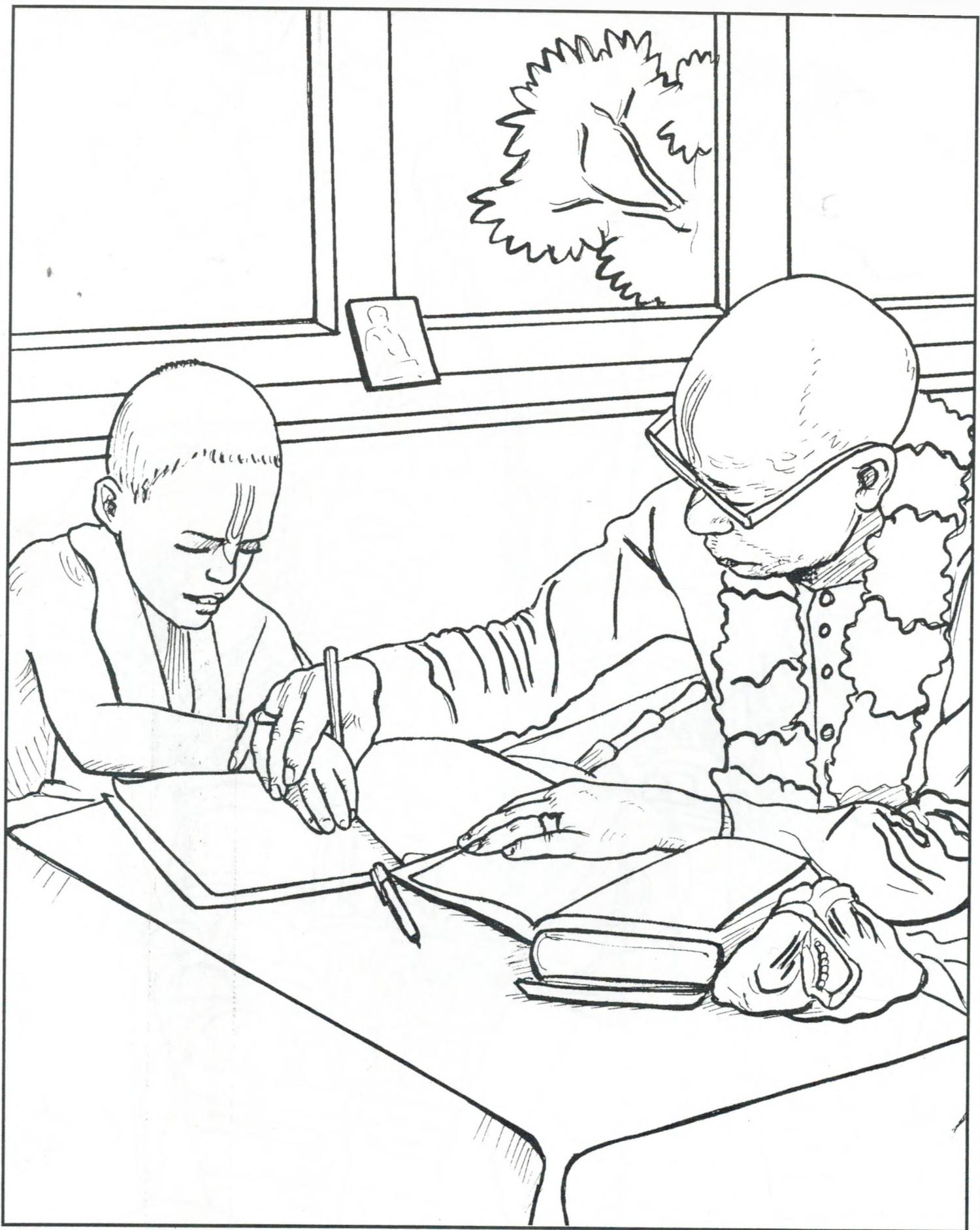
Prabhupada and his followers hold kirtan in Tompkins Square Park.



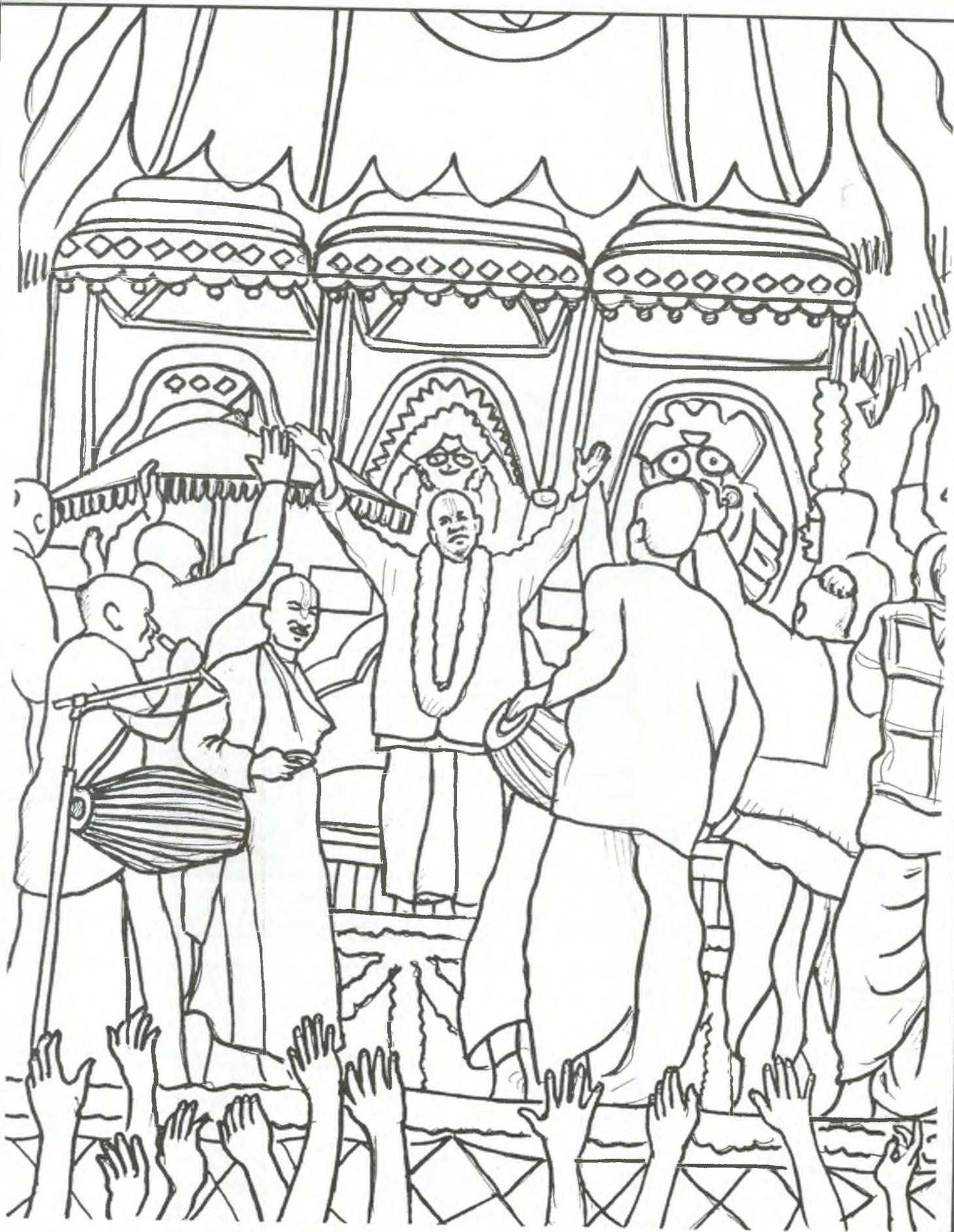
Simple living and high thinking—worshiping Krishna and the cow.



Prabhupada preaches in Moscow, Russia in 1971.



Prabhupada teaches Sanskrit in his first Gurukula at Dallas in 1972.



Prabhupada and his disciples chant and dance before 10,000 people at the San Francisco Rathayatra in 1974.



Prabhupada opens the Krishna Balarama temple in Vrindavana.

On September 17, 1965, Bhaktivedanta Swami arrived in America, a strange and new country. He carried only a trunk full of his books and just a little bit of money when he stepped off the boat. Some friends came to bring him home with them. He soon met many new people, and always told everyone he met about Krishna and the Vedas. The newspapers called him "India's Spiritual Ambassador to the World". After one long year, he had enough friends and followers in New York City to open up a little temple of his own in a place called "Matchless Gifts". Then, on July 16, 1966, he named his group "The International Society for Krishna Consciousness".

To his friends and followers, this Indian Swami was someone very special. So they called him "Sri! Prabhupada". He showed them a wonderful way to live with God, whose name is Krishna. He taught them how to do everything and use everything simply for Lord Krishna's pleasure and how easy it was to give up their bad habits. His followers learned quickly that whenever they tried to please Lord Krishna, somehow they also became naturally very happy. To be a devotee of Lord Krishna was something very special.

They taped Prabhupada's songs and classes and made videos of dramas and puppet shows, all about Krishna and His devotees. They celebrated important festivals like Rathayatra, Janmastami, Rama Navami, and Gaura Purnima. They helped him to open temples in every major city in the world. But most important of all, they helped him print his new books. Some devotees painted the pictures, some helped at the printers, and others helped him sell millions of his books door to door in every town and village around the world.

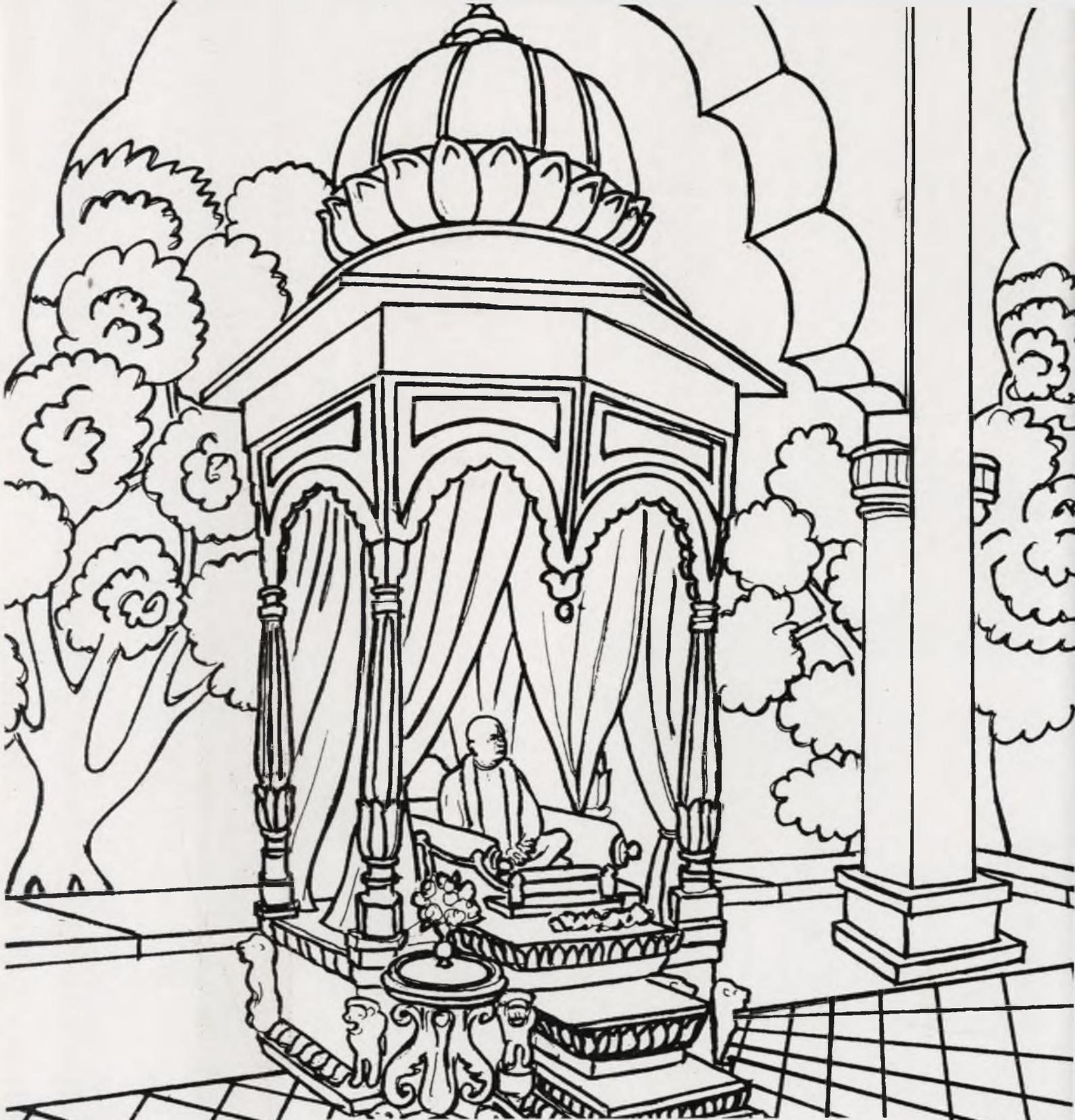
For him, they gave out 400 million books, started more than 400 temples, farms, schools, museums, and theaters just for learning Vedic sciences, arts and a simple God-centered way of life. They gave help and free vegetarian meals to 60 million poor people who got caught in floods, earthquakes and wars. They also fed 300 million people who came to festivals and temple feasts.

Prabhupada took his American devotees back to India with him. The Indian people loved these Western boys and girls who dressed and lived the simple, saintly life of their own culture. Soon, he opened big temples in Delhi, Hyderabad, Bombay, and Vrndavana. He began the biggest one in Mayapur, West Bengal. This temple is growing into a city which will one day have 50,000 devotees living the Vedic way of life just as Krishna lived 5,000 years ago.

On November 14, 1977, Sri! Prabhupada left this world in Vrndavana, surrounded by hundreds of his own disciples chanting Hare Krishna. In just twelve years, he had gone around the world fourteen times to share what billions of people in India have known for millions of years: that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and that all living beings are His eternal servants.

He invited the whole world to taste real happiness and planted the seeds of that happiness in his books and temples. Today, anyone can taste the delicious fruits of love of Godhead anywhere, anytime, just by chanting Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.

In this coloring book, come and live with Prabhupada as he grows up and later travels all around the world. Soon you will be able to travel back in time and discover Lord Jagannatha with Indradyumna Maharaja and pull the cart with your own friends.



He reasons ill who tells that Vaishnavas die  
When thou art living still in sound!  
The Vaishnavas die to live, and living try  
To spread the holy name around!  
He lives forever by his divine instructions  
And the follower lives with him.

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