

lord jagannatha hasa tolada!



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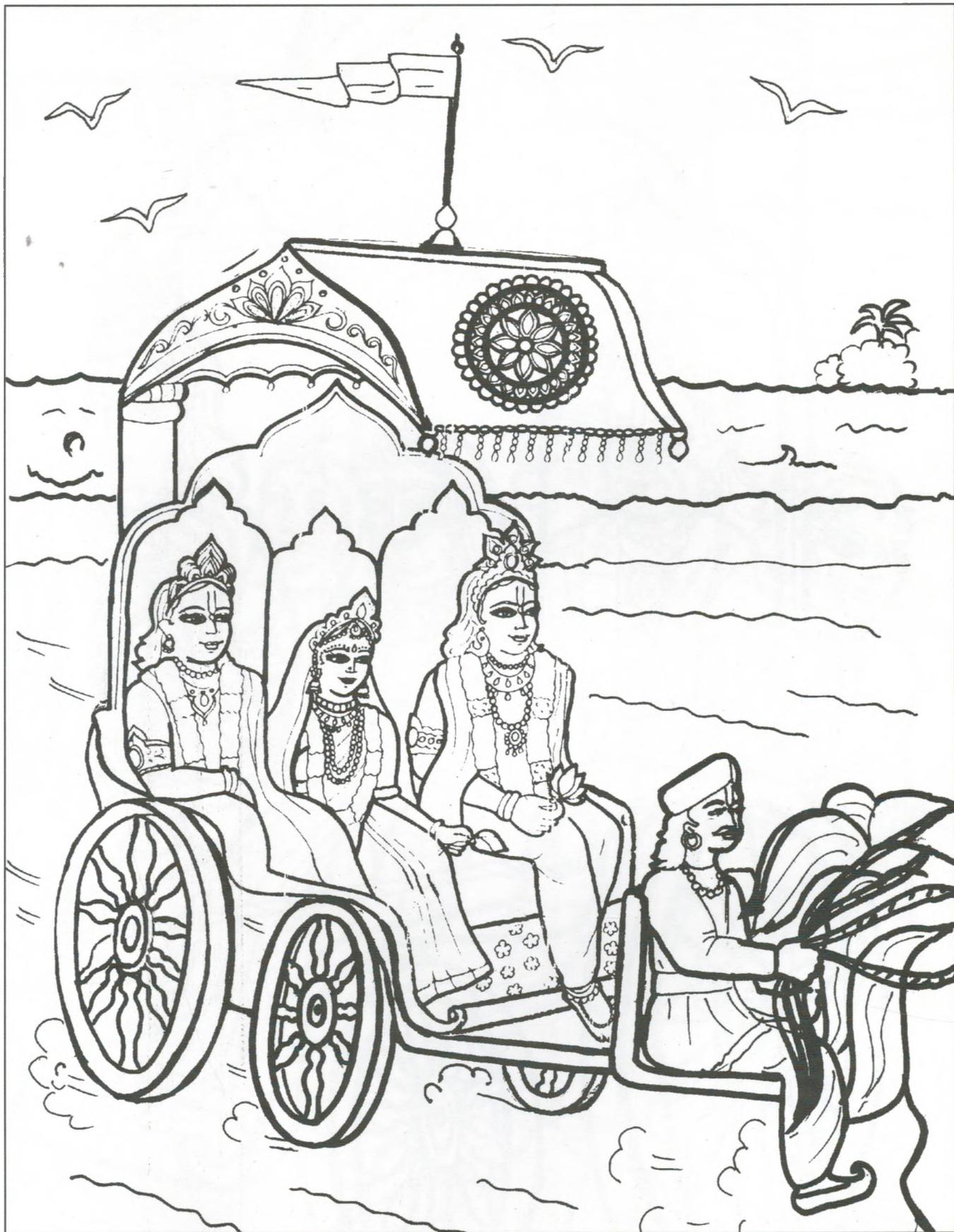
jagannatha swami nayana patha gami bhava tu me,
Oh, Lord of the Universe, kindly be visible to me.

There are many occasions when Krishna, Baladeva and Subhadra ride in Their chariots: Sometimes, They ride to the ocean for Their holidays.

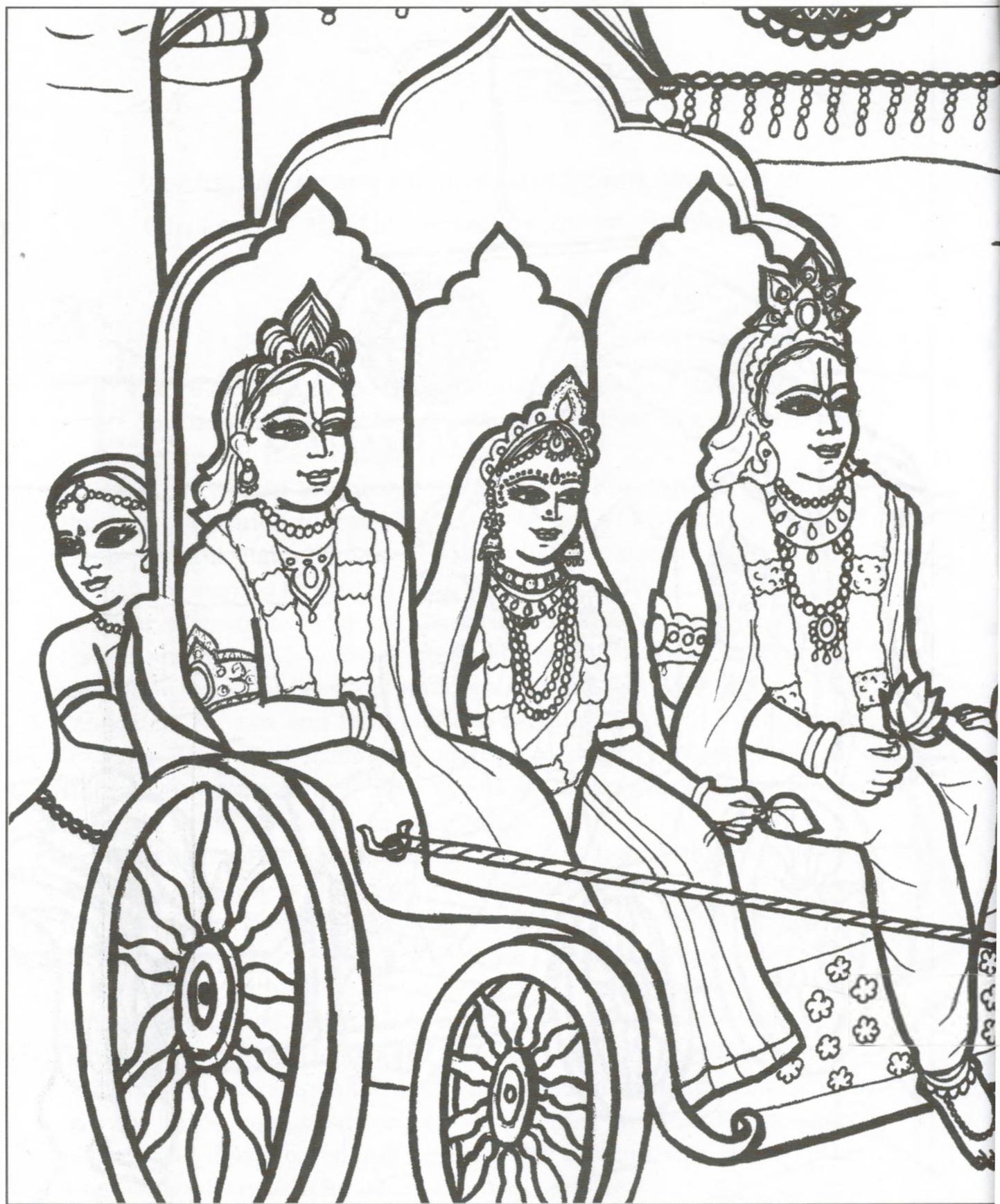
Once, They went to observe the eclipse at Kurukshetra where the Brijabasi gopis tried to pull Their chariot back to Vrndavana. At their camp in Kurukshetra, Krishna's queens told wonderful stories of how they all got married to Krishna. Subhadra stood at the door as a look-out to make sure none of the men entered. But while she listened to the queens and the gopis exchange their loving stories about Krishna, her eyes grew wide and her arms withdrew into her sides. She stood totally captivated. Krishna and Balarama also came and listened from outside the door. They too became stunned by the absolute sweetness of the stories. Out of amazement, Their eyes soon became as large as saucers and Their arms withdrew into Their sides.

The most celebrated chariot ride is held in Jagannatha Puri, where Lord Jagannatha is riding on His chariot for the pleasure of the devotees. They ride from the main temple to the Gundica Temple.

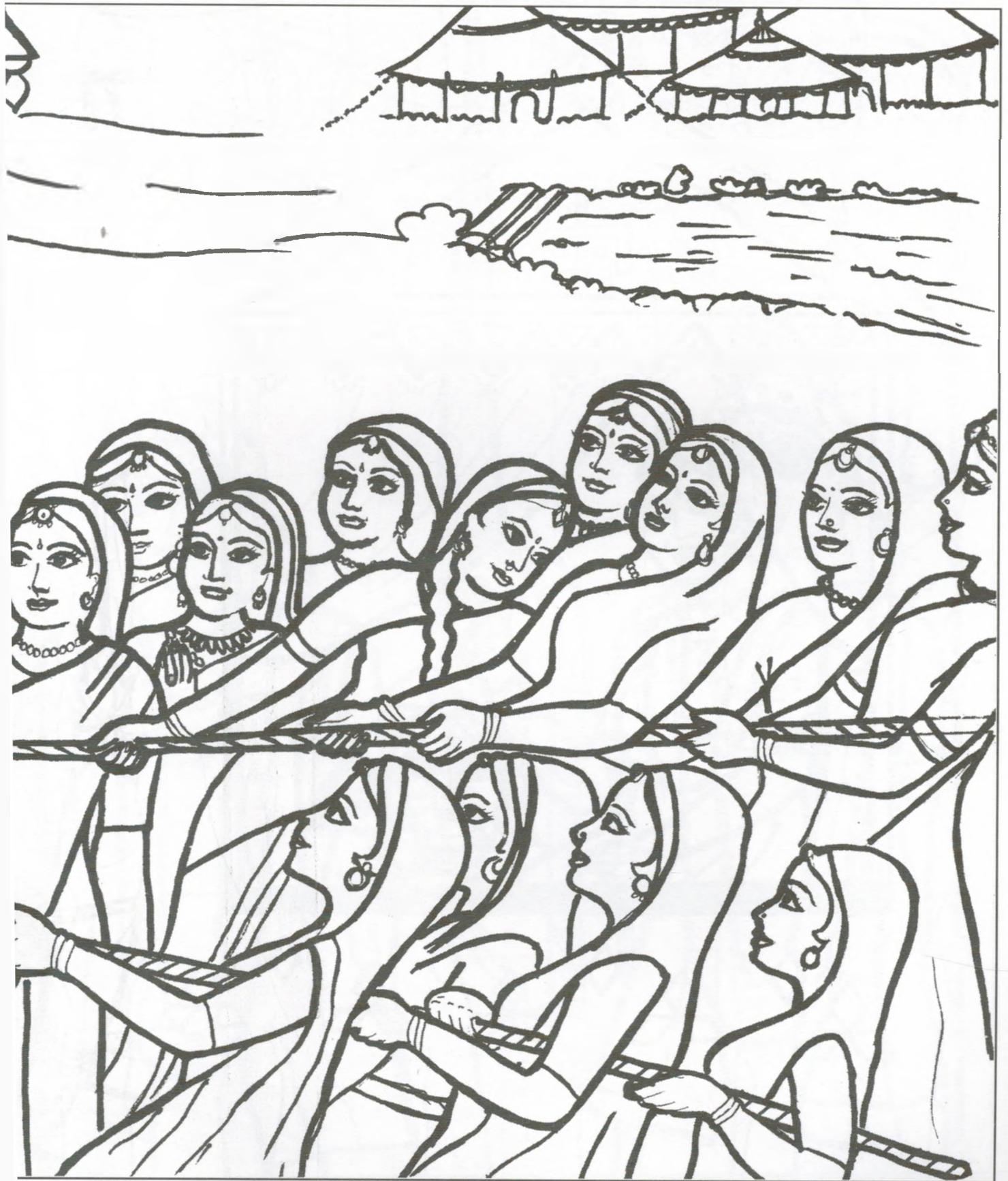
The original Jagannatha Deities were carved for King Indrajumna Maharaja by Vishvakarma, the demigods' own architect. The king promised the sculptor he would not disturb him for twenty-one days. Somehow, on the fourteenth day, the king could not hear the sound of the tools and broke open the door. How shocked the king was when he saw the three unfinished forms of the Deities and that the sculptor himself had disappeared—all because the promise was broken. The king felt so disturbed, he decided to fast until death.



Lord Krishna, Lord Balarama and Lady Subhadra take a ride in Their chariot across the sand to the ocean's edge for Their holidays.



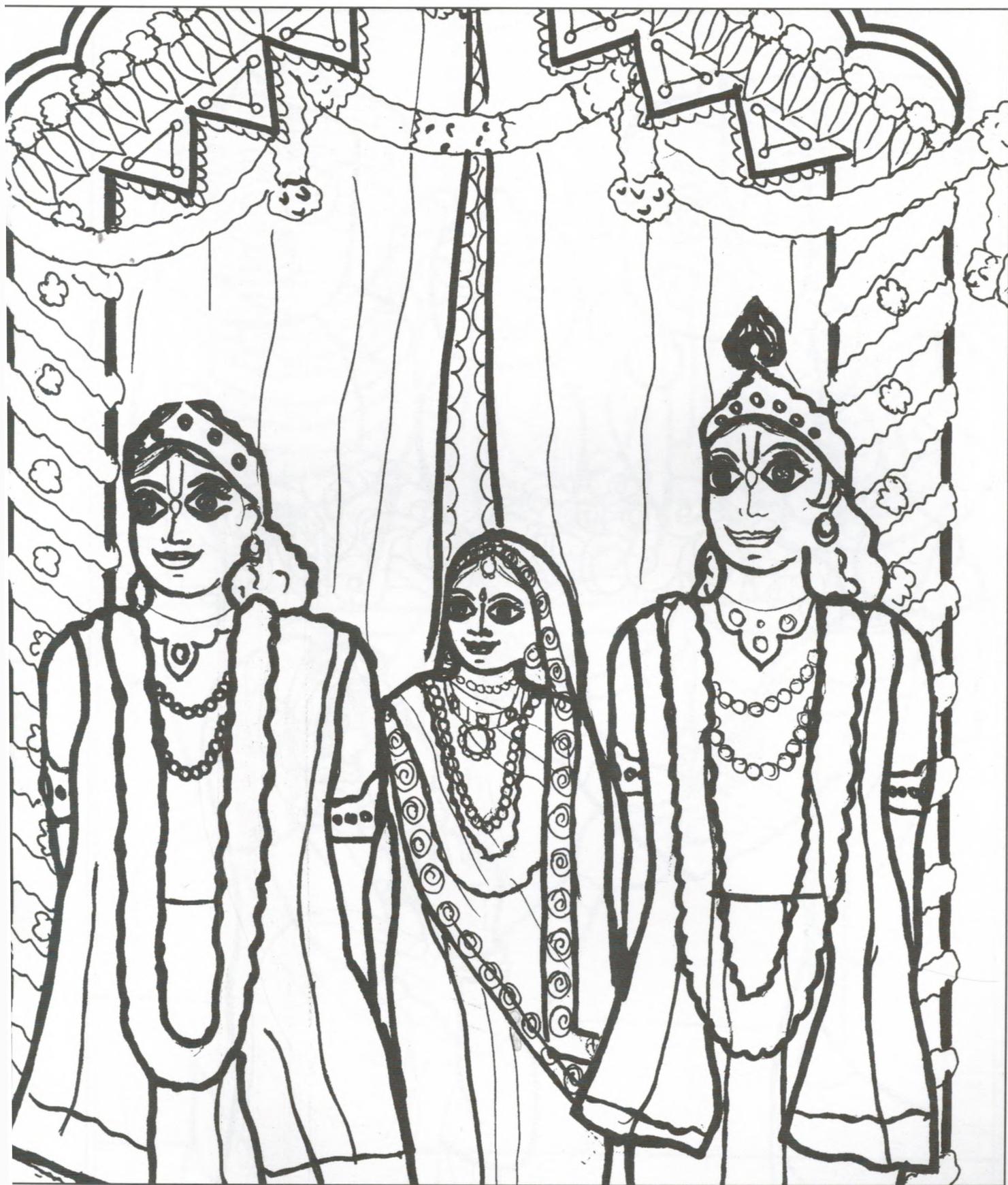
The gopis pull Krishna's chariot at Kuruksetra.



“Return with us to Vrndavana.”



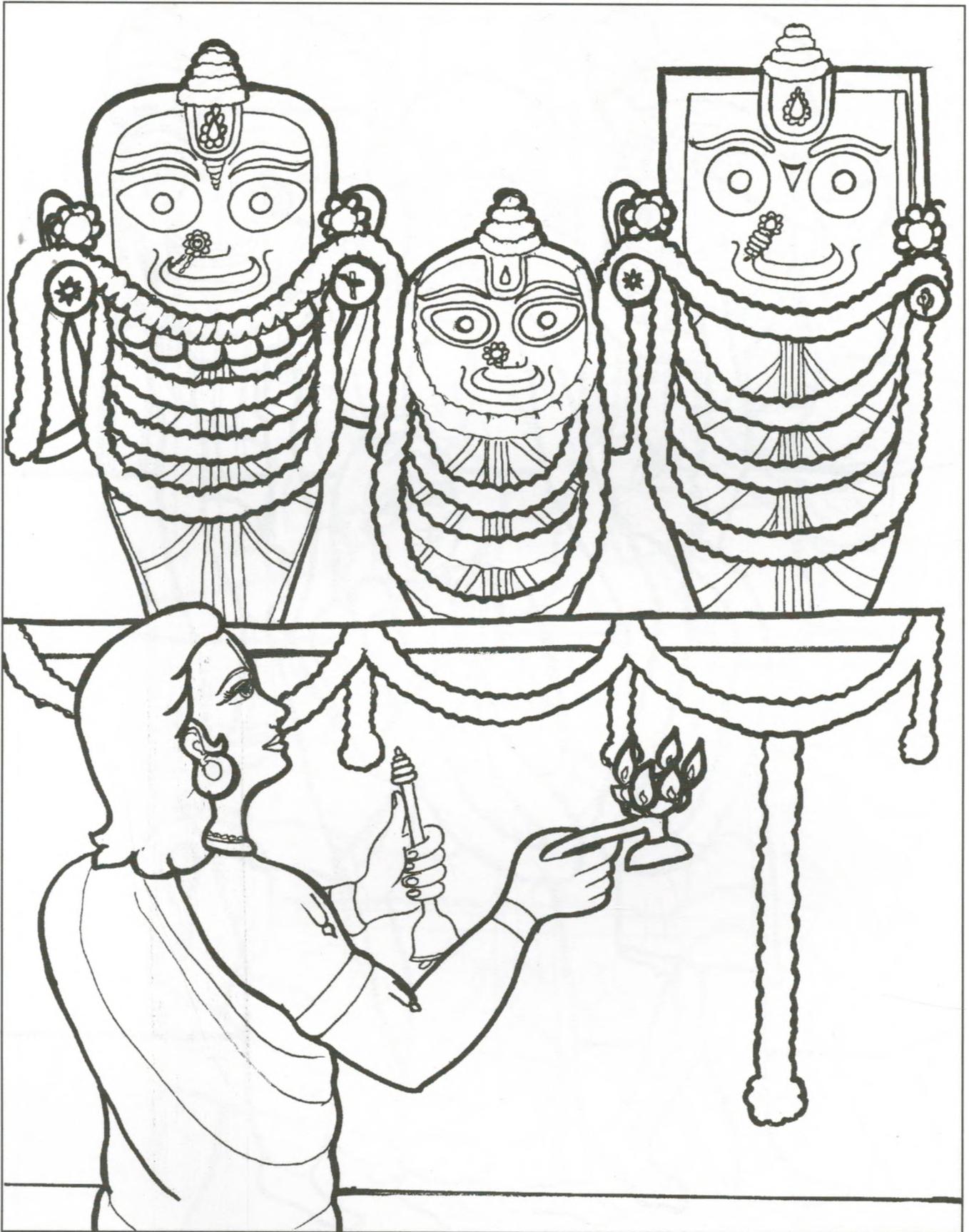
In the ladies' tent at Kurukshetra, the gopis listen intently to Krishna's queens tell stories of how they got married to Krishna.



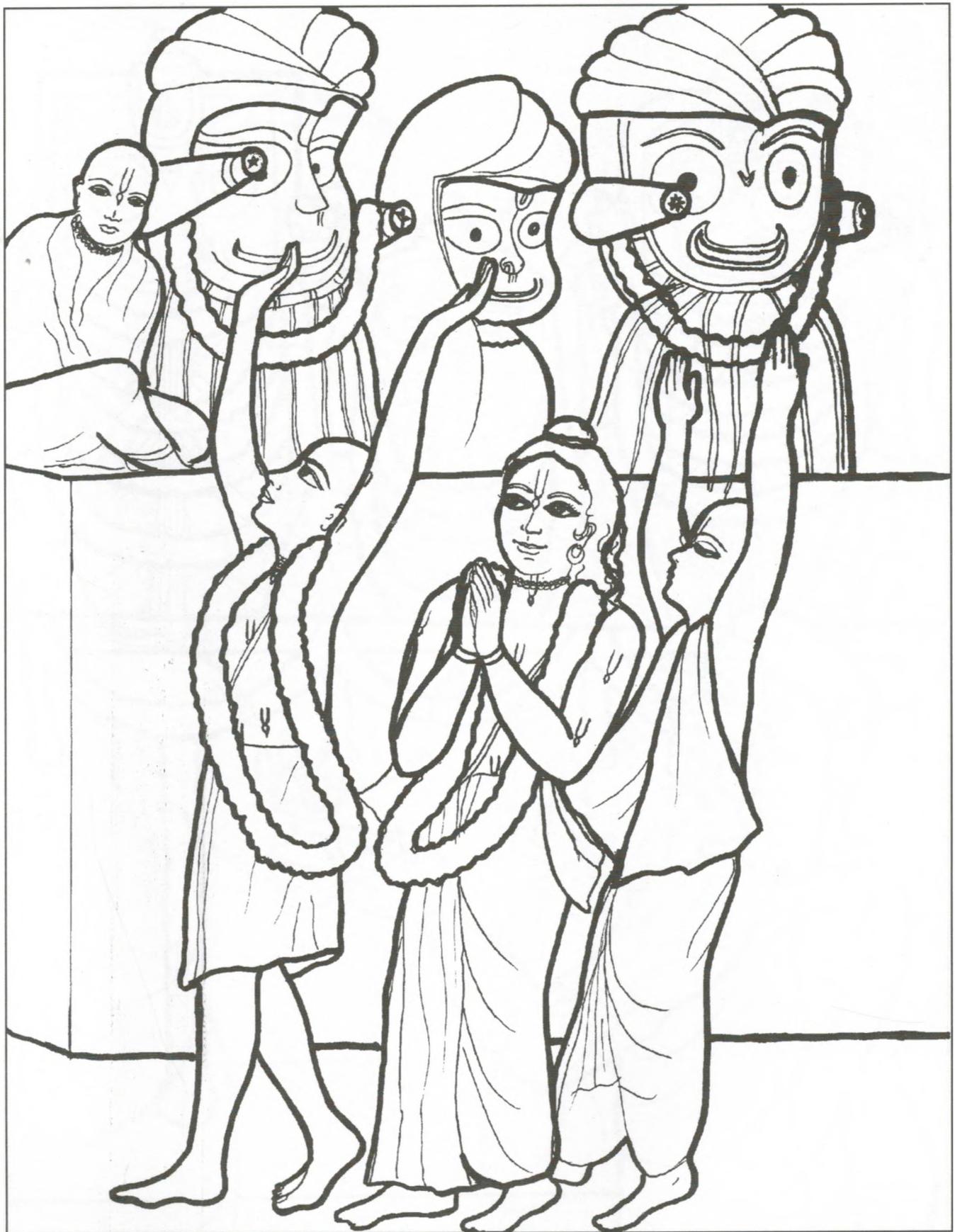
While listening outside, Subhadra, Krishna and Balarama are so amazed that Their arms withdraw close to Their bodies and Their eyes grow large with wonder.



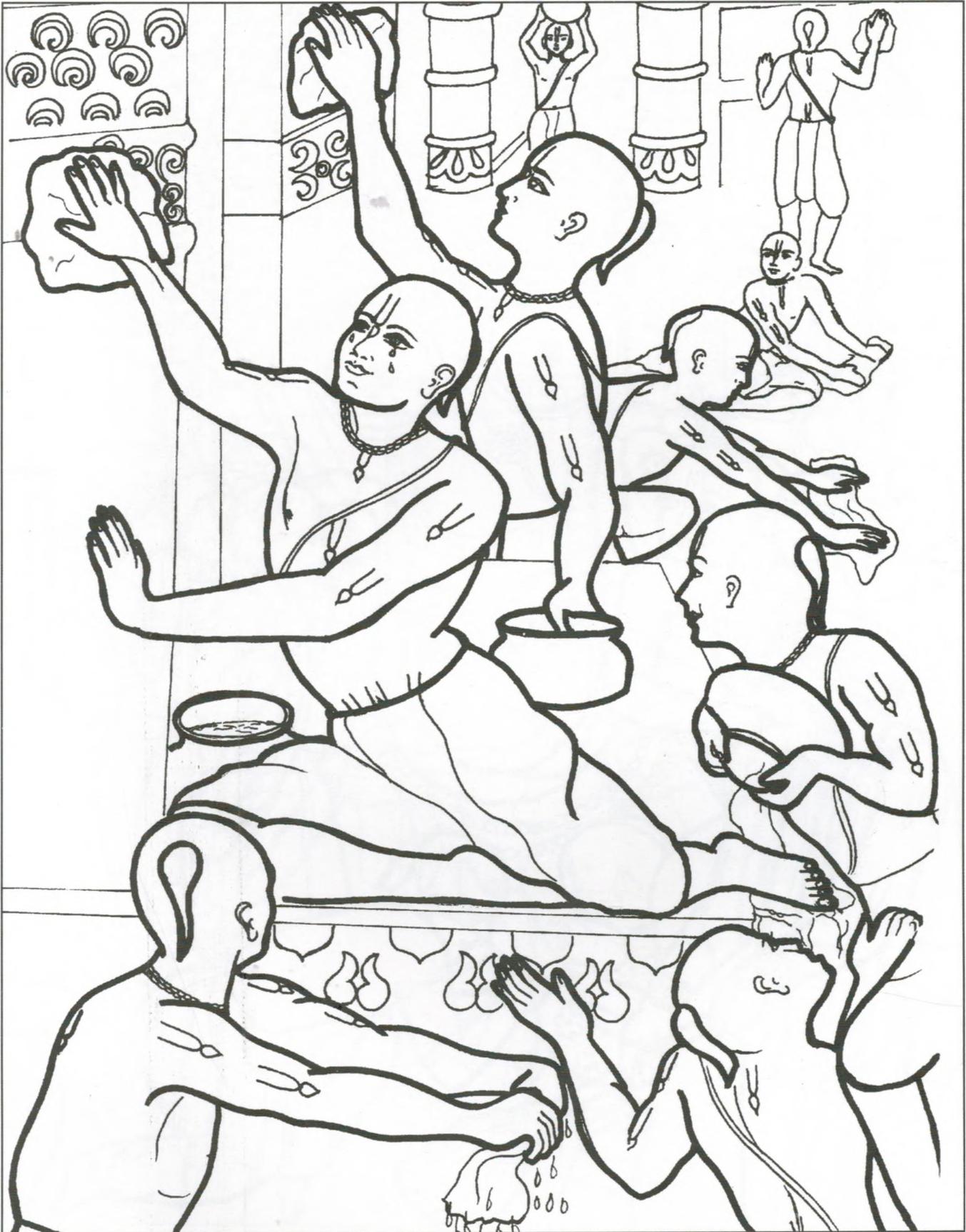
In Puri, King Indrajumna Maharaja opens the doors before the Deities Jagannatha (Krishna), Balarama and Subhadra are finished.



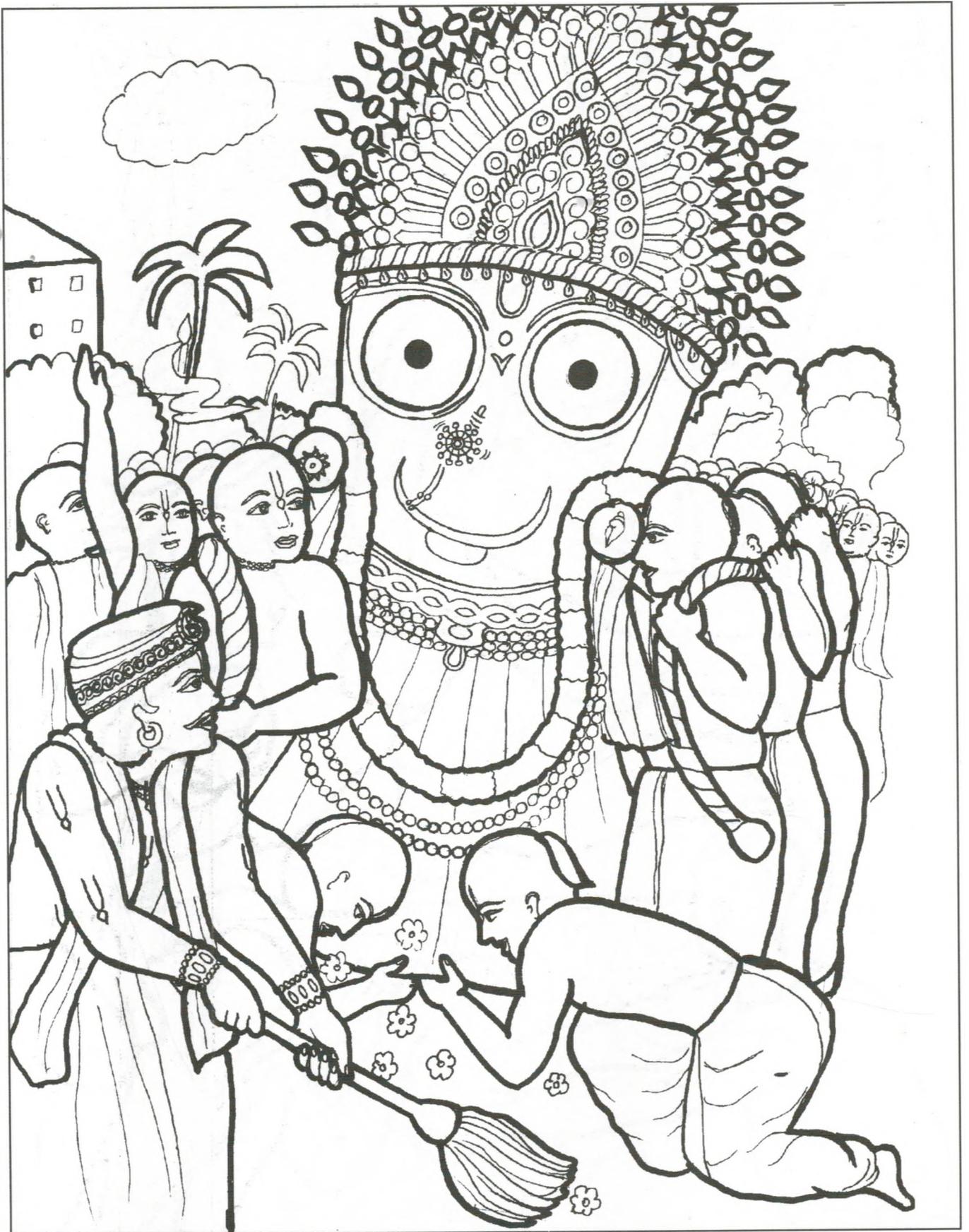
King Indrajamna worships the Deities as They are.



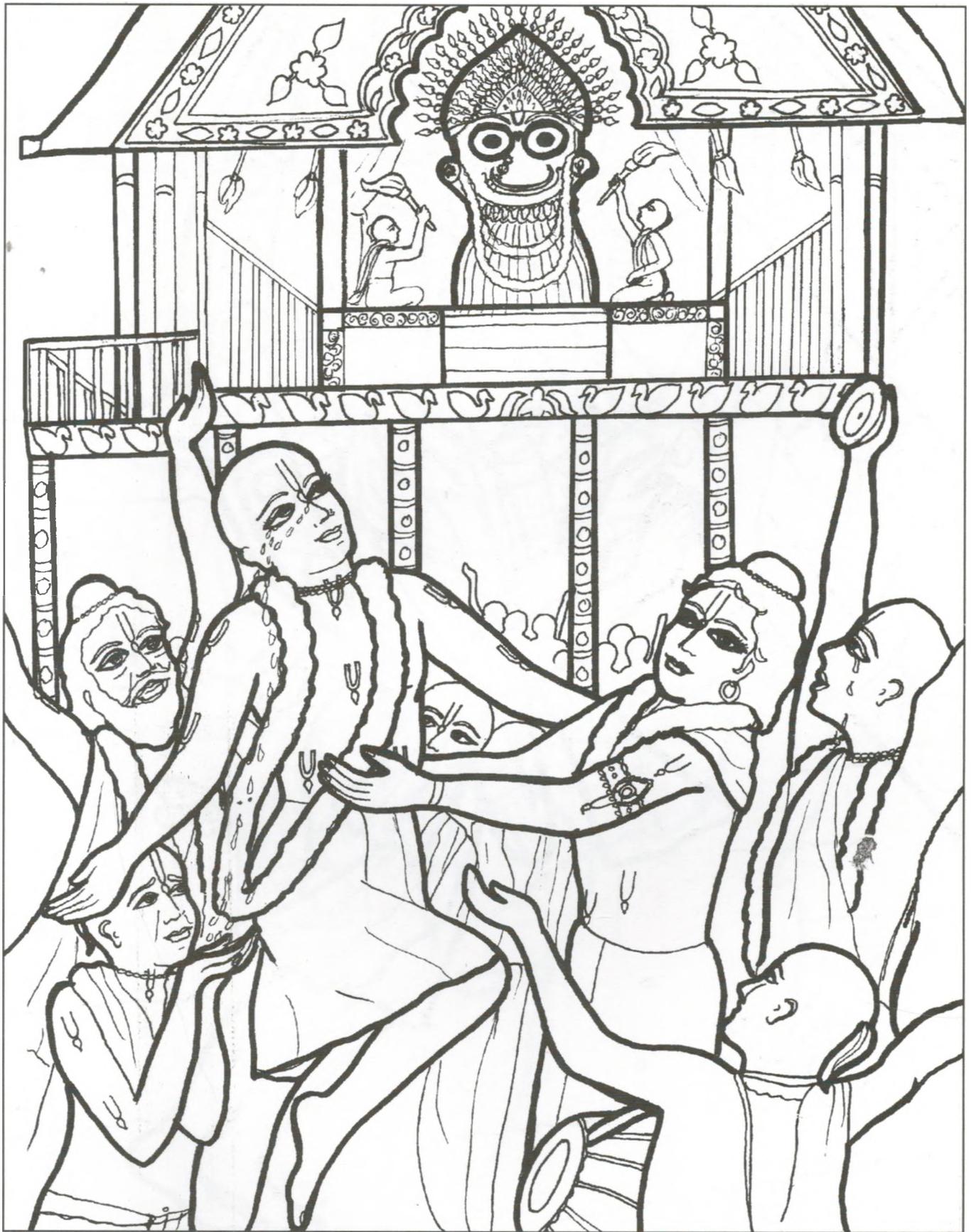
Thousands of years later, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu worships Their Lordships Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra at Puri.



Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His devotees clean the Gundica Temple with their own cloth and tears of love.



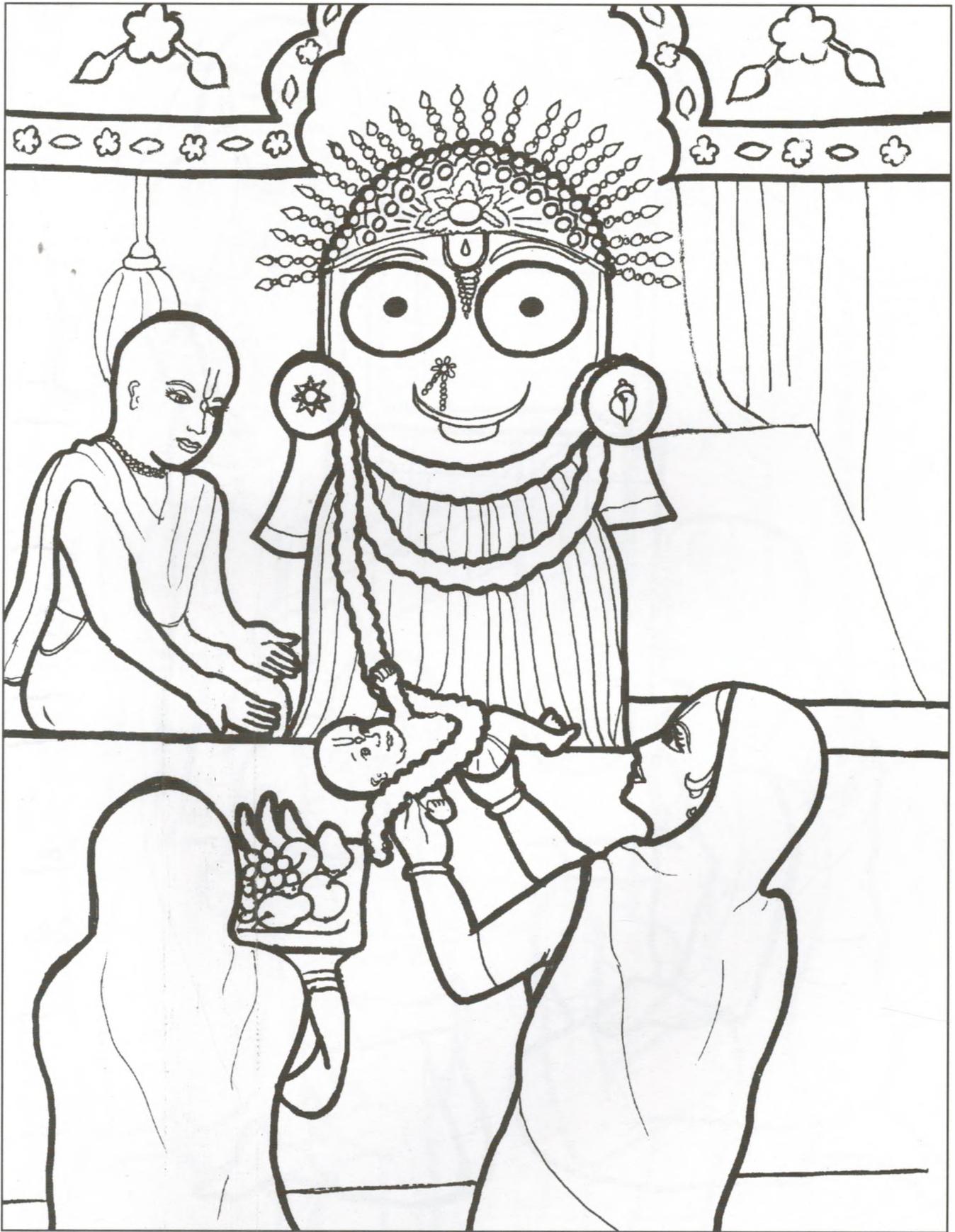
King Prataparudra sweeps the road with a golden broom.



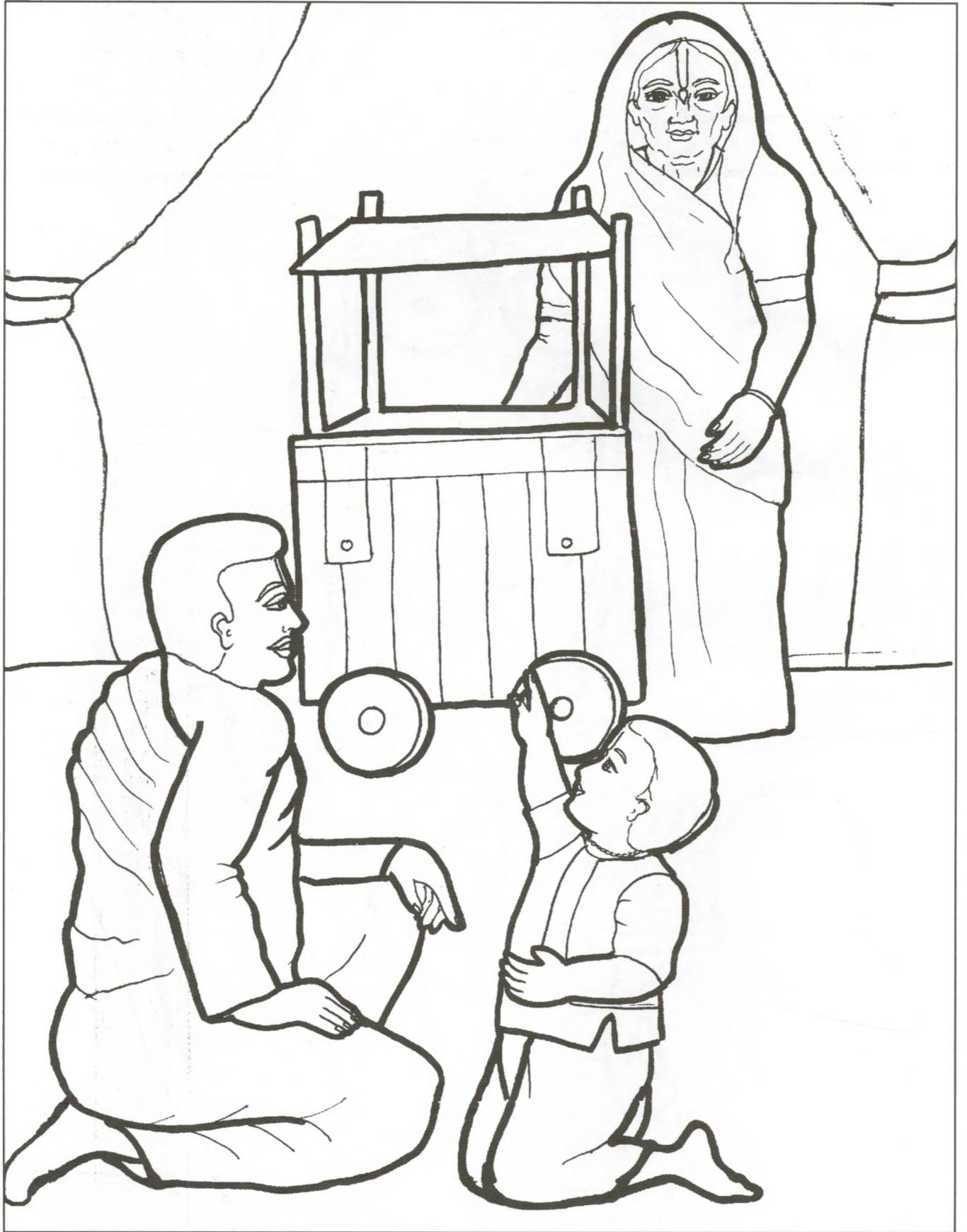
Crying torrents of tears in ecstasy, Lord Caitanya dances before the cart with all the devotees.



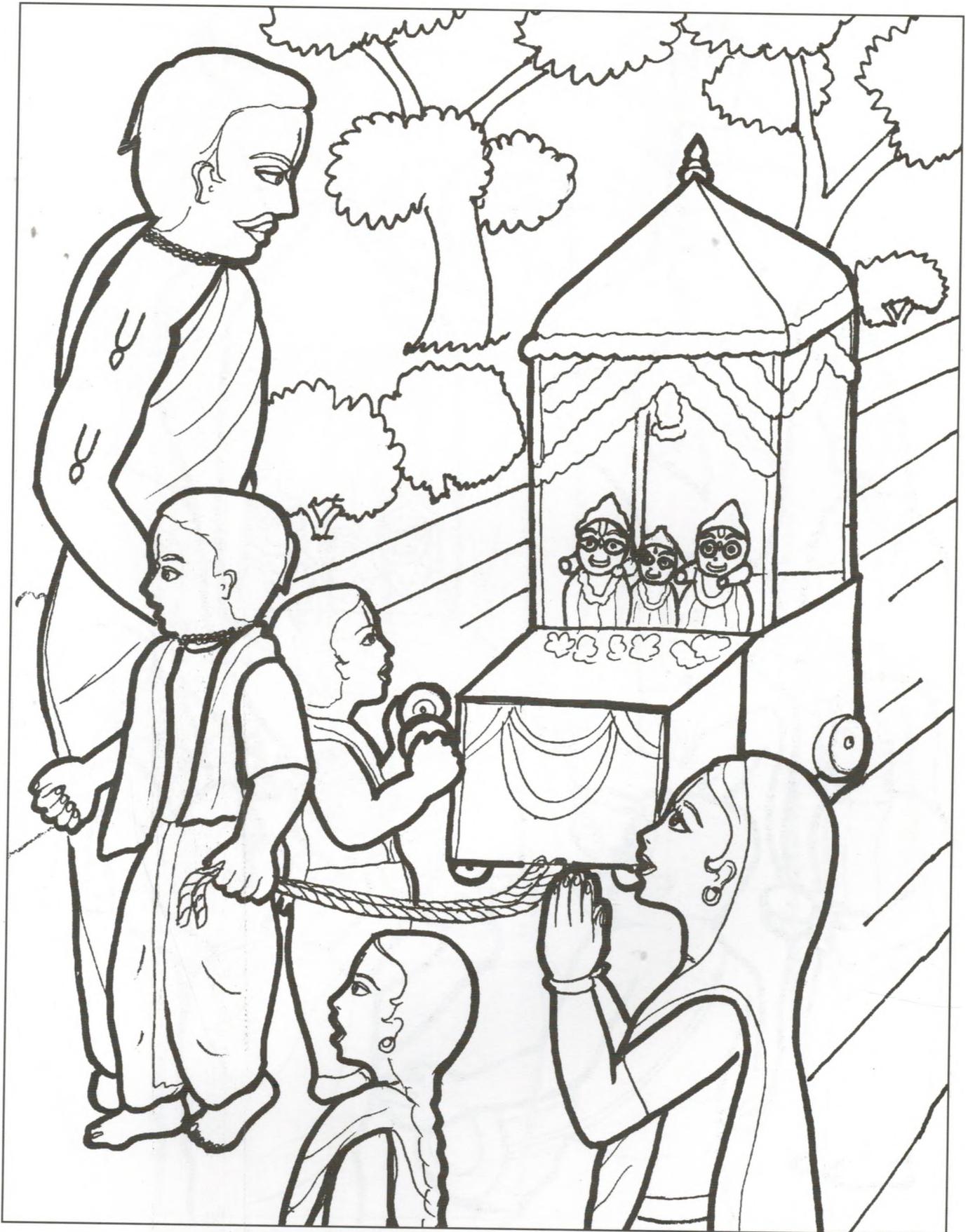
The cart stops and will not go any further, even with the king's elephants. Lord Caitanya goes behind the cart and moves it with His head.



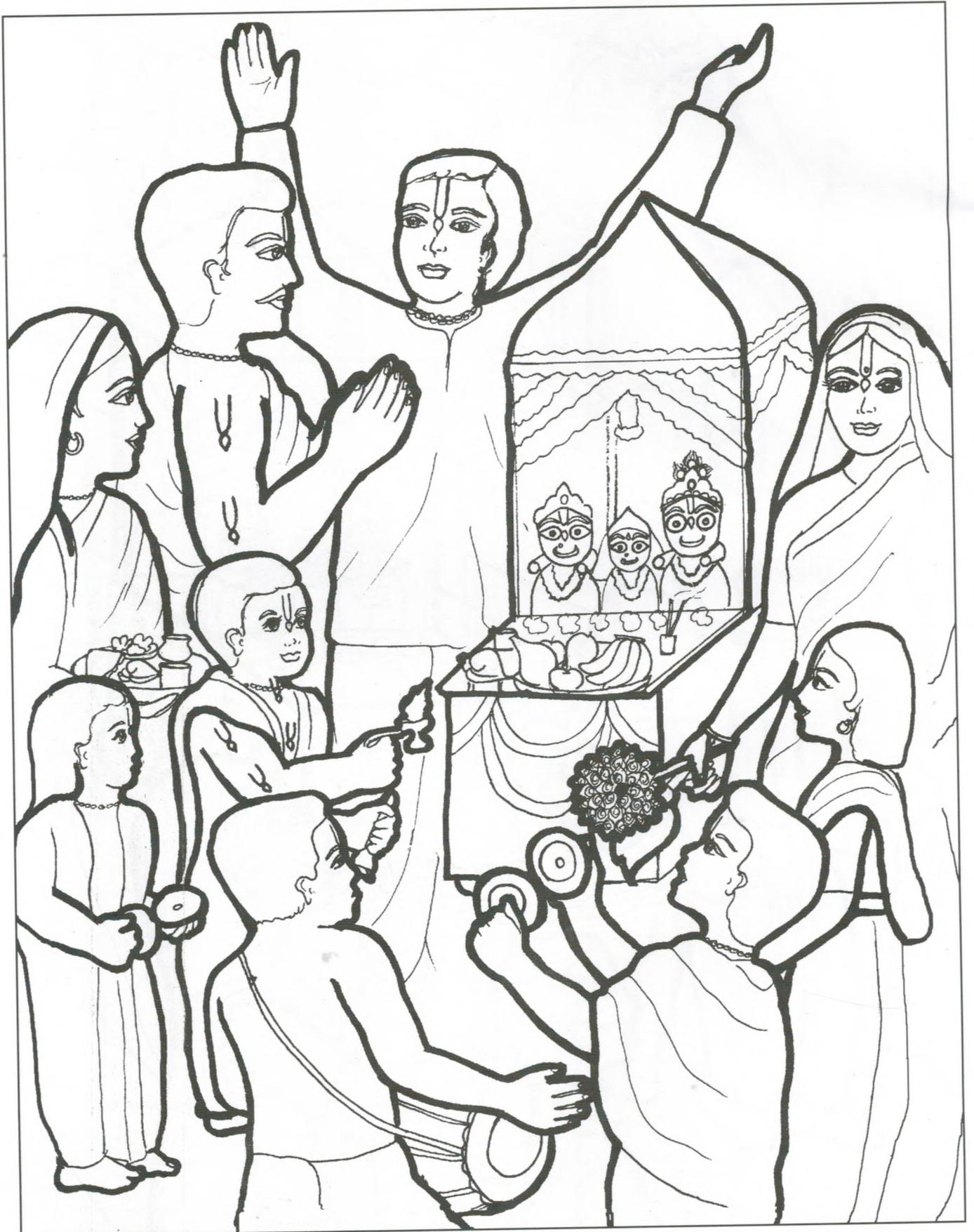
Lord Jagannatha blesses Vimal Prasad, who will later become Bhaktisiddanta Saraswati, the guru of Bhaktivedanta Swami.



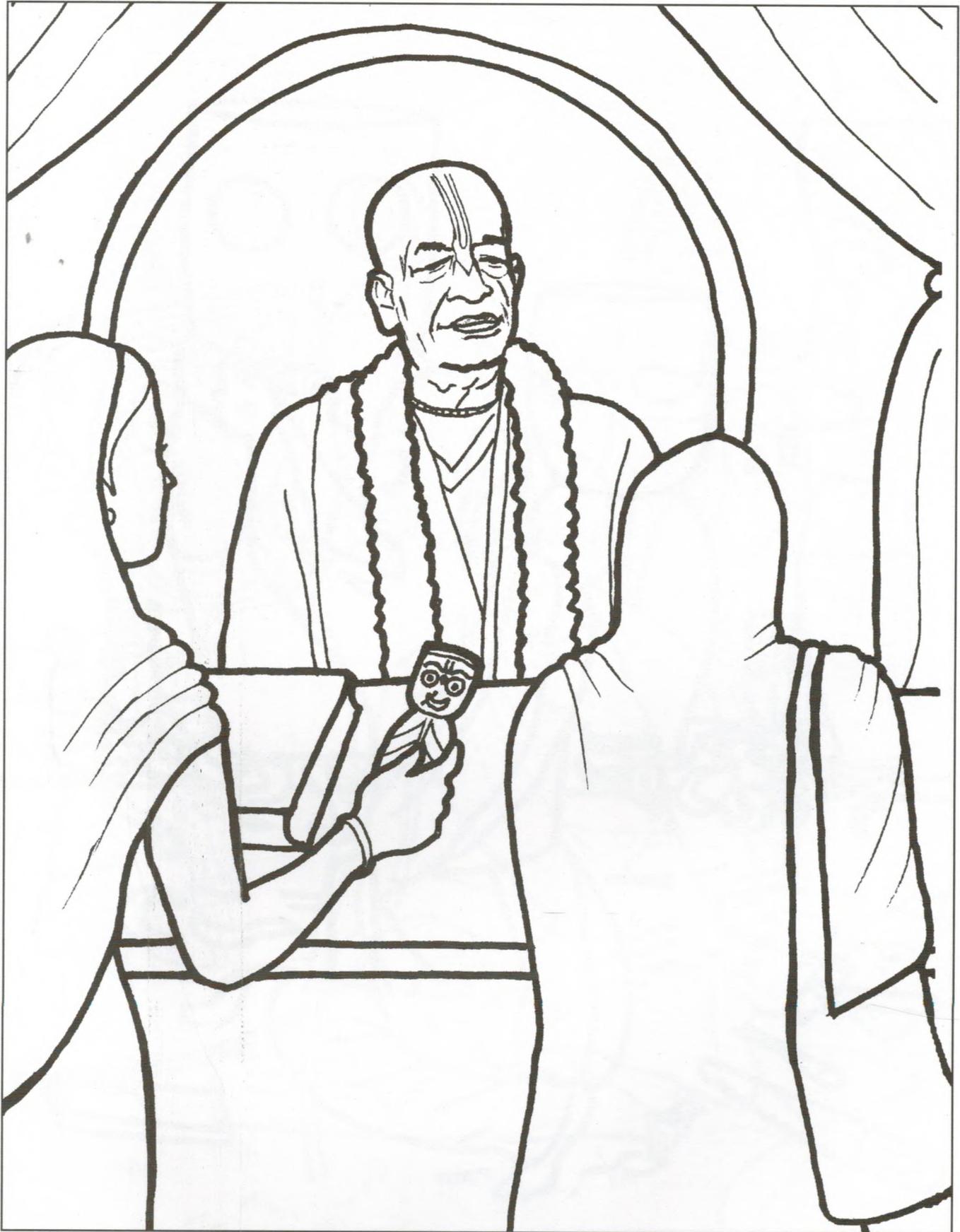
Little Abhay Charan and his father bring the new cart from one nice lady.



Children's Rathayatra.



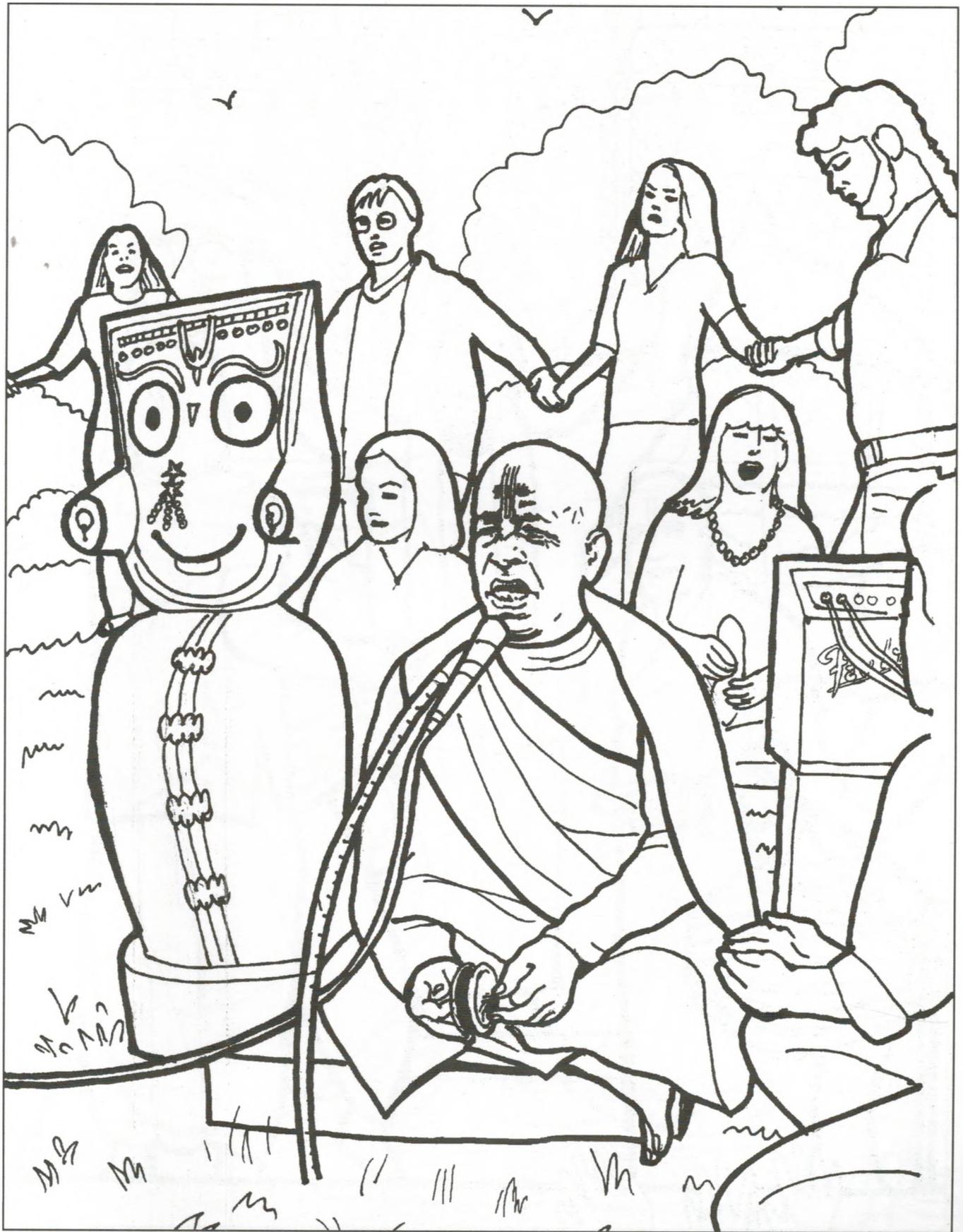
Abhay and the children perform arotik to Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra.



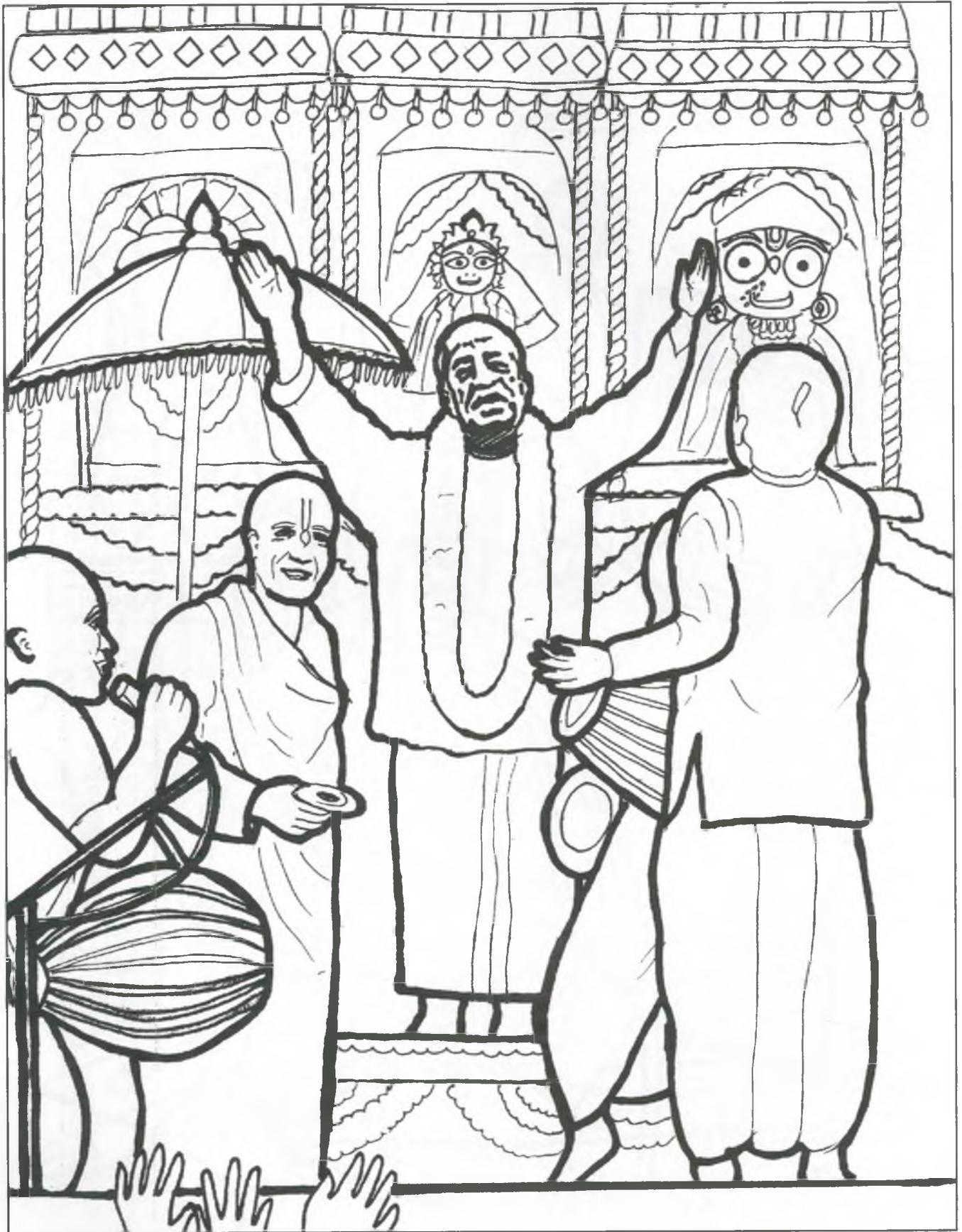
“What is this, Srila Prabhupada?” asked Malati and Janaki. “Just see,” said Prabhupada. “Lord Jagannatha has come!”



Shyamasundar carves the first Jagannatha Deities. He copies the small forms brought by Malati.



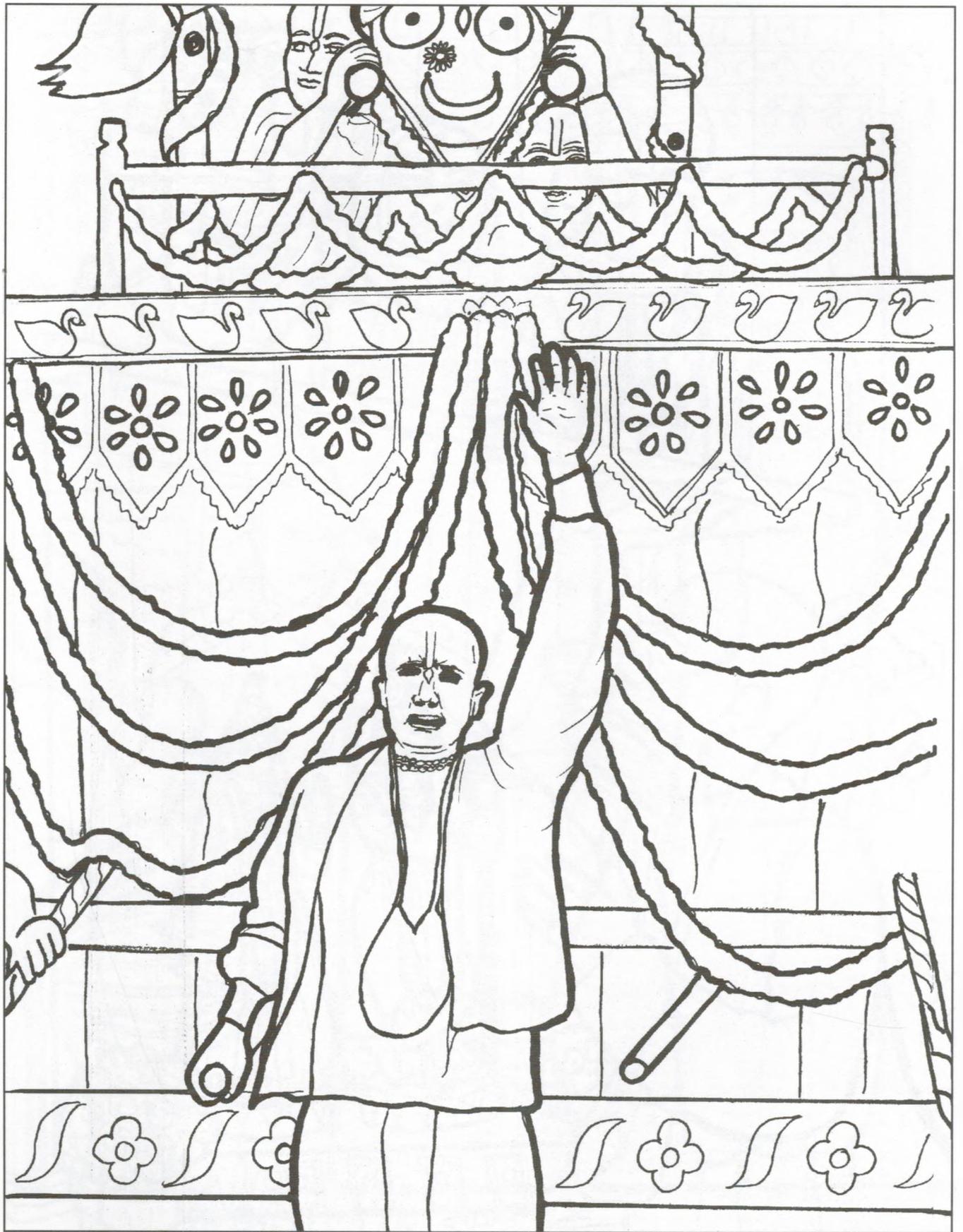
The devotees chant Hare Krishna in the park with Lord Jagannatha.



San Fransisco holds its first Rathayatra.



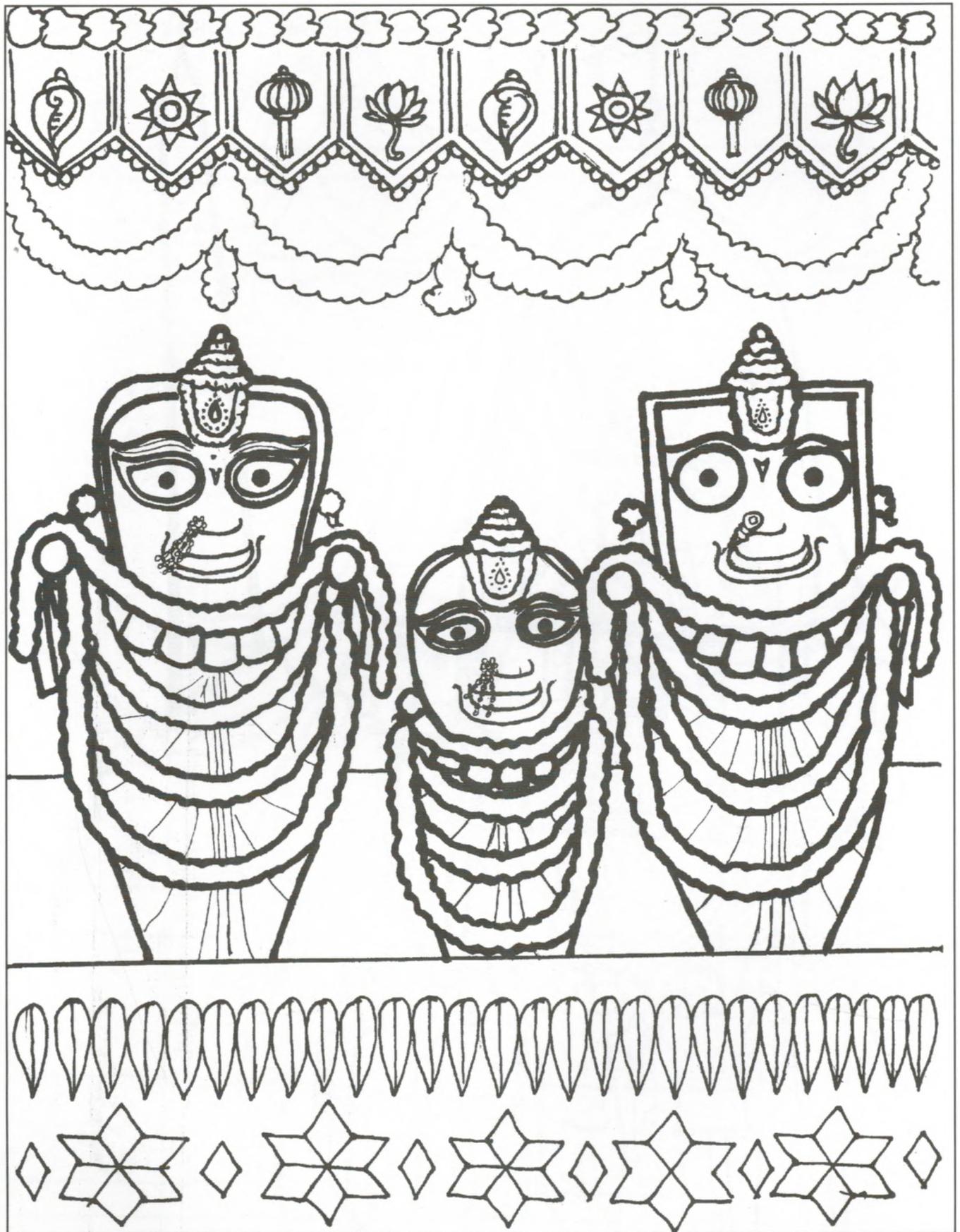
At the London installation of Jagannatha, the pillars start to fall. By his love, Srila Prabhupada holds up the Lord of the Universe with his own hands.



Jayananda das is known as "Mr. Rathayatra" because he builds all the carts for the Rathayatra Festivals in San Fransisco, Los Angeles and New York.



Rathayatra in Washington, D.C.



Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva and Lady Subhadra



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