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THE FIRST COMMANDMENT FROM INDIA

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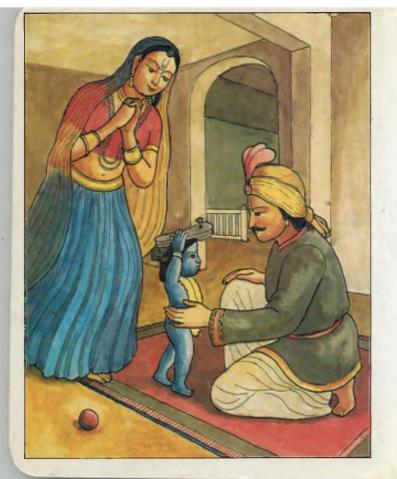
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MY LITTLE LORE BOOKS

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Who gives you everything plus extra special care? Who worries when you're sad or you're not there? Who gives all her love to you before any other? Who would do this but your very own mother? Who works hard all the day long just to give you food, clothing, and a safe place to live? From him you learn the secrets of body and soul, so you can choose later which way to go. For him it is no bother. Who is it? Your loving fail

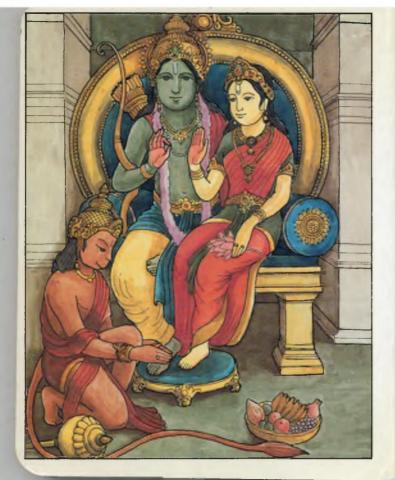
Who gives you her milk cheese and sweet butter? The generous cow is everyone's mother. Who tills the land for grains and many a vegetable? Did you guess your second father is the hard-working ball?

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Just as your mother gave her time, care and guidance, you'll get careful love from her helper, the nurse.

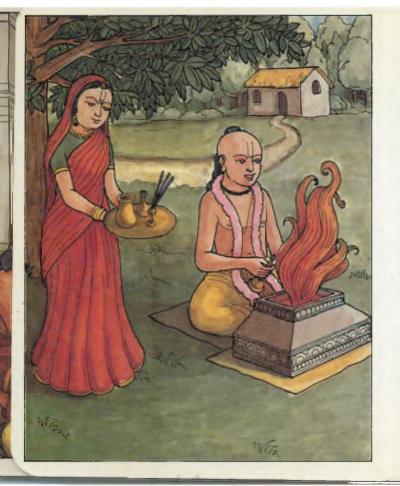
From a patient teacher you'll learn letters and how to be respectful. In ways of the world and of spirit he'll teach you how to be quite thoughtful.



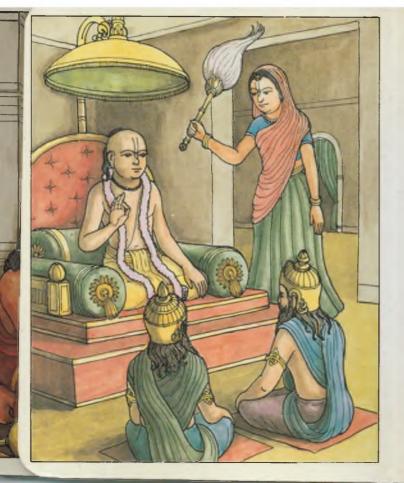


A king must see all in his kingdom safe, peaceful and well fed. He wishes them good happy lives on their way back home to Godhead.

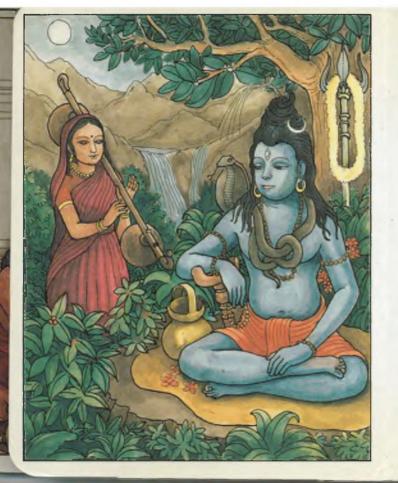
The queen loves all in her kingdom as a mother does her own children.



The importance of life for the brahmana's wife is knowing the best part of love is for God.

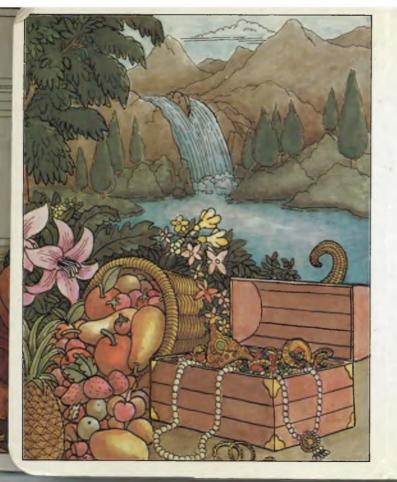


Who but the high priest is a brahmana who must teach the king to rule all nations under God?



The spiritual master teaches the way back to Godhead to disciples eager to listen.

His wife is faithful to him, and these students are just like her children.



Mother Earth gives more than enough for all of your needs. Her mountains are full of fresh water, jewels, plants and seeds; her forests full with trees, fruits, flowers and honey; and fields full with vegetables, cereals, all things a-plenty.



And who plants the seed? The Father of all that be! The Supreme Lord Sri Krishna gives shelter and feeds the elephant, the ant, the flower and bee, my mother, my father and, yes even me!