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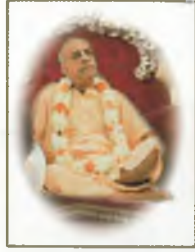
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the Lord of the Universe

Children's story book



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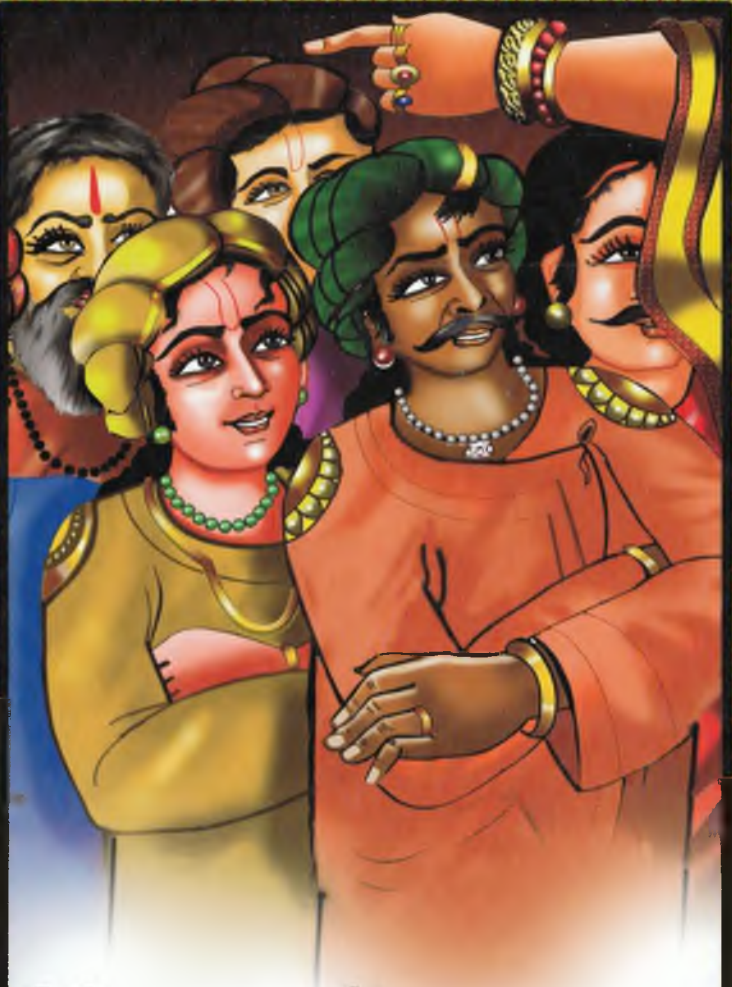


**D**uring Satya yuga there lived a king-Indradyumna of Malva dynasty. He was a great devotee of Lord Vishnu and had always desired to see the Lord.

Once, a brahmin visited him and informed about Purushottama Kshetra- a sacred place.

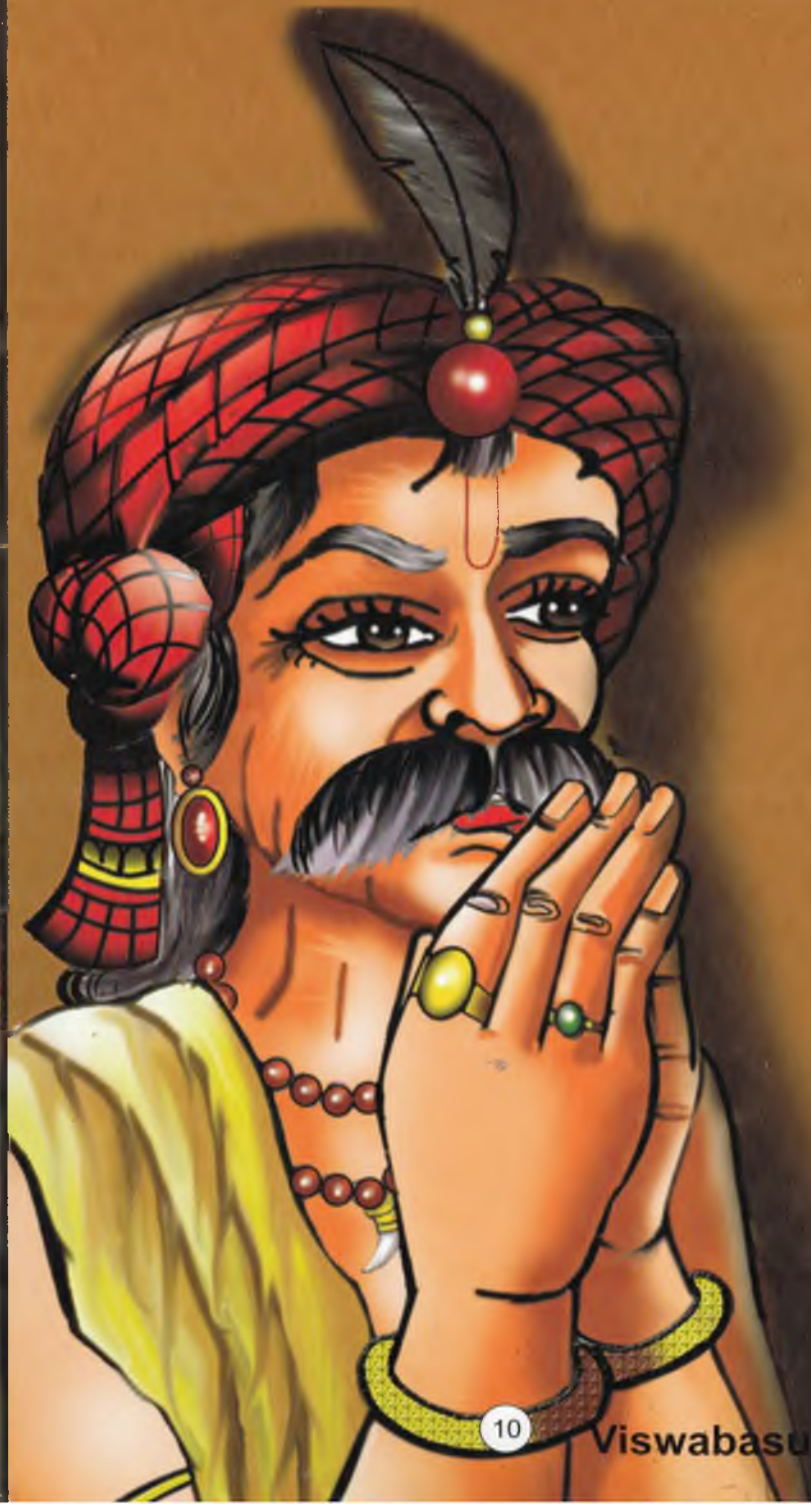


**T**he brahmin further described that in this sacred place, a beautiful form of the Supreme Personality of Godhead-Vasudev is worshipped. The deity resides on top of a blue mountain named Nilachal which is surrounded by dense forest. One who takes darshan of this deity gets liberated.



**H**earing this the king was elated and summoned all his best men. Among them he selected a brahmin named Vidyapathi. This brahmin was to explore the place and find more about Nilamadava.

**V**idyapati was extremely excited and delighted. He was so much lost in the devotion and thought of the Lord that he never felt hungry and thirsty all through the journey.



**A**fter crossing river Mahanadi, Vidyapati met a Sabar (tribal) named Viswabasu. Viswabasu was returning home after worshipping Nila-Madava. His body emitted divine fragrance and this surprised Vidyapati.

The tribal Viswabasu inquired more about Vidyapati. Later he invited him to his place and offered prasada. However Vidyapati was reluctant to accept anything until and unless he sees **Lord Nila-Madava.**



**V**iswabasu was hesitant to show the place to Vidyapati. At last he was convinced and led Vidyapati into the dark forest towards the top of the mountain. After a night long walk they reached Nilachal dham in the morning

**T**he deity of the Supreme Lord was enthroned in a grove. Vidyapati rushed towards the deity in ecstasy and offered his obeisances .



**H**e prayed for His mercy and was thankful to be so fortunate to have His Darshan.





**L**ater they returned to the house of Viswbasu. Vidyapati was offered varieties of prasada. He was surprised to see such opulent prasada and wanted to know from where did Viswbasu get all those. Then the Sabara explained that this prasada was offered by the demigods headed by Indra to Lord Nila-Madava who visited Nilachal dham everyday.



**V**idyapati then expressed the desire of King Indradyumna to build a beautiful temple for the Lord. After a few days of stay he left for Avantipura. All through his journey he meditated on Lord Nila Madava!





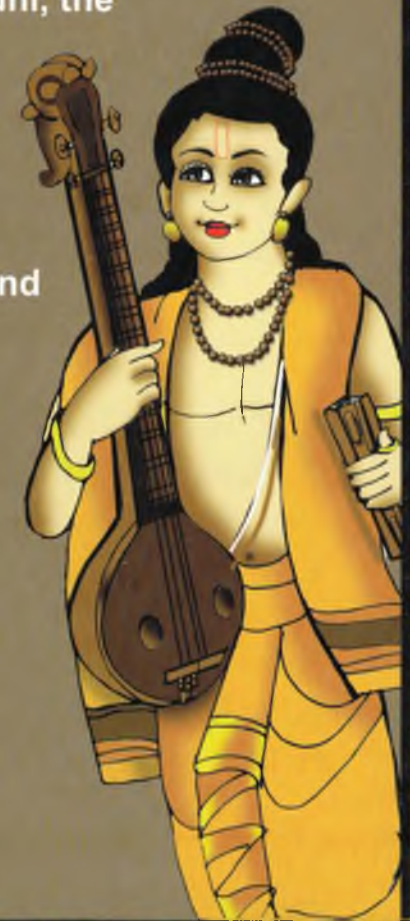
**W**hen Vidyapati returned, he presented King Indradyumna prasada - fresh garland of Sri Nila Madava. Receiving this the king was ecstatic and prayed to the Lord. Everyone surrounded there were relishing the sight of the king's pure love for Lord Vishnu.



**V**idyapati narrated his entire journey and described Nila-Madava's beautiful transcendental blue form seated on Ananta Shesha along with His eternal consort Lakshmi.

**W**hile Vidyapati was sharing his experience with the king, Narada Muni, the dear- most devotee of Lord Vishnu arrived there. Seeing him Indradyumna was delighted and welcomed him with great respect.

Narada Muni was pleased with the king's hospitality and blessed him.





**K**ing Indradymna expressed his desire of building a magnificent temple for Lord Nila-Madava. And requested Narada muni to enlighten him more about Nila-Madava and also help in fulfilling his desire.

**O**n an auspicious day, King Indradymna set out for the Nilachal Dham with Narada Muni and several others. When reached, the king was shocked to see that the deity had disappeared. And in the place of the deity there was a heap of golden sand. Seeing this the king was distressed.

A transcendental voice was heard that the king would get Lord's darshan, but in different form.



**N**arada Muni instructed him to perform 1000 Aswamedha Yajnas. The king also built a magnificent temple for the Lord to be installed.

After the completion of the Yajnas, it was revealed to him that the Lord would appear in the form of a Daru (sacred-log) or Daru Brahman from the ocean.



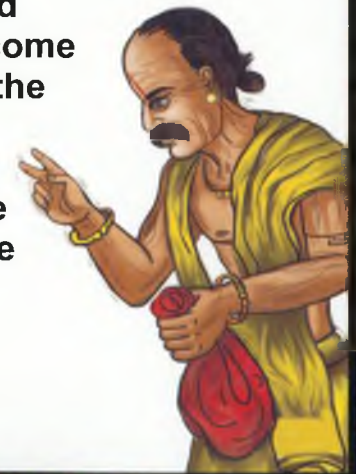
When the Daru Brahman appeared from the ocean with the marks of chakra- conch- lotus-club, the question was who would carve the deities..?

**M**any of the best carpenters were invited to do the carving. However, when they started carving their tools kept breaking.



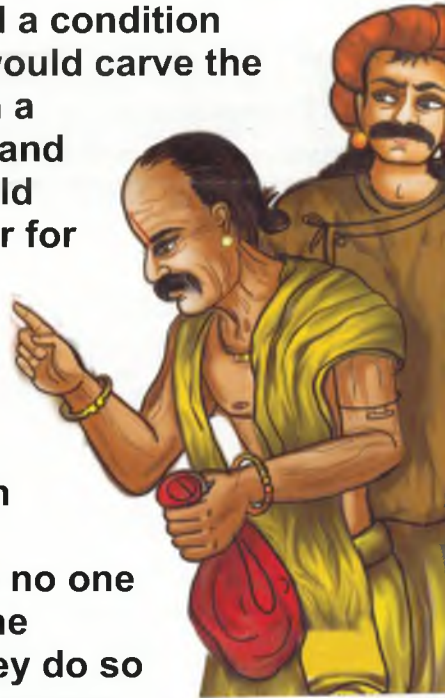
This worried the king and he started praying for a solution. He then heard a voice, that an old carpenter would come and he will carve the Daru Brahman.

Finally one day the carpenter did come and promised to finish the work in 21 days.



**B**ut he had a condition that he would carve the deities in a closed room and nobody should open the door for 21 days, otherwise he would disappear from the room with incomplete carving. Also no one should see the carving, if they do so they would become blind.

He went on carving and everybody could hear the carving sound each day. But on the 14th day no one could hear any sound. They thought there might be some problem to the old man's health.



**T**he king and queen Gundica Devi were anxious that something went wrong inside! In spite of the minister's warning, they ordered to open the door. It was on the 14th day. The old man as per his said condition disappeared. There remained three deities with no hands and legs inside the room.



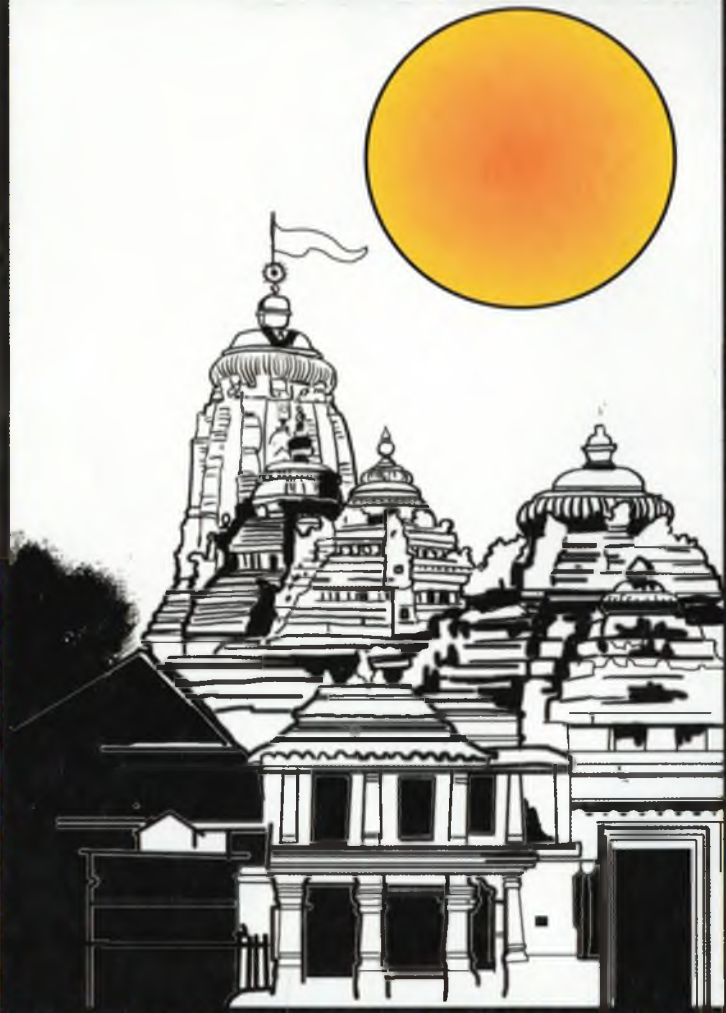
**K**ing Indradyumna regretted that he was the cause for the unfinished carving. At that moment Narada Muni appeared and consoled the king that this was the wish of the Lord to reveal Himself in this form as Jagannath, Baladev, Subhadra, and Sudarshan.

**N**arada Muni advised King Indradyumna to invite Lord Brahma for the installing the deities.



**S**o, King Indradyumna went to Brahmaloaka ( in Satya Yuga people were able to go to other planets in the same body!). Lord Brahma was happy to visit Sri Purushottama Kshetra.

**T**he installation was done on  
Poornima (full moon) day of  
Jyestha Month(May-June) .



**K**ing Indradyumna was delighted  
and grateful to have the Lord in  
such a beautiful form.



Jagannath, Baladev, Subhadra and  
Sudarshan are being worshipped  
even today  
at the  
Nilachala dham-Jagannath  
Puri-Orissa .