

Krishna Defeats the Cart Demon Shakatasur (Shakatasur Vadh Leela)



From the Krishna's Shakatasur Vadh Leela collection

Before We Begin



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This story is inspired by the kirtans in Shri Krishna Ki Shakatasur Vadh Lila from pushtikirtan.com. These kirtans express the divine experiences of Pushtimargiya poets. The pictures are based on their descriptions. This little book is for younger children who cannot yet read or understand the kirtans, so they may experience a little of their beauty and divinity.

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The king chose Shakatasur to lead his army. Shakatasur heard the news and grew very proud. Standing before the king with folded hands, he promised to go after Krishna. He boasted that he could harm the child, or even bring Him back to the king.



The king was pleased with that promise. He gave Shakatasur a betel offering as a sign that he should go. Again and again, the king praised him. Shakatasur bowed his head and set out, carrying the offering and feeling prouder than ever.



Then Shakatasur took the shape of a cart. A mighty rumbling reached the people of Vraj. Men and women looked up at the sky and all around them. What could be coming with such a crashing sound? They were so frightened that they hardly knew what to do.



At dawn, the cart demon reached the place where little Krishna lay in His cradle. Krishna held His foot in His hand and played with His big toe. He laughed and cooed, lovely in His baby form. Yet He knew that the enemy had come.



The proud demon had come against a tiny child. But Krishna needed only the slightest kick of His foot. There was a tremendous crash! The cart tumbled down, and Shakatasur was defeated. All his pride could not stand against that little kick.



The danger that had frightened Vraj was over. Krishna, Nanda's beloved son, had brought the demon's attack to an end. With that small movement of His foot, He had freed the people from their trouble. The little Lord in the cradle had protected them all.

Kirtans Used

Shri Krishna Ki Shakatasur Vadh Lila
Krishna's defeat of Shakatasur

View the source collection at pushtikirtan.com

Nripati Bachan Yah

Poet: Surdas (signed "Sur")

Narrative PDF pages: 3–4

<https://pushtikirtan.com/kirtan/nripati-bachan-yah-594>

Pan Lai Chalyau

Poet: Surdas (signed "Sur")

Narrative PDF pages: 4–8

<https://pushtikirtan.com/kirtan/pan-lai-chalyau-595>

Titles are transliterated from the verified original first lines. The story is an original English adaptation of both kirtans.