

Krishna's Dhanteras Pastimes

From the Dhanteras collection



Before We Begin



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This story is inspired by the kirtans in Dhanteras 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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On Dhanteras, Mother Yashoda calls her dear Krishna close. She gathers Him into her lap and holds Him with delight. To her, this beloved child is precious wealth. The festival is full of her love for Him, and of the joy of having Him near.



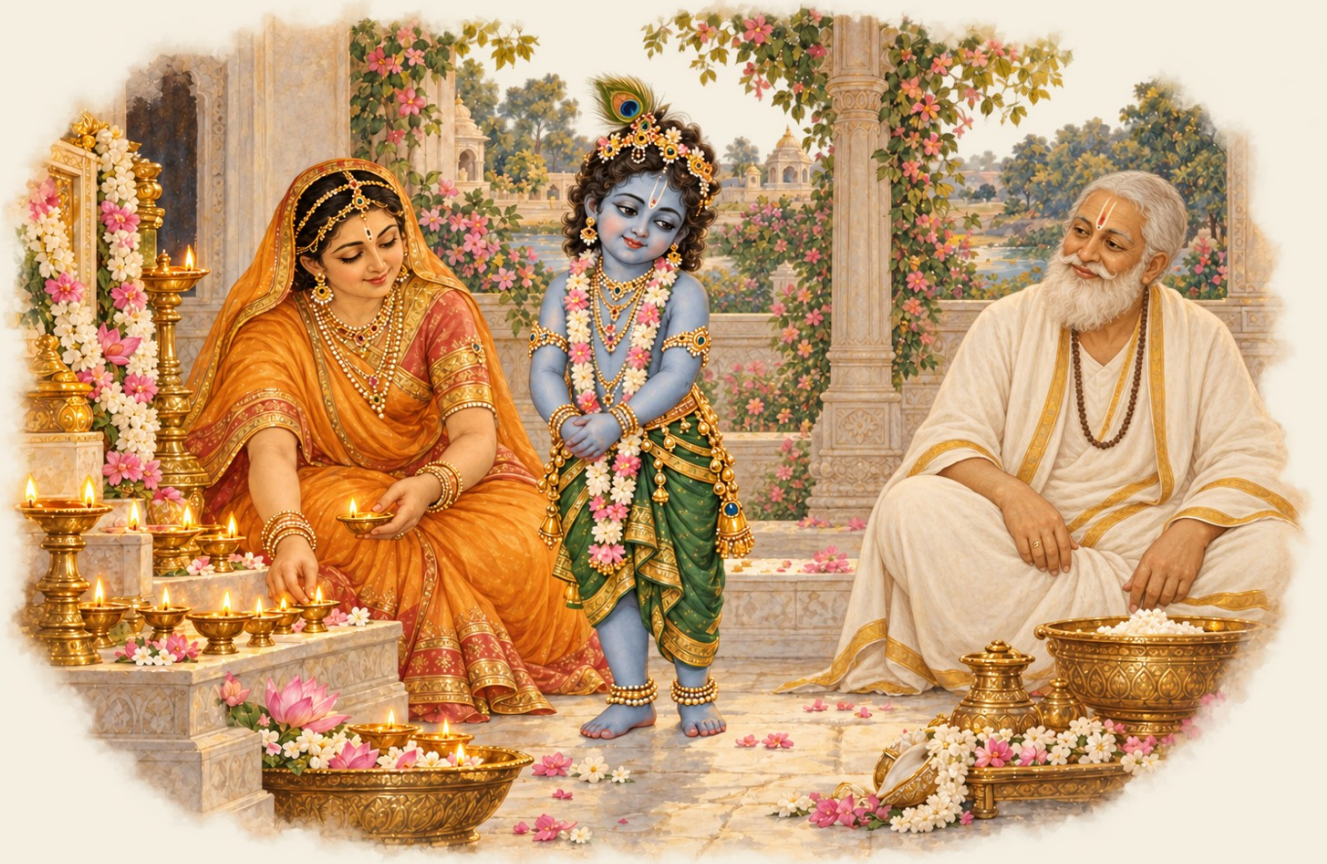
It is a special day in the month of Kartik. Yashoda sings sweetly as she bathes her treasured child. Her song and her loving care belong together. Krishna, whom she loves so dearly, is the treasure she tends on this happy festival day.



Fresh clothes are ready for Krishna. Yashoda dresses Him just as her heart wishes, choosing beautiful garments for her little one. Green cloth glows with gold work. She adds lovely ornaments, taking delight in each part of His festival dress. Her care makes the celebration full of love.



Now Yashoda looks at Krishna's face. His beauty fills her with happiness, through and through. She has bathed Him, dressed Him, and adorned Him with loving care. Looking at her dear child brings a deep, quiet gladness. Her heart feels soothed by the sight of Him.



For the festival worship, Yashoda calls Garg, the priest. She arranges little lamps filled with ghee, or clarified butter, setting them in place after place. Their flames shine as she worships with care. Dhanteras is a day for tending her precious treasure and offering Him the loving welcome of the festival.



Incense, lamps, and food are offered to Krishna. Yashoda keeps her gaze upon His beautiful face. The offerings are before Him, and her loving attention stays with Him. Across Vraj, the festival is celebrated with devotion. Its wealth is the love with which Krishna is cared for.

Kirtans Used

Collection: Dhanteras / धनतेरस

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यशोदा मदनगोपाल बुलावे

Yashoda Madangopal Bulave

Yashoda calls Madangopal

Poet not stated on the source page.

Story on PDF pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.

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आज माई धन

Aaj Mai Dhan

Mother tends her treasure today

Kumbhandas (name in the verse).

Story on PDF pages 4, 5, 6.

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धनतेरस रानी धन

Dhanteras Rani Dhan

The queen tends her treasure

Paramanand (name in the verse).

Story on PDF pages 4, 7, 8.

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