

Govardhana-pūjā: Dāmodara śukla-pakṣa Pratipat

Scripture: Resources

Activity: Have the children take the role of various persons in the story and answer questions.

Resource: You can cut these up and distribute them and have children give their responses. For young children, you can read some outloud and discuss answers. Older children can write their own, swap with a partner, and then discuss with the group. You can also use these ideas to write more of your own.

You are Mother Yaśodā. How do you explain that Kṛṣṇa is holding the hill?	You are Govardhana Hill. Describe what it feels like to have Kṛṣṇa holding you while Indra throws lightning at you.	You are the River Yamuna. How do you feel to overflow your banks and flood Vṛndāvana?	You are a sāmvertaka cloud. What are you thinking on each of the seven days that Kṛṣṇa holds up the hill?
You are a deer on top of Govardhana Hill. What do you do while Kṛṣṇa is holding the hill?	You are a flower in Vṛndāvana. What does it feel like to be flooded and then come back into the sunshine a week later?	You are Indra's wife, Śacī. How do you feel when his sacrifice is stopped? When he floods Vṛndāvana? When he apologizes?	You are a cowherd boy. What are you doing and feeling during the sacrifice? During the flood when you're under Govardhana?
You are a demigod. What are you doing and thinking when Indra floods Vṛndāvana and Kṛṣṇa lifts Govardhana? When Indra apologizes?	You are the rock that Kṛṣṇa stands on while He holds Govardhana. What are you thinking, seeing, hearing, and feeling?	You are a bird in Vṛndāvana. Where do you go when it starts to rain and flood. What do you see, think, and feel?	You live in nearby Mathura. When you hear about the flood and Kṛṣṇa lifting Govardhana Hill, what do you think, feel, and do?