

The Story of Ram and the Golden Deer

Once upon a time, in the forest of Panchavati, Lord Ram lived with Sita and his brother Lakshman during their exile. Life was peaceful until one day, a beautiful **golden deer** appeared near their hut. Its fur shone like the sun, and its eyes sparkled like gems.

Sita was mesmerized. She said, *“Ram, can you please get that deer for me? It looks so lovely!”*

Although Ram felt something strange about the deer, he agreed to fetch it for Sita. Before leaving, he told Lakshman to take care of her. Ram followed the deer deep into the forest. Suddenly, the deer cried out in Ram’s voice, *“Help me, Lakshman! Help me, Sita!”*

Sita panicked. She begged Lakshman to run and save Ram. Lakshman tried to explain, *“This might be a trick, Mother, please stay inside.”* But Sita insisted. Reluctantly, Lakshman drew a glowing line around the hut—the **Lakshman Rekha**—and said, *“Please don’t cross this line for your safety.”*

As soon as Lakshman left, a sage came asking for alms. But it was not a sage—it was **Ravana in disguise!** When Sita stepped out to give him food, she crossed the Lakshman Rekha. In that moment, Ravana revealed his true form and carried her away in his flying chariot.

This marked the beginning of the great battle of the Ramayan—Ram’s quest to rescue Sita, with the help of Hanuman and the Vanara army.

Moral of the Story

- Greed can blind us to hidden dangers.
- Always trust the wisdom of loved ones.
- Evil may come in disguise, but truth and virtue ultimately triumph.

Story 2: Hanuman – The Sun Fruit

Little Hanuman was always curious. One morning, he looked up and saw the glowing sun rising in the sky. To him, it looked like a giant **ripe mango**.

“Wow! Such a tasty fruit!” Hanuman thought, and with one mighty leap, he soared towards it. Birds fluttered away in surprise as the little monkey raced through the sky.

The gods gasped. Indra, king of heaven, cried, “If he swallows the sun, the world will be covered in darkness!” He hurled his thunderbolt, striking Hanuman on the jaw. The child fell unconscious to the earth.

Hanuman’s father, the Wind God (Pavan), was furious. He withdrew air from the world—soon no creature could breathe.

To calm him, the gods blessed Hanuman:

- Indra gave him protection from weapons.
- Surya, the Sun God, gave him wisdom.
- Agni, the Fire God, gave him immunity from fire.
- Varun, the Water God, gave him protection from water.

When Hanuman awoke, he was no longer an ordinary child—he was destined to be the mightiest devotee of Lord Ram.

Moral: Strength is a gift, but its true power lies in serving others with devotion.

Story 3: Geeta – Arjuna’s Duty

On the battlefield of Kurukshetra, Arjuna stood trembling. Across the field he saw his grandfather Bhishma, his teacher Drona, and cousins he loved. His hands shook as he dropped his bow.

“Krishna,” Arjuna said, “I cannot fight. How can I raise my weapon against my own family?”

Lord Krishna, calm and smiling, replied, “Arjuna, life is more than the body you see. The soul is eternal—it neither dies nor is born. To protect righteousness (Dharma), you must do your duty as a warrior.”

“But the pain of harming them is unbearable,” Arjuna whispered.

Krishna placed his hand on Arjuna’s shoulder. “Act without selfish desire. Fight not for hatred, but for justice. True victory lies in standing for what is right.”

Arjuna’s eyes cleared. He picked up his bow again, filled with courage. Guided by Krishna, he fought bravely—not for himself, but for Dharma.

Moral: Duty performed with selflessness is the highest form of righteousness.