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## KRISHNA SHOWS HIMSELF TO YASHODA

One afternoon Yashoda was busy cooking.

Krishna and his friends were playing.

Suddenly Balarama ran to his mother and said, "Mother, Krishna is eating sand".

At first Yashoda did not believe him. Soon the other friends too said the same thing. "What is wrong with

Krishna? Why is he

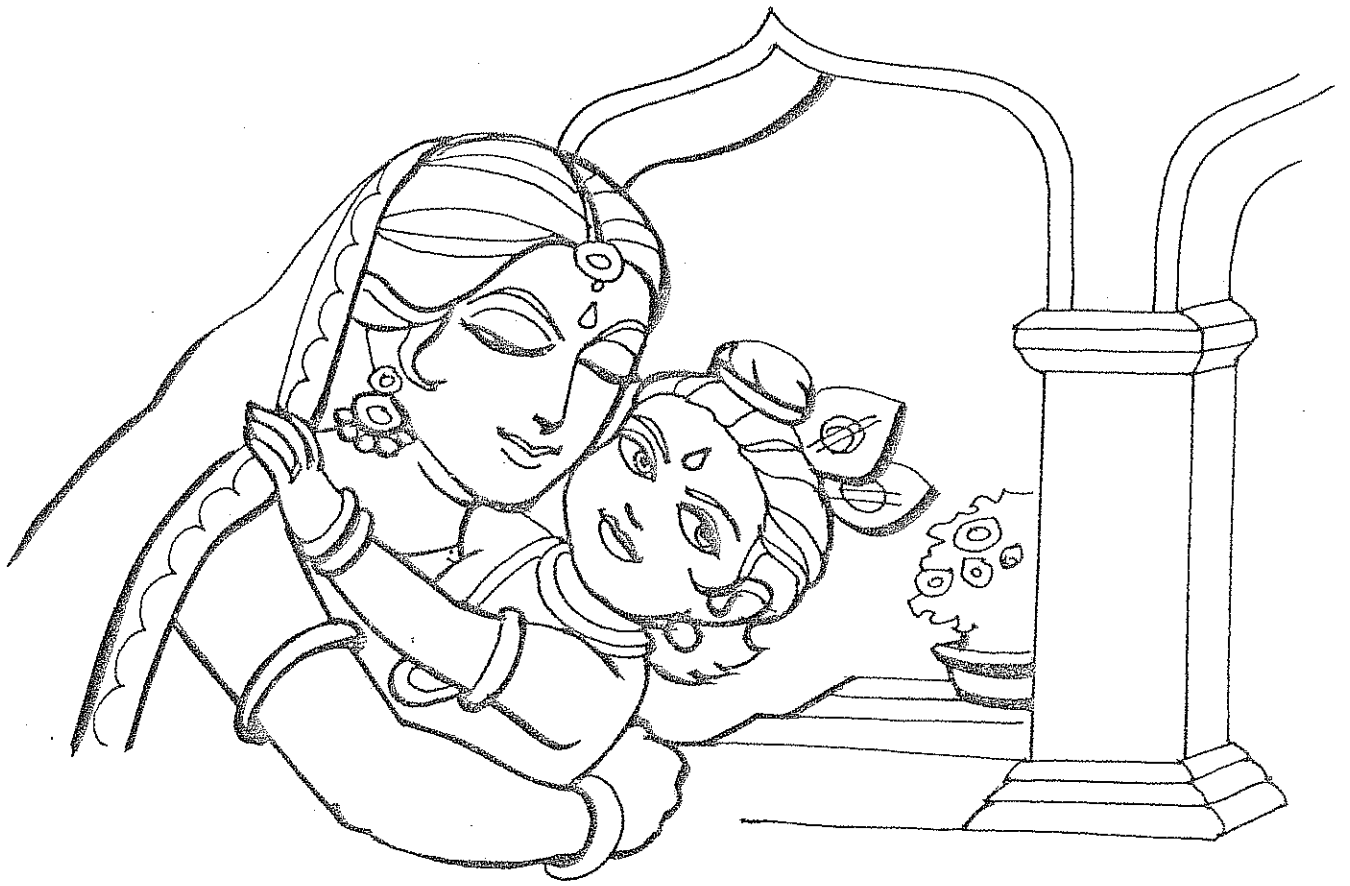
eating sand? At home I keep making all kinds of sweets for him", she wondered.

Trying not to get angry, she called him and asked, "What is this? I hear you are eating sand. Am I not feeding you enough?". In a pleading voice Krishna replied, "But, Mother, I have not eaten any sand. Balarama is telling lies. If you don't believe me, just look into my mouth". Yashoda said, "Alright. Open your mouth. Let me see".



Krishna opened his mouth. Oh! What did mother Yashoda see! - the whole universe. There was a strange light. She saw all the Gods. She even saw herself with Krishna sitting on her lap. For a moment Yashoda went blank. She thought her eyes were playing games with her. She looked again. It was as though she was seeing a movie of this whole universe in his mouth.





This frightened her. She was wonderstruck and a little confused too. "Oh Lord! Please protect my child", she prayed. She also remembered what the priest had said at Krishna's naming ceremony. "This is no ordinary child. He is Lord Vishnu himself who has taken birth to fight evil and wrong doers". Yashoda prayed to the Lord to take care of this child.

Krishna once again became her loving child. She cuddled him and rocked him. Yashoda decided to treat the whole scene as a dream and soon forgot about it.