

# The Birth of Krishna

## Teachers' Notes

Some suggested discussions and activities for your class.

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### Discussion Questions:

- Do you believe in "Fate"? Do our lives follow a plan, or lead to a destiny that we cannot escape?
  - Krishna is an avatar of the God Vishnu, and Hindus believe that Vishnu will return to defeat a great evil in the future. If Vishnu returned today, what "evil" or "evils" do you think he should deal with?
  - Most religions have a role model like Krishna for people to look up to and provide an example to follow. Who are today's role models? What do they tell us about our society's beliefs and values?
  - How are Hindu beliefs about God different and yet similar to the beliefs of the other major religions?
  - What are the similarities in this story to the accounts of Jesus' birth in Christianity? Can you see any similarities to other Biblical stories?
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### Activities:

- Investigate what happened to Krishna when he grew up, and how he finally defeated King Kans.
- Turn this story, or another story about Krishna into a comic book. Give yourself just ten frames to illustrate the key moments.
- Find out about all ten of Vishnu's avatars: their names, what they look like and their stories.
- Write a story in which one of Vishnu's avatars returns to Earth to deal with one of the "evils" we are facing in today's world.
- Find an example of the Dashavatar dance online. This is a classical dance which celebrates the ten avatars of Vishnu, each with a special dance move.

Kans had anger management issues...



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### Key Words:

Krishna	Devaki
Avatar	Yashoda
Vishnu	Shesha Naga
Kans	Maha Maya
Vasudev	

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