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GHANSHYAM GETS HIS EARS PIERCED

When Ghanshyam was seven months old, Bhaktimata wanted to pierce his ears and get nice earrings for Him.

On Sharad Purnima, she arranged for the ear-piercer to come to Chappaiya. Bhaktimata took Ghanshyam on her lap. The ear piercer touched the needle gently to Ghanshyam's ear. A flow of light came out and the needle fell down. Everybody was surprised.

After the light disappeared, Ghanshyam was no longer in Bhaktimata's lap. Everyone started to look for him. Finally, Bhaktimata saw him sitting on the tree branch. She told Rampratapji to bring him down.

Rampratapji climbed up the tree but did not see Ghanshyam. When he looked down he saw Ghanshyam sitting on Bhaktimata's lap. When he was on the ground he was surprised to see two Ghanshyam's, one on the tree and the other on Bhaktimata's lap.

Finally Ghanshyam said to Bhaktimata "I will let you pierce my ears if you give me "Ghor" (Jaggery).

Bhaktimata bought "Ghor" from the house and gave it to Ghanshyam Maharaj. The playful Lord then agreed to get his ears pierced.

Questions:

1. How old was Ghanshyam when Bhaktimata wanted to get his ear pierced? *Seven months old*
2. Where did Ghanshyam disappear to when the piercer touched the needle to his ear, and who saw him first?
On a tree and Bhaktimata saw him sitting on the tree branch.
3. What did Ghanshyam Maharaj ask for before allowing them to pierce his ears?
"Ghor" (Jaggery).

Questions for group leaders to ask groups (discussion):

1. How many Brothers did Ghanshyam Maharaj have and what were their names?
Two brothers, Rampratapji and Iccharamji
2. How many children did Rampratapji have? *Three sons, and one daughter*
3. How many children did Iccharamji have? *Five sons and two daughters*