

Children Services

Hare Krishna!

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

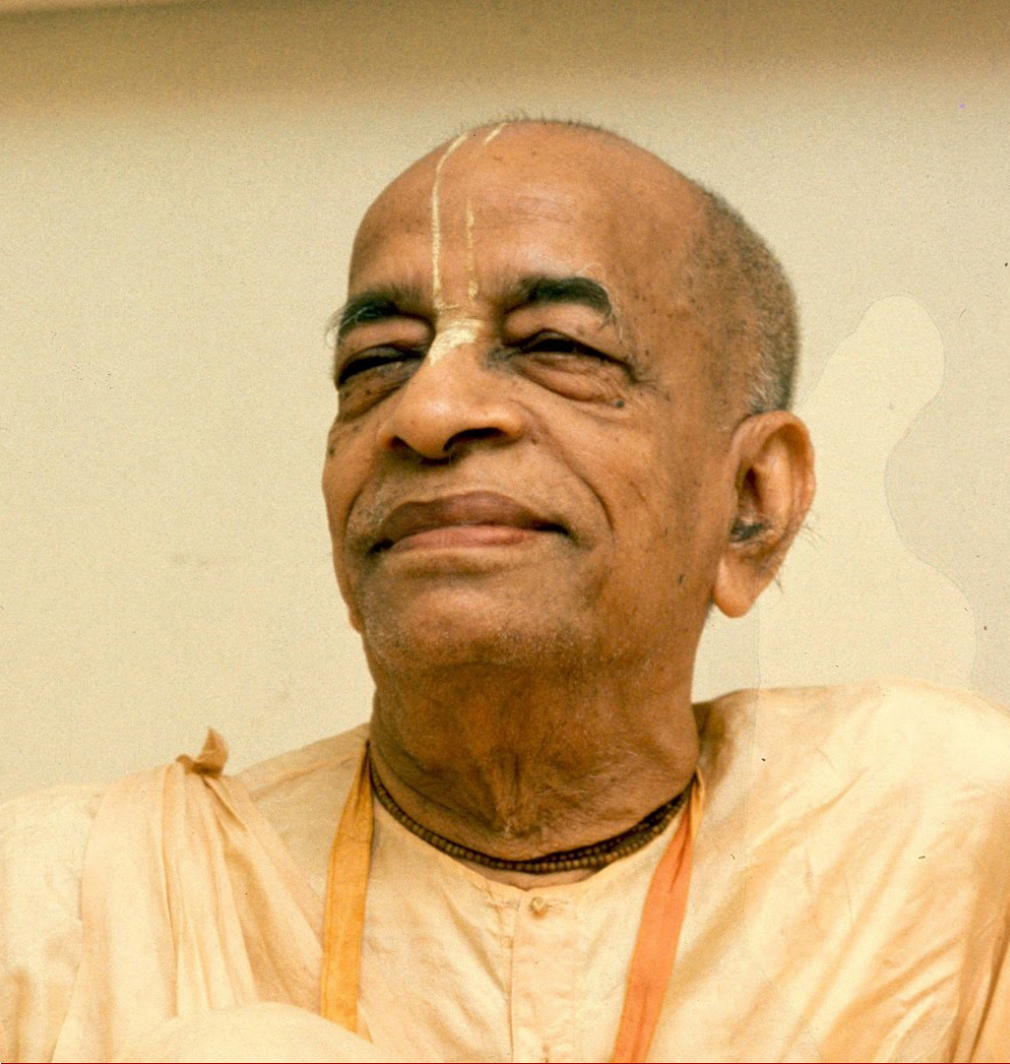
The Ministry's vision is to facilitate a dynamic network of devotees involved with children services in order to share with one another resources, materials and tools to assist those devotees who would like to start up children programs or enhance existing ones.

It is for this reason that we have created a Google group with more than 100 devotees involved in children services. Children services does not only refer to those who are conducting temple children programs or running gurukulas, it is also very much applicable to parents, teachers and any other devotees who may formally or informally be dealing with children. Children Services is not only con-

stantly trying to gather material from different temples and devotees around the world but is also compiling activity books for children and other resources for devotees involved in children services.

In the following pages you will be provided with a few web links which hold various kinds of resources such as festival books, articles, colouring pages, games, activity worksheets, videos and much more! We have also listed 10 Krishna conscious activities to assist in your service to our Vaikuntha children and have included the Ministry's products in relation with children services. To further reinforce the importance of this service, a few quotes have been given from His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.





“If the children are given a Krishna conscious education from early childhood then there is great hope for the future of the world.”

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Resources Web Links

1. <http://urmiladevidasi.org/category/free-educational-materials/for-children/>
2. <http://kids.iskcondesiretree.com/>
3. <http://gurukul.iskcondesiretree.com/>
4. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhtmK-Wc6vRTBi6spyypj_KUkHPhFAg1VI

Ten Krishna Conscious Activities

Here are 10 ideas that you can do with children in order to mould their lives around Krishna—making Him the centre and giving them a fun Krishna conscious upbringing in order to raise them to be good devotees of the Lord. In this way hopefully we can guide children to the correct path and bring them closer to Krishna.

- 1) Cooking for Krishna
- 2) Read Together
- 3) Play Krishna Conscious Games
- 4) Buy Krishna Conscious Activity Books for Them
- 5) Watch Krishna Conscious Videos
- 6) Other Devotional Activities
- 7) Do Arts and Crafts With Them
- 8) Do Fun Activities Based on Upcoming Festivals
- 9) Teach Them About Different Personalities
- 10) Teach Them Basic Deity Worship



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Ministry Products in Relation with Children

1. Our Future Hope

This book is a compendium of 30 articles from various renowned ISKCON authors who have been involved with children's education for many years. Their experience with children is shared here in the form of valuable principles; tips and advice for guiding children in Krishna consciousness. This book is valuable for our movement as Srila Prabhupada not only saw the children of ISKCON as the future hope of our movement, but of the whole world.

2. From the Very Beginning

A pre-school handbook full of ideas and guidance for parents and educators of young children to make their time with the children joyful, productive and connected with Krishna.

3. Art of Parenting- Principles and Practices

This book, a treasure-house of wisdom, comes as a boon for parenting. It is a rich collection of articles by the disciples of Srila Prabhupada and senior Vaisnavas presented in the form of:

- Inspiring instructions from Srila Prabhupada's books, letters and conversations.
- Real life examples and anecdotes from devotees and their children.
- Deeper insights into the practical aspects of parenting.

4. Srimad-Bhagavatam –Canto 1, Volume 1 and 2 A Comprehensive Guide for Young Readers

This guide provides children, parents and teachers with a delightful way to study Srila Prabhupada’s Bhagavatam, chapter by chapter. After you have read and discussed the translations with your children, you can turn to this guide for a chapter summary, key themes, analogies, and character descriptions. There are many fun and educational activities for each chapter, including word searches, language puzzles, art projects and songs. The activities accommodate a range of different learning styles, with the aim of cultivating in our children a lifelong love for reading Srimad-Bhagavatam.

5. Krishna Krida

Children have natural attitude to play. And, Krishna’s playful pastimes are natural attraction for a conditioned soul. Hence children can from very beginning cultivate taste for devotional service very easily and can be raised up to the stage of ruci, asakti and prema. The book involves detailed description of the psychology of a child at different age groups and how sambandha, abhidheya and prayojana can be achieved at every stage. The book goes on to deal in great detail with each and every game Krishna played with His cowherd friends. King Pariksit used to play similarly in love of Krishna as explained by our acaryas.



“These children are the future hope of our Society, so it is a very important matter how we are training them in Krishna consciousness from the very childhood.”

Srila Prabhupada

“A child is a rare gift given by Krishna, but at the same time a great responsibility; every parent has the responsibility to see that his child grows up Krishna conscious. I know that you understand this, and will always make Krishna the center of your home”

Srila Prabhupada



“No, example is better than precept. If you actually follow strictly the rules and regulations and chant sixteen rounds, why they’ll not follow? They’ll follow. If you are not attending class, if you are not attending mangala-arati, if you are not finishing sixteen rounds, then that is bad example.”

Srila Prabhupada