

INDIAN FOLK TALE

Krishna and Radha

(From the Children's Book: *It's Time for Holi!*)

Once upon a time there was a Lord named Krishna. When Krishna was born, he was born with dark, blue skin. While he was growing up, he always felt different from everyone else. He would often complain to his mother that he wanted to look like his friends. He was especially jealous of his good friend Radha, because he felt like she had beautiful, fair skin.



One day, his mother jokingly told Krishna that, maybe, he should make Radha's face a different color. Krishna was known to be naughty and was always playing jokes on his friends. He liked this idea very much. He really did want to change the color of Radha's face and decided to put the same dark, blue color on her skin. That day, all their friends joined together to put color on one another.

Today, Holi brings people from many different and diverse backgrounds together, rich or poor, young or old. From playing Holi, people learn to share their similarities, and celebrate their differences with one another.