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# Holi!



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India's Festival  
of Colors

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## Pronunciation Guide

Chhoti – Chh-o-tee

Chintu – Chin-too

Dahan – Duh-hun

Didi – Dee-dee

Gujia – Goo-jee-yaa

Gulaal – Goo-laal

Hola Mohalla – Holaa-mohullaa

Holi – Ho-lee

Holi Hai – Ho-lee Hay

Holika – Ho-lee-kaa

Holi Milan – Ho-lee Mee- lun

Pichkari – Pitch-kaa-ree

Prahlad – Pruh-laad

Thabal Chongba – Thu-Baal  
Chong-Baa

Thandai – Thun-da-yee



*Note for parents:* Our books provide a glimpse into the beautiful cultural diversity of India, including occasional mythology references. Given India's size and diversity, Holi is celebrated in a multitude of different ways. In this book, we showcase elements of Holi celebration that are best suited for young readers to follow.

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Hi! I'm Maya. I love to go on fun adventures in India with my brother, Neel.

Hi! I'm Neel. We live in Chicago. We just landed in India to celebrate Holi. Come join us.

This is a map of India. India is a big country. It has many states, languages, festivals, and dances.

Holi is one of the most fun festivals of India. It's called the Festival of Colors. It's celebrated all over India in many different ways.



Hi! I am Chintu, the squirrel. I love to join my friends on their trips.



Maya, Neel and Chintu meet their cousin Ameya in India. A sister or girl cousin in India is called *Didi*. Ameya lives in a big city with tall buildings.

"I am very excited that you came to visit me," Ameya says. "Holi starts tomorrow. You're going to love this holiday!"

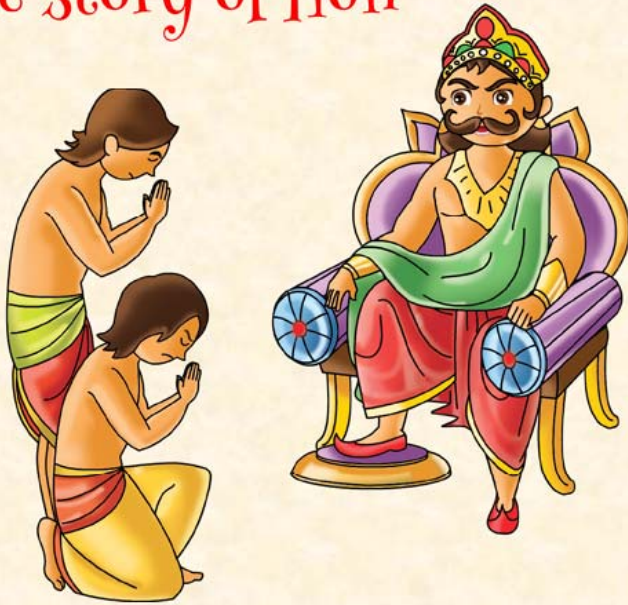
"We love every Indian holiday!" Neel says. "Tell us about Holi, *Didi*."



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# The story of Holi

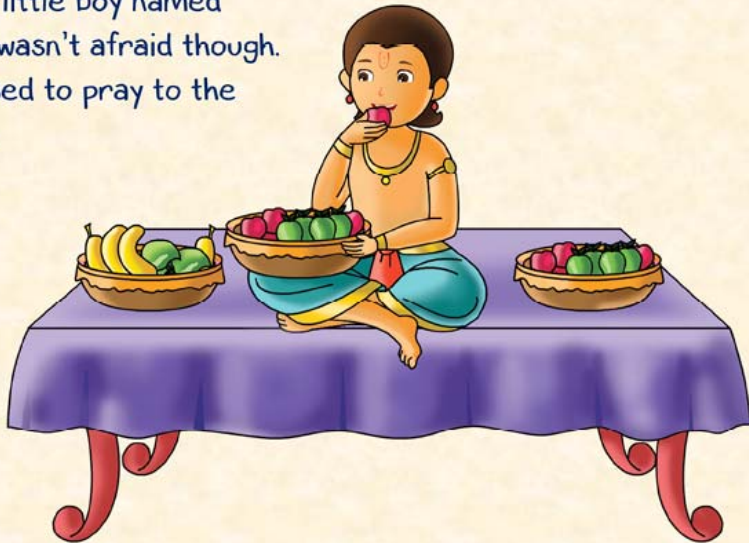
Once upon a time, an evil king ruled in India. He thought he was the most powerful king of the world. He wanted everyone to pray to him.



The king tried to scare *Prahlad* with mean words. But it did not work. *Prahlad* still refused to pray to him. The king got very angry. He thought of a way to hurt *Prahlad*.



A brave little boy named *Prahlad* wasn't afraid though. He refused to pray to the evil king.



The king's sister, *Holika*, had a magical power. She could sit in fire without getting hurt.



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