

# Caitanya Reader Book One

## Śrī Caitanya A Children's Reader

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# The Maha Mantra

In this age of Kali,  
there is no other way, no other way,  
no other way to know Kṛṣṇa  
than to chant:

Hare Kṛṣṇa  
Hare Kṛṣṇa  
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa  
Hare Hare  
Hare Rāma  
Hare Rāma  
Rāma Rāma  
Hare Hare

# Lord Caitanya Moves the Clouds

Lord Caitanya loved to have kīrtan every day.

He never liked to stop chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa.

One day clouds gathered in the sky. They cracked with thunder and all the devotees became afraid.

Lord Caitanya took His karatāls and began to chant:

HARE KṚṢṆA HARE KṚṢṆA KṚṢṆA KṚṢṆA HARE HARE  
HARE RĀMA HARE RĀMA RĀMA RĀMA HARE HARE.

He looked up at the clouds and chanted loudly. In a moment all the clouds went away. The sky became clear and the bright moon rose. Lord Caitanya danced and chanted with His happy devotees.

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## New Words

karatāls

cracked

# WAKE UP!

Don't sleep; don't sleep.  
Poor sinful souls.  
Hear Lord Caitanya's call.

Please chant; please chant  
Caitanya's name.  
He's come to save us all.

# Word Study

## Read and Spell

bat	make	day	mail	bear
cat	rake	hay	tail	hair
fat	cake	say	sail	tear
hat	lake	pay	hail	care
mat	bake	gay	pail	fair
rat	take	way	nail	rare

## Read and Answer

1. Add more words to the above lists
2. Find three words that rhyme with each of these words:

man      map      game      sew

## Write

1. the fair pair sat of that mat.

# The Mango Tree

One day Lord Caitanya had a big kīrtan with all of His devotees. Feeling very tired they all sat down. At that time, Lord Caitanya put a mango seed in the ground and a big mango tree began to grow. The mango tree grew bigger and bigger. Full sweet fruits grew all over the tree.

Lord Caitanya picked two hundred fruits from the tree and washed them. Then He offered them all to Lord Kṛṣṇa. All of the fruits were perfect red and yellow mangoes. They had no seed and no skin. Even one fruit would make a man feel full.

So Lord Caitanya ate a fruit and then He fed all the devotees. In this way the mango tree gave mangoes every day for one year. All the devotees held great kīrtans. When they felt tired they would sit under the mango tree and eat the holy fruit. This made Lord Caitanya very happy.

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## New Words

mango  
hundred

# The Lord's Illness

Once upon a time Lord Caitanya went to Gayā. Many of His friends and devotees went with Him. On the way there He became very sick. His fever was very high.

Lord Caitanya asked His devotees to bring Him water that had washed the feet of brāhmaṇas. When they brought the water to Lord Caitanya, He drank it.

The fever went away and the Lord was cured by the mercy of the brāhmaṇas.

The Lord and His devotees were always kind to the perfect brāhmaṇas.

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## New Words

fever

brāhmaṇas



# Caitanya's Mercy

Just as a river flows downstream,  
So Lord Caitanya's mercy flows down to the most  
fallen.

# Word Study

## Read and Spell

pet	seed	sheep	tea	bed
bet	lead	heap	me	head
let	bead	deep	sea	shed
set	need	leap	bee	red
wet	read	reap	he	led
net	speed	keep	tree	fed

## Read and Answer

1. Add more words to the above lists
2. Find three words that rhyme with each of these words:

seat      leap      end      best

## Write

1. The bee in the tree will not see me.
2. We need to bead seed beads with speed.
3. Let me get the net to set the wet wig.

# Lord Caitanya teaches Śachīmātā

One day Lord Caitanya went to His mother. He fell down at her feet and begged, “Please give me one boon.”

Mother Śachī said, “My dear son, I will give You whatever You ask.”

The Lord smiled and said, “Please don’t ever eat grains on Ekādaśī.”

“You have spoken very nicely, Nimai,” said Mother Śachī. “I will not eat grains on Ekādaśī.” From that very day, Śachīmātā always fasted on Ekādaśī day.

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## New Words

boon  
Ekādaśī

# The Tailor Becomes a Devotee

Śrīvās Thākura had a tailor who sewed nice clothes for him.  
But this tailor was a meat-eater. He was not a devotee.

One day the tailor saw Lord Caitanya dancing. He became so  
happy seeing the Lord dance that he watched and watched.

Lord Caitanya wanted to be kind to this poor tailor. He  
showed the tailor His real form as Kṛṣṇa.

The tailor jumped up, saying, “I have seen! I have seen!” He  
began to dance with Lord Caitanya.

After that the tailor became one of the best devotees of the  
Lord.

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## New Words

tailor  
meat-eater

# Lord Caitanya's Anger

Little Lord Caitanya liked to play. Once He went with His friends to a nearby house. He stole all the foodstuffs and ate what He wanted. Then He gave the rest to His playmates. When they were finished He picked a fight with them.

The little children went to Śachīmātā. They all said, “Nimai is stealing from the other houses. He is eating the stolen foodstuffs and then fighting with us.

Śachī was very sad. She said to Lord Caitanya, “Why do You steal from the others? Why do You beat the children? Why do You go inside other's houses?”

Nimai did not want to hear His mother's harsh words. In great anger He went into His room and broke all of the pots.

Śachīmātā took the small child on her lap. When He was very calm He was sorry for breaking all the pots.

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## New Words

playmate

calm

foodstuffs

harsh

# Word Study

## Read and Spell

sit	kite	ride	mile
hit	bite	side	pile
bit	bright	tide	tile
fit	light	hide	file
pit	night	wide	dial
lit	tight	lied	style

## Read and Answer

1. Add more words to the above lists
2. Find three words that rhyme with each of these words:

tin          shirt          tire          mice

## Write

1. It is not right to fight at night.
2. The bright light might not be right.

# My Deity

I make Him garlands  
Flower by flower.  
I chant His names  
Hour by hour.  
I serve Lord Kṛṣṇa  
In this way,  
Thinking of Him  
Day by day.

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## New Words

garland  
hour



# The Day Lord Caitanya Roared

One day Lord Caitanya asked Śrīvās Thākura to read one thousand names of Lord Viṣṇu. Śrīvās was very pleased to do this. But when he read the name of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, Lord Caitanya became very, very still.

Then the Lord became angry just like Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva Himself. His eyes were red. His hair stood on end. His body shook all over and He made a big roar. In His angry mood He took up a big club and everyone was afraid.

In this mood of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, Caitanya ran into the streets with His club. He wanted to kill all of the demons. The people saw the anger of the Lord. They were all afraid of Him. They ran away.

When the Lord saw that all of the people were afraid, He went back to the house of Śrīvās Thākura. The Lord is so kind. He was feeling sad about all of the people who had been frightened by Him. But Śrīvās Thākura said, “Anyone who saw

You in the mood of Lord Nṛsimhadeva is now free from material life.

# Lord Caitanya Sees His Brother

Lord Caitanya had a brother named Viśvarūpa. One day Lord Caitanya’s father said, “Viśvarūpa is growing up. We must find a girl for Him to marry.”

When Viśvarūpa heard this He ran away. He took sannyāsa and wandered to all the holy places.

One day Lord Caitanya ate some betel nuts. He fainted and fell down on the ground. While He was lying on the ground, Viśvarūpa came to Him in a dream.

“Please come with me,” said Viśvarūpa. “I want You to take sannyāsa and stay with me.”

“But I have my helpless mother and father, I am just a small child,” said Lord Caitanya. “What do I know about the sannyāsa life? I will get married and I will serve my parents. This will please Lord Narāyan and His wife.”

Then Viśvarūpa said, “Please offer thousands and thousands of respects to my mother Śachī.”

When Viśvarūpa left, the Lord awoke. He told the story to His parents and promised them that He would never go away.

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## New Words

Viśvarūpa (Viś va rū pa)

betel

sannyāsa

parents

promised

dream

# Word Study

## Read and Spell

one	four	eight
two	five	nine
three	six	ten
	seven	

## Read

three	two	ten
seven	five	eight
four	nine	six
	one	

## Write

one – 1	five – 5	eight – 8
two – 2	six – 6	nine – 9
three – 3	seven – 7	ten – 10
four – 4		

# Śachīdevi’s Vision

One night, Śachīdevi had a dream. In this dream her Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma Deities changed into Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda. The small boys were fighting over the prasādam that she had offered on the altar.

The next day Śachīmātā asked Nityānanda to come to her house to eat the prasādam. When she saw Nityānanda sitting with Caitanya, she new that They were really Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma.

Seeing this, Śachīdevi fainted.

# Nityānanda leaves home

Lord Nityānanda lived in a small village. When He was young He would always play like Lord Balarāma. Sometimes He played that He was Lākṣman, the brother of Lord Rāma.

One day a sannyāsi came to Lord Nityānanda’s house. He spoke to the Lord’s father, “Your son is servant.”

Nityānanda’s father wanted to please the holy sannyāsi, so he agreed. Lord Nityānanda left home to travel with the sannyāsi.

When Nityānanda heard about the glories of Lord Caitanya He became very happy. He went to the place where Lord Caitanya was living. By the Lord’s kindness, Nityānanda became one of His closest friends.

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## New Words

closest  
glories

# The Great Kīrtan

If all men's words were said for Kṛṣṇa,  
What a great poem that would be!  
And if all men's songs were sung for Kṛṣṇa,  
What a great song that would be!

If all men's food was offered to the Lord  
What a lot of prasādam that would be  
And if all men worked without wanting a reward,  
What great devotees they would be!

And if all of the devotees with all their prasādam  
And all their songs and all their poems,  
Came to see Srīla Prabhupāda,  
What a great kīrtan that would be!

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## New Words

kīrtan  
reward  
prasādam  
poem



# Word Study

## Read and Spell

book	English	paper
pen	notebook	teacher
desk	reading	spelling
pencil	writing	art
kīrtan	chanting	music
alphabet	Bhagavad-gītā	japa
Sanskrit	guru	serving

## Read and Answer

1. Why do you think it is important to go to Gurukūla?
2. What is the most important thing you do at Gurukūla?
3. What do you like to learn at Gurukūla?
4. Why should you become a good devotee?

## Write

Kṛṣṇa is to me

As a lot to a bee.

# Review Questions

1. A. You have read these stories in your book.

Tell what each story is about.

Lord Caitanya Moves the Clouds

The Mango Tree

The Tailor Becomes a Devotee

Lord Caitanya's Anger

The Day Lord Caitanya Roared

Śachīdevi's Vision.

B. Which story did you like best? Why?

C. Read the story that you liked best to your class or read it again to yourself.

2. A. Learn by heart one of the poems you have read in your book and recite it to the class.

B. Copy the poem you like best. Copy it carefully.

# Important Words

## From The Caitanya Reader

### Book One

a	day	ask	beat
I	day	beg	will
in	one	son	word
of	sky	you	room
is	and	eat	hour
no	all	who	hair
to	his	sew	roar
he	had	for	club
up	big	not	kill
at	say	see	girl
us	put	say	cure
so	two	eye	just
on	red	end	flow
as	man	most	age

ate	form	boon	way
fed	jump	said	the
way	best	dear	ever
when	went	grow	fast
when	away	grew	nice
show	moon	full	meat
know	rose	over	want
than	with	pick	poor
Hare	don't	wash	then
Rāma	from	real	poem
soul	them	year	lord
hear	skin	held	move
call	even	holy	love
name	make	made	like
come	feel	once	stop
save	gave	upon	kind
very	time	they	down
close	many	with	that
deity	sick	took	time

high	look	seed	young
feet	loud	tree	glory
child	never	watch	friend
serve	every	anger	always
marry	crack	steal	fallen
betel	began	house	mother
faint	clean	fight	Śrīvās
dream	clear	other	Thākura
tired	dance	small	tailor
mango	happy	little	sweet
sleep	flower	fruit	there
kīrtan	afraid	would	bring
water	gather	father	under
drink	moment	vision	fever
mercy	bright	really	there
river	sinful	travel	other
teach	ground	living	Kṛṣṇa
smile	bigger	reward	chant
grain	yellow	cloud	Nimai

please	thunder	thousand	devotee
everyone	servant	material	hundred
helpless	perfect	kindness	illness
karatālas	Ekādaśī	Śachīmātā	clothes
garland	downstream	brother	foodstuffs
parents	Narāyan	village	brāhmaṇa
whatever	playmate		