



Class-8

Chapter-7 (Ideal Biographies)

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Great men and women:

Who are born in our society to help others throughout their life without thinking the self interest, those who have no greed and attachment they are great men and women. Their aim in life in life was to work for the benefits of the world.

Lesson-1, 2 and 3 (Srikrishna):

Srikrishna: Srikrishna is God Himself. To reestablish religion, to punish the miscreants and to protect the virtuous He Himself appears on the earth era after era.

Killing of Kangsa: Kangsa was the king of Mathura who was a devilish torturer. Ugrasen was his father whom he put in prison. Kangsa made several plans to kill Krishna because he came to know that Krishna would kill him. Kangsa was killed by Srikrishna. Then peace was reestablished in Mathura.

Killing of Jarasandha: Jarasandha was the king of Magadha and the father in law of Kangsa. He was also a devilish torturer. He attacked Mathura seven times to kill Krishna even then, Krishna did not kill him.

Killing of Shishupal: Shishupal was the king of Chedirajya. He was a cousin of Srikrishna, but he was very devilish torturer. Krishna killed him with His Sudarshana wheel after completing Shishupal's 100 sins.

The war of Kurukshetra and the establishment of a holy kingdom: A great war took place at the place called Kurukshetra between the Pandavas and Kouravas. Pandavas were very honest and well-mannered. On the other hand, Kouravas were very dishonest and ill-mannered. Krishna took the side of Pandavas in this war. Millions of people died in the war. At the end, Yudhisthir became the king and peace was established in the kingdom. In this war, Srikrishna gave some advices to Arjun when Arjun refused to do war with his relatives.

Killing of Shishupal: Sudama was a classmate of Srikrishna who was very poor but had the knowledge of Brahma. He had no greed and ill desires. Sudama never mentioned about his financial condition before Srikrishna. But Srikrishna understood all seeing his friend's dress. So, by transcendental power, he changed Sudama's financial condition.

Srikrishna's disappearance: After the last breath of Balaram, Srikrishna entered into a jungle and sat under an Aswath tree. From a distance, a byadha or hunter shot an arrow at him thinking him a deer. The arrow hit the leg of Krishna. He ended his life with this shot.

What can we learn from the life of Srikrishna:

- i) Injustice and falsehood are defeated at the end.
 - ii) There is no room for evil doers in the society. God also does not forgive them.
 - iii) God loves the rich and poor equally.
 - iv) To perform one's prescribed duty is part of religion.
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Short Questions from Introduction:

- 1) Who were great men and women?
- 2) Whose biographies are model biographies?
- 3) Write down some names of great men and women.
- 4) Who had no greed and attachments?
- 5) What is the aim in life of the great men and women?

Short Questions from Lesson-1, 2 and 3:

- 1) Who is God Himself?
- 2) Why does God appear on the earth era after era?
- 3) Who was Kangsa? How was he?
- 4) Who usurped power putting his father in prison?
- 5) Whom did Kangsa send to Srikrishna to take part in a wrestling?
- 6) Who was Ugrasen?
- 7) Who made Ugrasen the king of Mathura?
- 8) Who was the king of Magadha?
- 9) Who was the father in law of Kangsa? How was he?
- 10) Why did Jarasandha become very angry?
- 11) How many times did Jarasandha attack Mathura to kill Krishna?
- 12) Who was Shishupal?
- 13) Who was the cousin of Krishna? How was he?
- 14) What did Shishupal's mother request Krishna?
- 15) How did Krishna kill Shishupal?
- 16) What was the relation between Dhritarastra and Pandu?
- 17) Who was born blind?
- 18) Why did Pandu become the king of Hastinapur?
- 19) How many sons did Pandu have? Who was elder among them?
- 20) Who were called Pandavas? How were they?
- 21) How many sons did Dhritarastra have? Who was elder among them?

- 22) Who were called Kouravas? How were they?
- 23) What was the capital of Pandavas?
- 24) For how many years did Pandavas go to the forest according to the precondition of the game of dice?
- 25) What was Kurukshetra?
- 26) Who was Sudama? How was he?
- 27) Who was the king of Dwaraka?
- 28) What did Sudama take as a gift for Srikrishna?
- 29) Who was Rukmini?
- 30) What did Sudama find in the place of his hut after returning home?
- 31) How did Balarama breathe his last?
- 32) What did Srikrishna do after the last breath of Balarama?

Broad Questions from Introduction to Lesson-1, 2 and 3:

- 1) Explain the reason of Srikrishna's appearance on earth.
- 2) 'The killing of Kangsa was a must by SriKrishna.'-Explain this comment.
- 3) Explain the event of SriKrishna's killing of Jarasandha.
- 4) Explain the event of SriKrishna's killing of Shishupal.
- 5) Explain the war of Kurukshetra and the establishment of a holy kingdom.
- 6) What were the advices of Srikrishna to Arjun?
- 7) Write about Srikrishna's affection for friends.
- 8) Write about Srikrishna's disappearance.
- 9) Who were great men and women? Explain.
- 10) What did Jarasandha decide for the worship of Rudradev? Explain.
- 11) What can we learn from the life of Srikrishna? Explain.

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