

# **Srila Prabhupada's childhood and Krsna's childhood**

**Prabhupada:** In my childhood I would not take medicine. Exactly like this, now also. [laughter] So I was given medicine by force in the spoon. Two men will catch me, and my mother take me on the lap and then force, and I shall take. I never agreed to take any medicine.

**Harikesa:** Should we do that now, Srila Prabhupada?

**Prabhupada:** Then you'll kill me.

**Harikesa:** You would not go to school either.

**Prabhupada:** I don't like... Yes.

**Harikesa:** You were telling us last year, you wanted to play *mrdanga*.

**Prabhupada:** Yes.

**Prabhupada:** ...disagreement between my father and mother. My father would give me all independence, and mother was going that "You are spoiling the child by giving too much independence."

**Harikesa:** Just see.

**Prabhupada:** That is going on. Just like Mother Yasoda. She would chastise Krsna. But you will never find Nanda Maharaja is ever chastising. Rather, when Krsna was chastised, Nanda Maharaja would come back and take Him on the lap: "All right, I shall punish Your mother," and call her, chastise. And then Krsna will stop his mouth: "No, no. Don't do this." It is natural that when the child is in the lower stage, minor stage, the mother takes more care. That is natural.

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