

## Kids' Corner

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### Bhagavadgita

(With the blessings of HH Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji.)

My kids don't understand it, and whatever they do, they forget it soon after. Why make them study the Gita?

This can be best answered by the following short story:

An old farmer and his grandchild lived on a farm. One day the grandson asked, "Grandpa! I try to read the Bhagavad-gita just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bhagavad-gita do?"

The grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and replied, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring me back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, but all the water leaked out before he got back to the house. The grandfather asked him to try again and again. But every time, the water leaked out before he got back to the house. Out of breath, he said, "See Grandpa, it's useless!."

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time realized that the basket had been transformed from a dirty old coal basket and was now clean, inside and out.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bhagavad-gita. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, you will be changed, inside and out. That is the work of Lord Krishna in our lives."

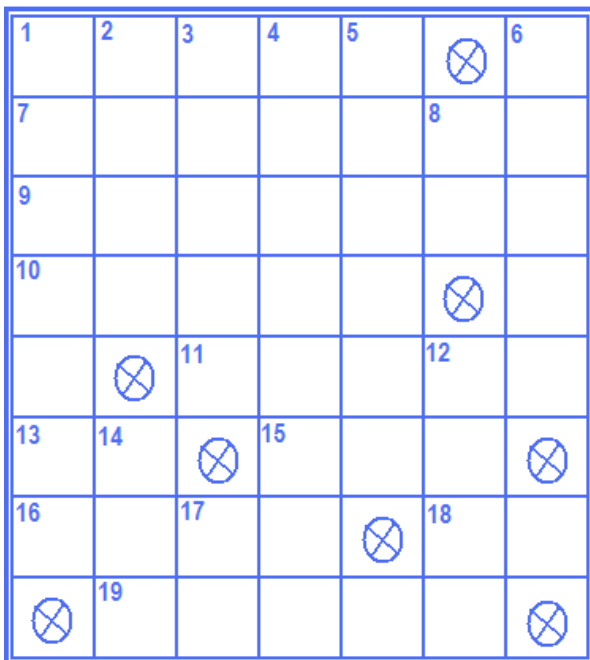
#### *What do we learn from this story?*

*In many of our customs there are encrypted values. Initially we may not understand what they are meant for. By practicing those we will get benefit and at certain point those values are revealed to us. Patience and Practice leads us to the bliss.*

#### **Can you find the word?**

1. This is a 5 character word and it is a way of writing. It is not poetry.
2. Last 4 characters form a name of flower.
3. 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> characters in sequence form a word which means painful.
4. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> characters in sequence form a word which means 'a small hole'. These exist on skin to remove unnecessary waste in the form of sweat.
5. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> characters form a word which means 'To assume or hold a particular position or posture'.

## Cross Word for kids



- Across :**
1. Group of birds. (5)
  7. Society of scholars or artists. (7)
  9. A bright or delicately colored outer parts of a red flower. Two vowels from the end disappeared. (7)
  10. A soviet space dog, who became the first animal to orbit the earth and first orbital death. Characters jumbled. (5)
  11. How many days are there in a week? Characters jumbled. (2)
  13. 11 O Clock in the morning is equal to 11 - A.M or P.M.? (2)
  15. Period of history. (3)
  16. Three feet is equal to one ---- (4)
  18. The direction opposite to NE. (2)
  19. What kind of number are 7, 23, 53? Characters Jumbled. (5)

- Down :**
1. A scientist's name ends in 'Day'. (7)
  2. A device able to be opened by a key. Characters jumbled. (4)
  3. Fertile spot in a desert with a spring or well water. (5)
  4. If '1' represents A, '2' represents B, then 34515549 represents ----- (8)
  5. A scientist, who developed three laws which described the motion of the planets across sky around the sun. (6)
  6. A very light strong synthetic fiber. Fabric made of this. (5)
  8. Can you write Empty using only 2 characters? (2)
  12. For decoration purposes flowers with stems are put in this. (4)
  14. Representation of earth's surface or a part of it or plan in detail. (3)
  17. vowel free 'Room'. (2)

Send your answers (Crossword and 'Can you find the word?') to the below address or e-mail on or before *March 15<sup>th</sup>*.

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