

Protector role cards

Kṛṣṇa Protects the Calves from Vatsāsura and Bakāsura | 22 minutes

Story connection

Among the calves, Kṛṣṇa protects His friends from Vatsāsura the calf demon and Bakāsura the crane demon (Krishna Book / Vatsāsura and Bakāsura pastimes).

Narrator

Line: In the pastures, Kṛṣṇa watches both calves and friends with care.

Action: Sweep an arm across the play space to set the field.

Prop: story cards

Kṛṣṇa

Line: I protect My friends from the false calf and the crane.

Action: Step between friends and danger with calm hands raised.

Prop: paper flute

Cowherd friend

Line: Stay close—something strange is moving among the calves!

Action: Gather other children behind Kṛṣṇa.

Prop: small stick as herding staff

Vatsāsura

Line: I hide in a calf form, but I cannot overcome Kṛṣṇa.

Action: Crouch once, then freeze when Kṛṣṇa turns toward you.

Prop: brown paper calf mask shape

Bakāsura

Line: My long beak cannot hold the Lord when He blazes with power.

Action: Open arms wide like a beak, then open them fully to release.

Prop: two paper plates as beak halves

Put the pasture protections in order

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- Number the eight shuffled cards in story order.
- Draw one child-safe detail on each card.



Kṛṣṇa seizes and whirls the calf demon away safely.

Number + draw one detail



Kṛṣṇa becomes hot like fire; the crane releases Him.

Number + draw one detail



Kṛṣṇa and friends take the calves out to graze.

Number + draw one detail



He tears the crane's beak apart and ends the threat.

Number + draw one detail



A dangerous calf form—Vatsāsura—moves among them.

Number + draw one detail



Friends and calves rejoice; Kṛṣṇa leads them home safely.

Number + draw one detail