

Real love

A Hindu story

Key ideas: jealousy, families, love.

Krishna had two sisters, Subhadra his real sister and an adopted sister Draupadi. Subhadra was jealous of her adopted sister because she thought Krishna loved Draupadi more and she grumbled to Krishna about it. Krishna agreed that he did love Draupadi and thought she loved him more than Subhadra did. 'Nonsense, that's not true', said Subhadra angrily.

Some time later Krishna cut his hand very badly and he went to Subhadra to ask her to bind it up. 'Oh dear, I've nothing here to bind it. I'll go and see if I can find a bandage for you', she said and went hurrying off.

Krishna waited some time and still she did not return. The hand was bleeding heavily, so he went to Draupadi. On seeing his hand, Draupadi at once tore a strip off the end of her sari and bound up his hand to stop the bleeding.

Who do you think loved Krishna the most?