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| **Bhakta Prahlada** |
| **Cast:** Narada - Narrator role Hiranyakashipu (HK) - The demon king, father of Prahlada Khayadu - Prahlada's mother Prahlada - Son of Hiranyakashipu, devotee of Lord Vishnu Sukracharya - The Guru of Asuras, the teacher of Prahlada Holika - Sister of Hiranyakashipu, who tries to kill Prahlada in fire Narasimha - Lord Vishnu's incarnation, killer of Hiranyakashipu Lord Vishnu -- Lord Vishnu, to appear at the end of the drama Sevaks of Hiranyakashipu ( Can be 1 or 2) Students with Prahlada ( Can be 1 - 3 )   *There will be 3 scenes:*  **Scene -1** : *This is the scene in which HiranyaKashipu tells Shukracharya to teach Prahlada that he is the Supreme God.*  **Scene- 2** : *Shukracharya teaching the students. Prahlada always chants "Om Namo Narayanaya"*   **Scene- 3**: *HiranyaKashipu angered by Prahlada's Bhakthi towards Vishnu, asks servants to kill Prahlada by the help of elephants. When it fails calls Holika and asks to kill Prahlada in fire. Then "Narasimha" comes out of the pillar and defeats Hiranyakashipu. Finally Lord Vishnu blesses Prahlada.*  **Narada** : [ Intro] Narayana.. Narayana.. I am going to tell you the story of great devotee of Lord Hari--Bhaktha Prahlada. HiranyaKashipu and his brother Hiranyaksha were all set to conquer the world.   Lord Vishnu defeated Hiranyaksha in his incarnation as a Cosmic Boar. Since then he considered Lord Vishnu as his enemy Afterwards HiranyaKashipu performed a penance to appease Brahma and got a boon which made his death difficult Meanwhile his wife Khayadu stayed in my ashram when she was bearing Prahlada in her womb. The little Prahlada imbibed the path of devotion to Lord Vishnu when he was in his mother's womb.  Now is he is a young boy and you can see the power of his devotion yourself --  **Scene 1 : ( The court of HiranyaKashipu)**  **Prahlada**: Hari Om Namo Narayana…Hari Om namo narayana. (HiranyaKashipu and sis Holika frown)  **Holika**: Dear brother I think you must send him the gurukul to learn how to be an Asura King.  **HiranyaKashipu**:You are right sister Holika. I will call on Guru Shukracharya. (Two sevaks go to call on him)  **Sukracharya, Two sevaks** : The king of all the three worlds, the supreme power of All Asuras, O mighty king HiranyaKashipu we all bow to you.   **HiranyaKashipu**: Guru Sukracharya, It is time for my son Prahlada to learn the Asura qualities You should teach him that I am the supreme God. He must also know who my enemy is.  **Sukracharya** : O King, we will put all our efforts and give the education for Prahlada as per your instructions. Shall we take Prahlada with us now?  **HK** : Sure. [ Points to one of the Sevakas]. Please call Prahlada here.  **Sevaka 1**: Sure, King, [ Goes inisde and brings Prahlada and Khayadu]  **Khayadu** : [ To HiranyaKashipu] O Lord,I think he is still younger. Please let him stay here longer   **HiranyaKashipu** : No Khayadu. He needs to learn and understand the real thing My dear son Prahlada, Come on here.. [ Holds him] It's time for your education now. I have made all arrangements with our priest Sukracharya for your education. Please go with him and learn all the necessary skills.   **Prahlada** : I will, father. [ Bows to father and mother)  [Sukracharya takes Prahlada in hand] [ Everybody goes]  **Scene-2 : [ Sukracharya is teaching the students ]**  **Shukracharya** : Dear students, Do you remember what did I teach you yesterday?   **Student 1**: There is no one greater than HiranyaKashipu. He is the supreme one.  **Student 2**: HiranyaKashipu is the king of all worlds. We should praise him.  **Prahlada**: Lord Hari is the supreme God, He is the cause of all universe. We should all worship him. "Om Namo Narayanaya", "Om Namo Bhagavathe Vasudevaya".   **Sukracharya** : Prahlada, You are under the wrong impression. You should chant mantras praising your father HiranyaKashipu.  **Prahlada** : No Guru, Lord Vishnu is the teacher and protector of the world. Praying him will bring peace and prosperity  **Student 3**: We like the things that prahlada speaks.  **Narada**: Narayan Narayan Guru Shukracharya couldn't do much to change him , so he brought him back to Hiranyakashipu   **Scene -3 : [ The court of HiranyaKashipu]**   **HiranyaKashipu** :(Prahlada on his lap) My dear son Prahlada, What did you learn from your teacher during these years?   **Prahlada** : My dear father, I bow down to MahaVishnu, the protector of the world. I Learnt singing about Him, remembering him, serving Him, worshipping Him and surrendring oneself to Him. Just as iron pieces are naturally drawn to magnet, even so my mind automatically runs to Lord Vishnu abandoning everything else.  **Shukracharya** : O King, What your son is saying had not been taught to him by me or anyone else. This bent of mind is natural to him. I have given up.  **HiranyaKashipu** : [ pushes Prahlada from his lap:and looking at the Sevaks): You know what to do to those who chant the name of my enemy. I don't care even if it is my son.  [Seveks take him out......]   **Narada**: The king HiranyaKashipu tried all possible options As per his orders Prahlada was trampled by Elephants, and bitten by Snakes.But they could not do any harm to him. They tried pushing him from the cliff and pushing him into Ocean, that didn't work either. Lets see what hiranya kashipu's sister has in mind………………..   **Holika**: Oh brother, I will use my boon that fire wont burn me to help you in this situation. I can sit in the fire with Pralhada, so that he will be destroyed.   [Holika holds Prahlada and enters the Fire, Prahlada keeps chanting "Om Namo Narayanaya"....., Holika falls down, Prahalada gets out of the fire with out harm]   **HiranyaKashipu** : [ trembling in rage,jumped up from his seat with sword in his hand, looking at his son] All of my efforts to destory you are in vain. How dare you disobey my authority?  **Prahlada** : Oh father, Not only for me, but for the whole world, Lord Vishnu is the source of strength. Supreme Being, who controls everyone and is Everywhere."  **HK**: (showing at the door): Is your Lord in this door?   **P**: Yes, my father.  **HK**: (showing at the floor) Is he here?  **P**: Here too..  **HK**: (pointing to the pillar) Is Lord Vishnu in this Pillar?  **P**: Yes, father, I see Him there too.  (HK, will strike the pillar, Narasimha comes out)  **Narasimha**: (roars, puts HK down) Your death is not by a man or animal, not outside or inside, not day or night, using only my claws which is not a weapon.   (After killing gets up and says)   I always protect my devotees even if I have to take birth for them. Whole hearted devotees like you, do not long for any enjoyments here in this world or in the hereafter. Yet I bless you for a long time to come.   Prahlada: O lord, Please do me one favour, by your grace may my father be purified from the great sins that cannot be purified in any other way".   **Narasimha** : Mangalam!!! |