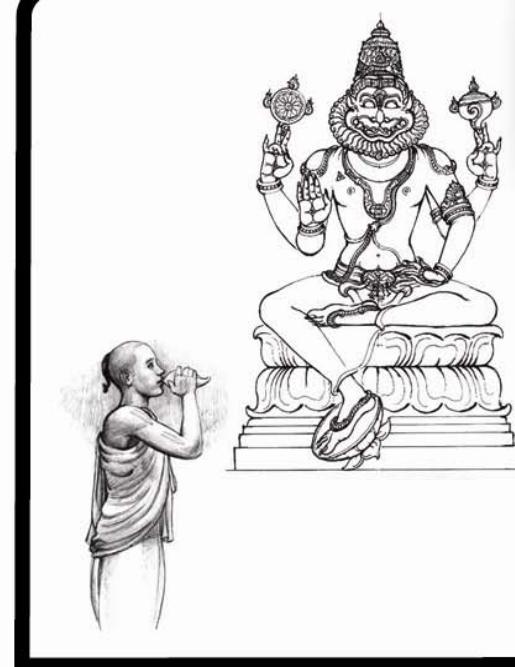


General Ideas

1.  Describe the form of Lord Nṛsimhadeva from memory
2.  Draw up a table of facts about Lord Nṛsimhadeva's form
3. Do a drawing of Lord Nṛsimhadeva from this pastime
4.  Color a picture of Nṛsimhadeva and decorate it with cloth, beads, sequins, etc.
5.  Tell a partner of ten facts you know about Lord Nṛsimhadeva's form
6. Create a poem, song, or drawing of at least 4 of Lord Nṛsimha's weapons
7. How big was Lord Nṛsimhadeva? Explain how you know this from the text. Draw a scale model
8. In a group make an list of things you know about Lord Nṛsimhadeva, each one beginning from a different letter of the alphabet from A-Z
9. Make a mask of Lord Nṛsimhadeva
10. In a group, plan a festival to celebrate the appearance of Lord Nṛsimhadeva
11. Pretend you are an art critic and review a painting of Lord Nṛsimhadevā
12. In a group, make a large model of Lord Nṛsimhadeva
13. Write a rhyming poem about Lord Nṛsimhadeva's form
14. Design a cake for Lord Nṛsimhadeva's appearance
15. Make the cake and decorate it
16. Develop criteria for evaluating a realistic model of Lord Nṛsimhadeva.
17. Make a pair of Nṛsimhadeva's lotus hands by cutting long nails out of a plastic milk bottle and attach them to old gloves. Paint them, add some fur...
18. Create a frame for a picture of Lord Nṛsimhadeva that looks like a broken pillar (out of wood, metal, cardboard, paper, or electronically)
19. Make a diorama of Nṛsimha coming from the pillar, including each aspect that kept Brahmā's benediction to Hiranyakasipu intact
20.  Read the description of Nṛsimhadeva's laughter and the instructions of Lord Kapila to meditate on the laughter of Viṣṇu. Find other places in scripture where the Lord's laughter is described. Create an essay, poem, drawing, song, or dance to describe Nṛsimhadeva's laughter
21.  Pick five persons who were present at the appearance of Lord Nṛsimhadeva, and give a speech or write a descriptive essay on how each of them would describe the Lord's form
22.  Make a list of the allegories, similes, and metaphors used to describe Nṛsimhadevā's form (such as lotus hands, thunderbolt nails, hawk, Garuḍa, etc.) Sort them into categories. Identify the quality that is similar in each of them to Nṛsimhadeva.
23. Write a speech to explain the Deity or painting of Nṛsimhadeva to people who don't know anything about Him
24.  Read stories about the Deity of Nṛsimhadeva in Māyāpurdhāma (The are in a separate booklet.)



Deity Worship



2-4 years:

1. Make a pillar out of blocks. Then pretend to be Hiranyakasipu. Hit the pillar and, as it falls down, pretend to be Nṛsimhadeva making a loud sound and then jumping up.
2. Stuff a sock or stocking with paper, scraps of cloth, cotton-wool, etc. and then wear it as a garland, pretending it's Hiranyakasipu's intestines. Point to where the intestines are in one's body
3. Choose one person to be angry Nṛsimhadeva. Others are Prahlāda and various demigods. Everyone except for Nṛsimhadeva has a flower (real or paper). Each demigod tries to give Nṛsimhadeva a flower, but He just roars and moves His arms. Then each demigod gives the flower to Prahlāda. After Prahlāda has all the flowers, he gives them all to Nṛsimhadeva, who is now happy and accepts them.

5-7 years:

1. Find photos of Nṛsimhadevā deities in various places in the world. Print out the child's favorite and decorate with garlands and necklaces
2.  Listen to various pieces of music, and choose one that best suits Nṛsimhadeva making a sound in the pillar, Nṛsimhadeva coming out of the pillar, the fight, and Hiranyakasipu dying. Play the selections for other children or for family members and record who can guess which piece of music was picked for what scene

8-10 years:

1.  Study how to apply make-up to create a lion face. Apply to a friend or family member. If several children apply a lion face to others, have the children then decide which is the most accurate, most scary, most funny, and most beautiful
2. Make a chart of the Lord's incarnations and who or what served as each incarnation's "mother" Group the findings into categories.
3. Create a decorated frame for a picture of Nṛsimhadeva (this frame could be made from wood, metal, or decorated cardboard). Put the framed picture on an altar and offer arotika to the picture

11-13 years:

1.  Read descriptions of Nṛsimhadeva's form from various scriptures. Make a Venn diagram or double-bubble map to find the similarities and differences. Choose one of the Lord's features from one description and draw it or write a poem about it
2. Look at pictures of Nṛsimhadeva in His angry mood. Create a collage, drawing, painting, song, or dance about the wonderful and spiritual anger of the Lord
3. Make a garland of flowers that resembles intestines and offer to a Nṛsimha picture or Deity

14-18 years:

1. Create each of the main persons in the story out of clay, decorate and make into a display
2. Make a special garland for home or temple deities
3.  Research the various forms of Nṛsimhadeva such as ugra, yoga, etc. and compare and contrast their features
4.  Take the Sanskrit words from one part of the description of Nṛsimhadeva's form and write them in fancy script. Illustrate the words with drawings, paintings, or cut out pictures that relate to the description