

# Ganesha Stories

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# Popular and Best Ganesha Stories



# The Story of Ganesha's Birth

**G**oddess Parvati lived with Lord Shiva on Mount Kailash. Even though it was a beautiful and peaceful place, Parvati sometimes felt lonely when Shiva was away, busy with his duties.

She wished for someone to keep her company and protect her when Shiva wasn't there.

One day, Parvati wanted to take a bath but had no one to guard her privacy. She decided to solve this problem herself.

She took some turmeric paste, which she used for her beauty rituals, and molded it into the shape of a young boy.

She lovingly breathed life into the figure, and it came alive as a strong, handsome boy with a divine spark in his eyes.

This boy was Ganesha. Parvati was very happy because she had not only created a protector but also found a son who would love and serve her with all his heart.

Ganesha became the god of wisdom and success.



# **The Story of Ganesha's Elephant Head**

**O**ne day, while Goddess Parvati was taking a bath, she asked her son Ganesha to guard the door.

When Lord Shiva returned home, Ganesha, not knowing who he was, stopped him from entering. This made Shiva very angry, and in his rage, he accidentally beheaded Ganesha.

When Parvati saw what had happened, she was heartbroken and furious. She threatened to destroy the universe if her son wasn't brought back to life. Realizing his mistake, Shiva quickly searched for a way to save Ganesha.

He found an elephant, took its head, and attached it to Ganesha's body.

Ganesha came back to life, now with the head of an elephant. His new look made him special and instantly recognizable.

From that day on, Ganesha became one of the most beloved gods, known as the remover of obstacles and the bringer of good fortune.



# The Story of Parvathi's wound

**G**anesha was a playful and mischievous boy who loved to have fun.

One day, he saw a cat and started teasing it. He pulled its tail, tossed it around, and made the poor cat cry out in pain. Ganesha thought it was all just a game.

But what Ganesha didn't know was that the cat was actually his mother, Goddess Parvati, in disguise.

When he returned home, he was shocked to find Parvati lying on the floor with scratches and bruises, just like the ones he had given the cat.

Ganesha instantly realized what he had done and felt very sorry for hurting his mother.

He learned a valuable lesson that day about being kind and gentle to all living things.

# The Story of Ganesha and Karthikeya

**G**anesha and Karthikeya were two mischievous, yet lovable siblings who were always playing around.

One day, they were bestowed with a special fruit of wisdom and knowledge from the gods, but they were unwilling to share it.

Shiva and Parvati intervened and set a challenge for them to see who would be the first one to circle the world thrice.

Without any hesitation, Karthikeya jumped onto his peacock's back and raced off in pursuit of winning this challenge.

However, Ganesha thought wisely and sought his parent's permission before he proceeded on his journey.

He knew that his parents had all the knowledge in the world that he required; thus, instead of travelling the world, he chose to circumambulate them three times instead.

Thus by circumambulating his parental figures thrice, Ganesha emerged victorious and won the special fruit of wisdom and knowledge.



# **The Story of Ganesha and his single tusk**

**V**ed Vyas, the revered creator of Mahabharata, sought out Ganesha to write down his epic tale.

Ganesha agreed but on one condition: Vyas must narrate the entire story in one sitting without a break.

As the sage began to tell his tale, tragedy struck when the quill he was writing with snapped and could no longer be used.

Thinking quickly, Ganesha broke off one of his own tusks and fashioned it into a makeshift pen to continue transcribing the Mahabharata.

This act of selflessness has since become a symbol of dedication to knowledge throughout India.

It is celebrated annually on Ganesh Chaturthi festival as a tribute to Ganesha's unflinching commitment to literature and learning.



# **The Story of how Ganesha became the remover of obstacles**

**G**anesha was left alone to guard heaven while all the gods and goddesses attended Lord Vishnu's wedding.

Narad Muni, who noticed this, couldn't resist teasing Ganesha about his size and weight.

This made the God of beginnings furious and he decided to take revenge by sending his army of mice to hollow out the route that the marriage procession was about to take.

The chariot of gods got stuck in the path due to this mischief but it could not be pulled out until a passerby took Ganesha's name.

Upon hearing this, all the gods realised their mistake and immediately went back to apologise for offending him earlier.

This incident teaches us that even without having a physical presence one can make a difference with their sheer power!

# Ganesha and Vishnu's Missing Conch Story

**L**ord Vishnu always carried his special conch with him, but one day he noticed it was missing.

Annoyed and worried, he used all his powers to find it. As he searched, he heard the sound of the conch from a distance and followed it to Mount Kailash.

There, Vishnu discovered that Ganesha had taken the conch and was happily blowing it. Realizing that Ganesha might not give it back easily, Vishnu sought Lord Shiva's help.

Shiva explained that Ganesha was not easily swayed by requests and suggested performing a puja to appease him.

Following Shiva's advice, Vishnu prepared a special puja and worshipped Ganesha with great devotion.

Ganesha, pleased by the heartfelt worship, returned the conch to Vishnu. Vishnu was grateful and learned that honoring Ganesha was the key to resolving the issue.



# The Story of How River Kaveri Was Formed

**L**ong ago, the great sage Agastya was determined to create a river in South India that would provide water for the people who lived there.

So, he set off with his Kamandala filled with sacred water and when he reached the Coorg mountains, he wanted to take a rest but couldn't put down his pot.

That's when he noticed a young boy nearby and asked him to hold it until he returned. Little did he know that it was Lord Ganesha!

Ganesha set down the pot at that very spot as it was the perfect place for a river to begin. But a crow landed on top of the pot, frightening Agastya away in haste.

As soon as Lord Ganesha shooed away the bird, the Kamandala fell upside-down, causing its sacred waters to gush out and form what is now known as river Kaveri.

The calm and serene beauty of this majestic river will forever remain thanks to Lord Ganesha!



# The Story of Ganesha's Vahana

**G**ajmukhasur was a powerful demon who yearned to become an even more formidable ruler.

He was devoted to Lord Shiva, and in his devotion he asked for a boon that would render him invincible to all gods and mortals alike.

Shiva granted his wish, but cautioned against its misuse. Alas, Gajmukhasur disregarded Lord Shiva's warning and began wreaking havoc in the land, killing and pillaging any who stood in his way.

In order to stop this unspeakable destruction, Shiva summoned Ganesha to tame the wild demon.

Ganesha then used his power to transform Gajmukhasur into a tiny mouse, which ever since has served as Ganesha's mount and confidant.

# The Story of Ganesha and Kubera

**K**uber, the god of wealth, was known for his proneness to show off. One day, he decided to invite Lord Shiva and Parvati to his home for dinner in an attempt to flaunt his riches.

Unknown to him, Shiva had already made plans for Ganesha, who was fond of eating, to accompany Kuber on this journey.

When they arrived at Kuber's house, Ganesha devoured every single item of food available and asked for more.

Upon realising that there was no food left in the house, Kuber became anxious and rushed back to Kailash pleading Lord Shiva and Parvati to stop Ganesha from consuming him next.

Seeing the state Kuber was in, Parvati blessed him with a tulsi leaf which instantly calmed down Ganesha.

Through this experience, Kuber learnt an invaluable lesson about humility and modesty.

# Ganesha and The Moon Story

**G**anesha, the Hindu God of wisdom and prosperity, had a huge appetite and was known to eat a lot.

One day, after satisfying his hunger, his stomach became so big that he could no longer move around freely.

As he tried to walk, he lost his balance and ended up falling down. Seeing this, the moon found it funny and started laughing at him.

Feeling embarrassed and insulted by this, Ganesha got so angry that he cursed the moon and made it invisible.

However, soon the moon realised its mistake and pleaded for forgiveness from Ganesha in an attempt to bring back its lost glory.

Ganesha then set a cycle where the moon appeared and disappeared every 15 days.



# The story of why Ganesha Loved Modaks

**A**nusuya, the devoted and generous wife of Sage Atri had graciously invited Parvathy, Shiva, and Bal Ganesh to her humble abode.

Filled with love and gratitude for their presence, she prepared a sumptuous array of delicacies for them to enjoy.

When all plates were served before them, Anusuya insisted on feeding Bal Ganesh first as a sign of respect. But even after having eaten almost all the food prepared, he was still hungry.

Understanding the dilemma, she quickly concocted a special sweet made with rice flour, coconut, jaggery and ghee.

After consuming this unique treat offered by Anusuya, Bal Ganesh was immediately filled with satisfaction and joy.

Seeing the miracle that unfolded right before her eyes, Parvathy declared that this particular dessert should be offered to Ganesh in every puja thereafter - which is how the popular modak came into being.

# **The story of how Ganesha Became “The God of Beginnings”**

**S**hiva and Parvati had procured an elephant head and brought Ganesha back to life, leading Shiva to make it a rule that one must always worship Lord Ganesha and seek his blessings before beginning any new venture.

One day, the two were preparing for war against the demons. In the haste of leaving, Shiva forgot to pay homage to Ganesha before departing with his troops.

As soon as they started their journey, numerous obstacles began appearing in their path, making them realize that the lack of prayers had been the cause of their misfortune.

The group immediately stopped in its tracks and Shiva set up a puja right there and invoked Ganesha's blessing.

After performing elaborate rituals, they recommenced their journey with newfound power. His army successfully defeated the demons.