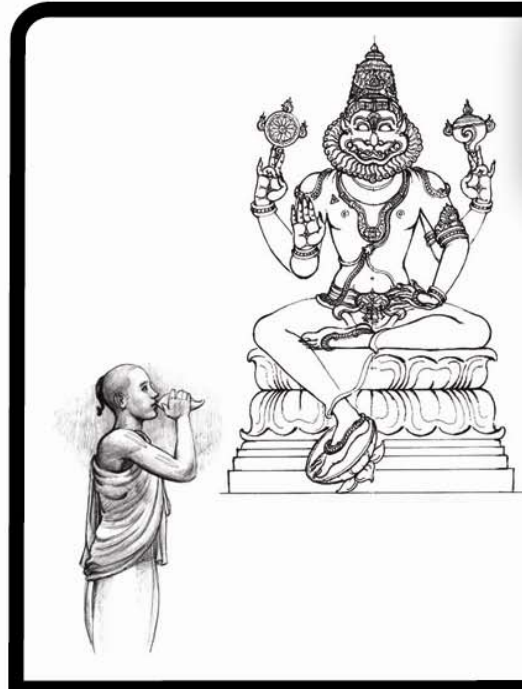


General Ideas

1. 🌀 Describe the form of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva from memory
2. 🌀 Draw up a table of facts about Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's form
3. Do a drawing of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva from this pastime
4. 🌀 Color a picture of Nṛsiṃhadeva and decorate it with cloth, beads, sequins, etc.
5. 🌀 Tell a partner of ten facts you know about Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's form
6. Create a poem, song, or drawing of at least 4 of Lord Nṛsiṃha's weapons
7. How big was Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva? 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 Nṛsiṃhadeva, each one beginning from a different letter of the alphabet from A-Z
9. Make a mask of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva
10. In a group, plan a festival to celebrate the appearance of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva
11. Pretend you are an art critic and review a painting of Lord Nṛsiṃhadevā
12. In a group, make a large model of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva
13. Write a rhyming poem about Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's form
14. Design a cake for Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's appearance
15. Make the cake and decorate it
16. Develop criteria for evaluating a realistic model of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva.
17. Make a pair of Nṛsiṃhadeva'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 Nṛsiṃhadeva that looks like a broken pillar (out of wood, metal, cardboard, paper, or electronically)
19. Make a diorama of Nṛsiṃha coming from the pillar, including each aspect that kept Brahmā's benediction to Hiranyakaśipu intact
20. 🌀 Read the description of Nṛsiṃhadeva'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 Nṛsiṃhadeva's laughter
21. 🌀 Pick five persons who were present at the appearance of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, 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 Nṛsiṃhadevā'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 Nṛsiṃhadeva.
23. Write a speech to explain the Deity or paining of Nṛsiṃhadeva to people who don't know anything about Him
24. 🌀 Read stories about the Deity of Nṛsiṃhadeva in Māyāpurdhāma (The are in a separate booklet.)



Deity Worship



2-4 years:

1. Make a pillar out of blocks. Then pretend to be Hiranyakaśipu. Hit the pillar and, as it falls down, pretend to be Nṛsiṃhadeva 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 Hiranyakaśipu's intestines. Point to where the intestines are in one's body
3. Choose one person to be angry Nṛsiṃhadeva. Others are Prahlāda and various demigods. Everyone except for Nṛsiṃhadeva has a flower (real or paper). Each demigod tries to give Nṛsiṃhadeva 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 Nṛsiṃhadeva, who is now happy and accepts them.

5-7 years:

1. Find photos of Nṛsiṃhadevā 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 Nṛsiṃhadeva making a sound in the pillar, Nṛsiṃhadeva coming out of the pillar, the fight, and Hiranyakaśipu 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 Nṛsiṃhadeva (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 Nṛsiṃhadeva'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 Nṛsiṃhadeva 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 Nṛsiṃha 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 Nṛsiṃhadeva such as ugra, yoga, etc. and compare and contrast their features
4. 🌀 Take the Sanskrit words from one part of the description of Nṛsiṃhadeva's form and write them in fancy script. Illustrate the words with drawings, paintings, or cut out pictures that relate to the description