

# Gopal goes to the Heavenly Planets



**Some of King Krsna candra's ministers wanted to get rid of Gopal Ban, as he was too cunning.**





**So they devised a plan. As the barber's shop was a place of gossip, they employed the local barber, who was the king's personal barber.**



When the king came to the barber..



**The barber asked the king...**

**How are your relatives  
faring in the heavenly planets?**







**Well!  
I don't know.**


**You should  
send someone up to the heavenly  
planets to find out.**



What a good idea!








**It should be  
someone very confidential  
and close to you.**

**Like your Gopal,  
for instance.**



**Yes, what a brilliant idea!  
Gopal should go to the heavenly  
planets and find out how  
my relatives are faring.**



So the method prescribed for going to the heavenly planets was that Gopal be burnt in fire.





Would you do it?



**He was very enthusiastic.**

**Yes,  
of course I will do it.**





So, the ministers were very pleased.



**But Gopal was very cunning. He made a trapdoor from the stake where he was to be burnt, which opened into a tunnel all the way to his house.**





**The ministers performed the ceremony.**





**Gopal escaped through the trapdoor and crawled through the tunnel to his house.**



And he stayed there.





***MORAL:***

**If someone is cunning, we must  
be even more cunning.**