

CHAPTER 10  
ANJANEYA SWAMI TEMPLE





According to ancient tradition it was considered sacred to take bath and undertake circumambulation of a temple during the month of Magha. There used to be a small lake behind the Anjaneya Swami temple in Puttaparthi.



Little Sathya encouraged His friends to uphold the tradition. The children had to get up as early as four in the morning. Sathya made sure all were present. He went to the houses of those who couldn't wake up and woke them up.

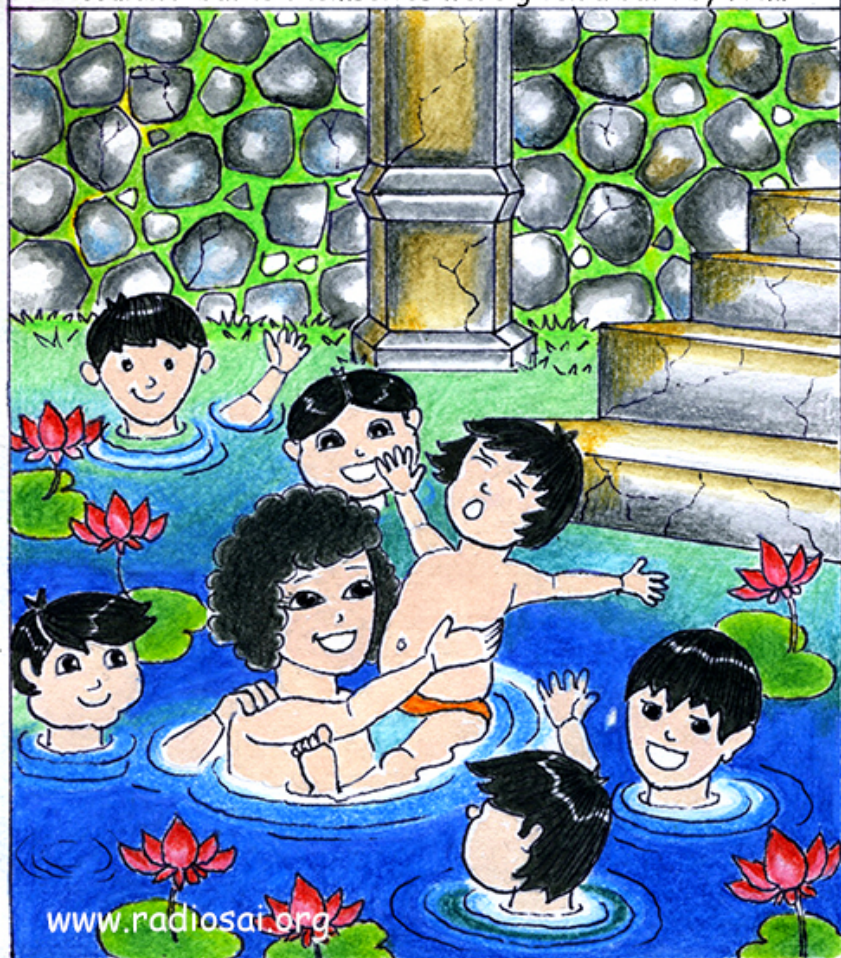


Some children were so Little that they just couldn't manage. Sathya had so much love in His heart that He personally carried them to the lake.

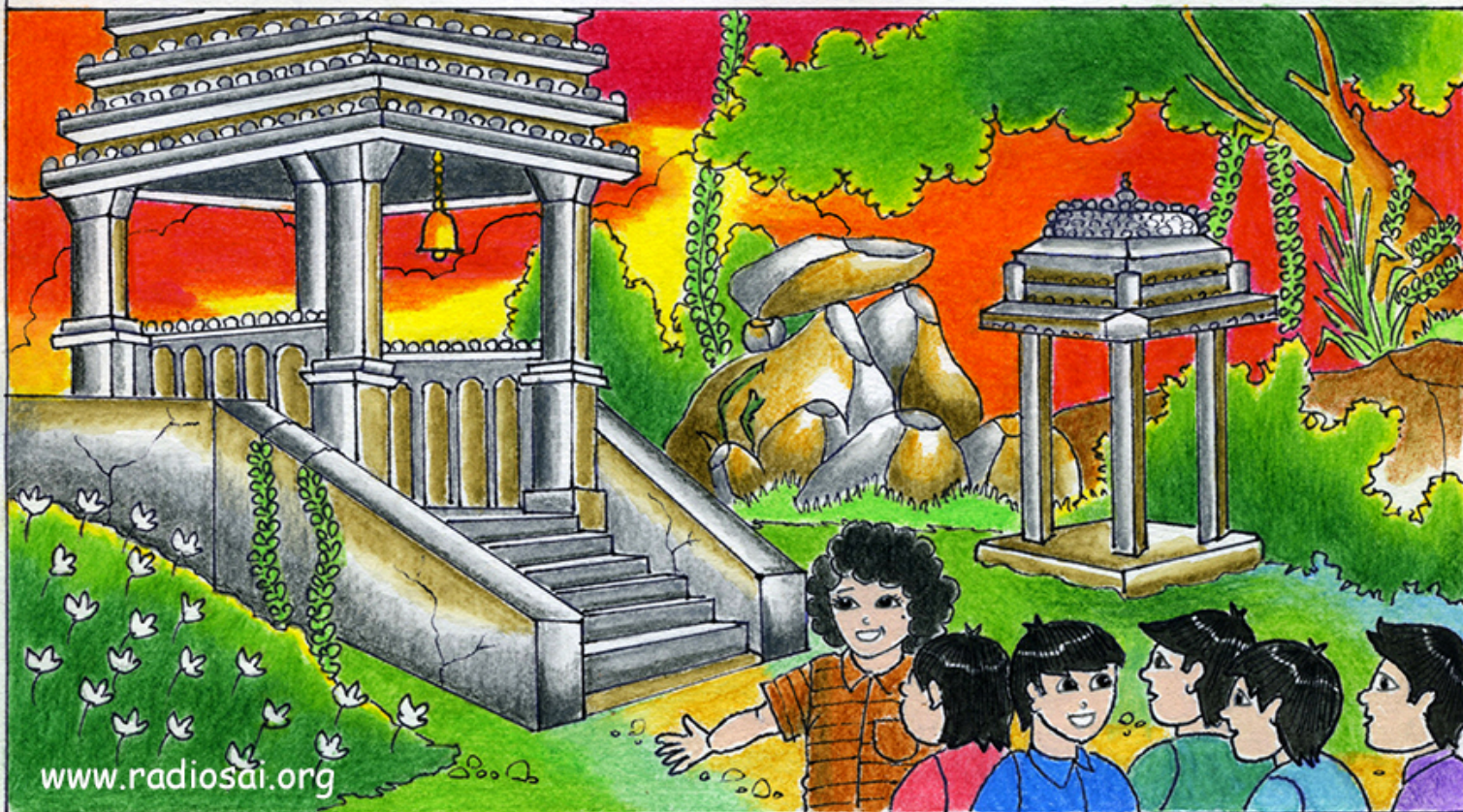




Despite being a little boy Himself, He took the responsibility of the children. He made sure that the Little ones who couldn't bathe themselves were given a bath by Him.



After taking bath they had to circumambulate the Anjaneya Swami temple. Sathya knew this could become a problem for Him.





Hanuman would have serious problem with this idea. Therefore, Sathya gave a suggestion-

You perform the circumambulation. I will wait here for you.

The boys didn't like the suggestion. Without Sathya they were incomplete. They pleaded with Him-

You have taught us everything. Without You we cannot do anything. You must lead. We will follow.

Their love melted Him. He agreed reluctantly.

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What happened next was unexpected. As soon as the boys began to march towards the temple a very large monkey appeared.





The monkey blocked Sathya's way. He remained in Sathya's path with determination.



The divine child could hear the monkey who was none other than Lord Hanuman Himself-



Sathya sensed the curiosity and fear and said to the boys-

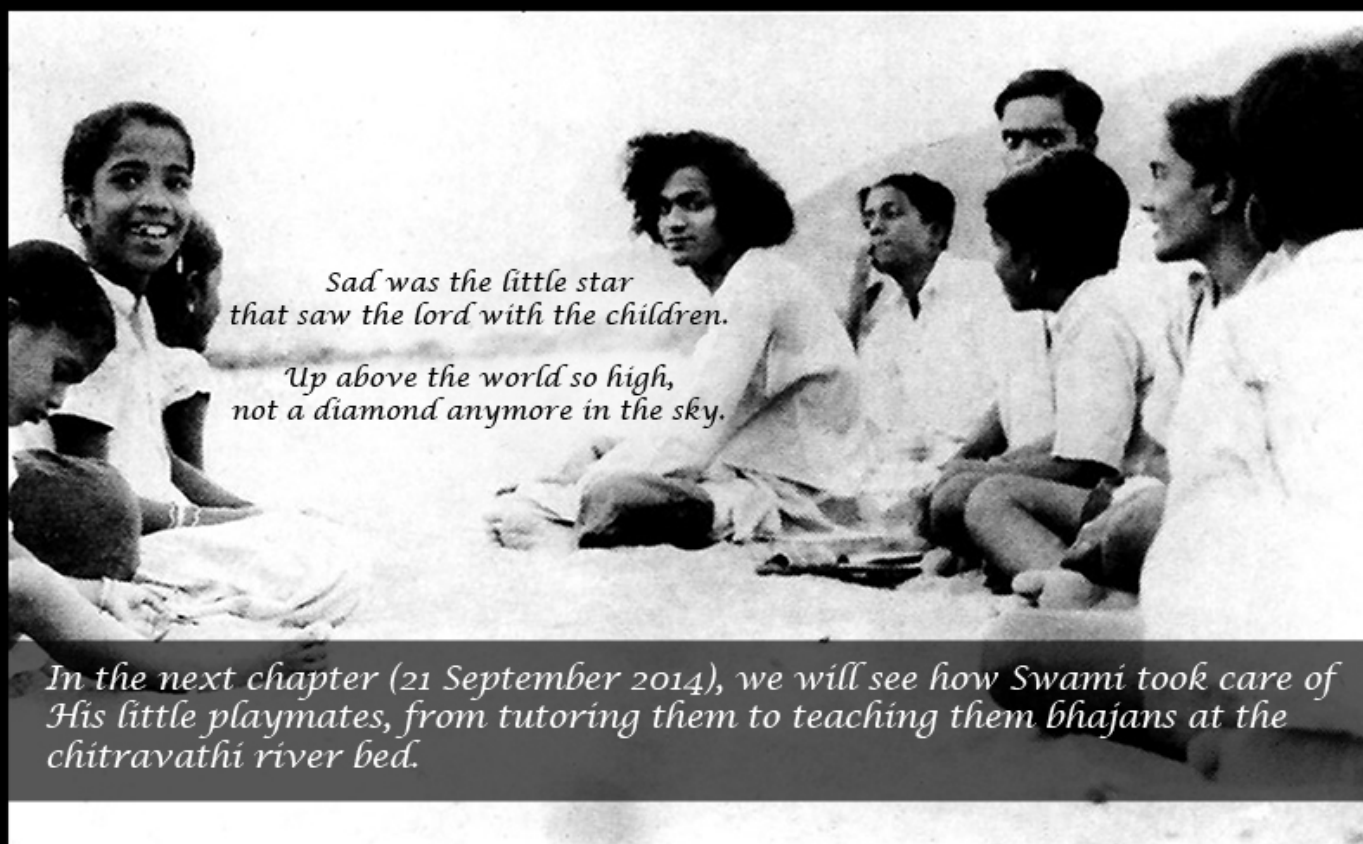
Lord Hanuman wasn't pleased with my circumambulation. Therefore, I will give it up.



Awestruck, the children followed their Master. Divine feelings emerged in their hearts and transformation took place. They narrated the incident to everyone.







*Sad was the little star  
that saw the lord with the children.*

*Up above the world so high,  
not a diamond anymore in the sky.*

*In the next chapter (21 September 2014), we will see how Swami took care of  
His little playmates, from tutoring them to teaching them bhajans at the  
chitravathi river bed.*