

SAGE AGASTHYA AND THE KALAKEYAS

ors and even the gods searched for them everywhere, but no one could find them.

The Kalakeyas were very happy that they had escaped from Indra. But they came out of the ocean every night and destroyed villages, ashrams, and the people and cat-

Once upon a time, there lived a demon called Vritasura whose followers were called Kalakeyas. Vritasura, along with Kalakeyas, tortured all the virtuous people they met. When he saw this, Indra, the king of devas, fought a fierce battle with the demon and killed him. The Kalakeyas immediately escaped, and hid under the ocean. Many kings, emper-

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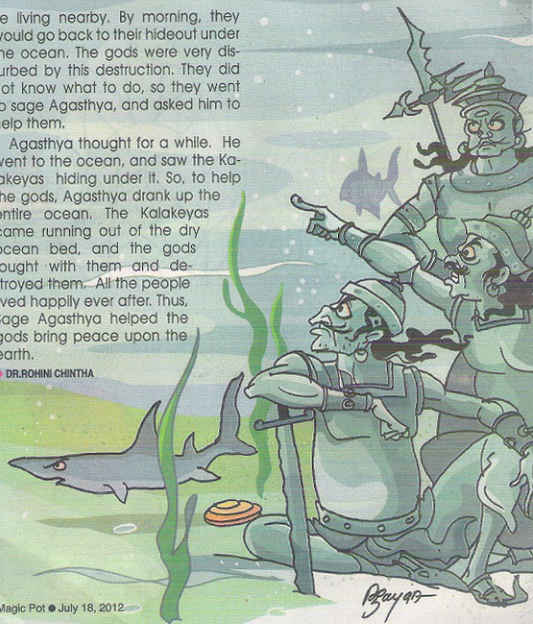
Dear Parents and Teachers,
Children should be made familiar with tales from the Puranas and legends. This is a famous story from our mythology. The story has been edited keeping in mind the age of the readers.

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tle living nearby. By morning, they would go back to their hideout under the ocean. The gods were very disturbed by this destruction. They did not know what to do, so they went to sage Agasthya, and asked him to help them.

Agasthya thought for a while. He went to the ocean, and saw the Kalakeyas hiding under it. So, to help the gods, Agasthya drank up the entire ocean. The Kalakeyas came running out of the dry ocean bed, and the gods fought with them and destroyed them. All the people lived happily ever after. Thus, Sage Agasthya helped the gods bring peace upon the earth.

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