

Resource 5.5

LOOKING AT
STORIES

Sant Jalaram Bapa: what did we learn?

Fill in the blank words to tell the story you learned:

Jalaram Bapa was born in _____ over 220 years ago. He became famous because he really loved worshipping the god _____, and serving other people, especially by _____ them. His wife was called _____ and she was good at farming. They set up the Sadavrat, a free _____, to feed hundreds of poor people and holy travellers every day. In the story, the god Rama came to visit them in _____. They fed him, and Virbai even travelled with Rama to care for him. The god was so delighted with their _____ and loving service that he gave them a staff which had spiritual _____. Sometimes the staff made _____ possible: grain appeared from nowhere to feed the hungry people. After Jalaram Bapa died, his many followers were _____ by his example. They have built mandirs in his name, and kept up the work of generously feeding anyone who was _____. Jalaram Bapa is a special person because he lived out _____ dharma, or duty. That's why his story is still remembered today, and his example is still _____ today.

Word bank: Use these 13 words to complete the story above.

disguise

feeding

followed

Hindu

hungry

inspired

India

kitchen

miracles

powers

Rama

Virbai

kindness

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Describe the ways in which Avril Patel followed the example of Jalaram Bapa:

Which of the Hindu virtues you learned about matter most, in your opinion?

Choose three, and say why they matter.

1.

2.

3.

In Leicester, on the coldest nights of the year the Shree Jalaram Mandir stays open and anyone without a home can stay there in the warm and get a free meal. How do you think this kindness is connected to the life of Jalaram Bapa?

This is the sum of all true righteousness: Treat others as you would yourself like to be treated. Do nothing to your neighbour which afterwards you would not like your neighbour to do to you.

Mahabharata (Book 13, Verse 113, simplified)

Why are these words important?

Imagine the Hindu mandir asks you to design a new logo for its work that shows what is important about the inspiring story of Jalaram Bapa. Use simple images and a few words to design the logo.