**Prahlad and Holika Story – Brief Overview**

*(could be used as a card-sort story)*

Once upon a time there was an evil King who demanded that everyone worship him.

There was also young and pious Prince, called Prahlad, who refused to bow down to his father as he only worshiped the Lord Vishnu.

Various attempts were made by the King to kill his son. This included including throwing him into a pit of snakes and even sending his army to slaughter him.

One day the King asked his sister, Holika, to help him. Holika had been given a gift by the Gods and been promised she would always be immune from fire

Aunt Holika came up with a plan. She sat Prahlad on her lap and as she cackled with laughter, she commanded a fire to set her and Prahlad alight

As the flames began to rise there were a vast array of coloured fire. The King came to watch the fire, smirking, believing that his son would finally die.

As the king watched the fire in anticipation, Prahlad walked out unharmed and Holika’s ashes were left in a pile. The king wept.

The Lord Vishnu came down from the heavens, killed the evil King and made Prahlad the new ruler.