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Manu and the Great Flood

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Long before Lord Rama, King Satyavrata was praying beside a river when a tiny fish appeared in his hands. The fish feared that larger fish would eat it. The king gently promised to keep it safe.



Satyavrata placed the fish in a water pot. By morning, it needed more room! The king found it larger and larger homes, but it outgrew them all. At last, he carried it to the sea.



This was no ordinary fish. Satyavrata understood that it was Lord Vishnu as Matsya. A great flood would come in seven days. Matsya asked him to gather the seven sages, seeds, herbs and living creatures.



The king began preparing. On the seventh day, rain fell and the waters rose. A boat appeared, just as Matsya had promised. Satyavrata welcomed the sages and living creatures aboard, carrying seeds and herbs for a new beginning.



Then a golden light rose from the deep. Matsya had returned! With the great serpent Vasuki's help, they tied the boat to Matsya's horn. The fish guided them through the waves and shared sacred wisdom.



At last, the storm settled and a new dawn began. Life and wisdom had been carried safely through the flood. The rescue had begun with a king who took time to care for one tiny fish.



The End

In this traditional account, Satyavrata was later reborn as Vaivasvata Manu. Manu founded Ayodhya, and his son Ikshvaku began its royal line. Generations later, Lord Rama would be born into that family.

Moral: Care for the smallest creature. Kindness, preparation and courage can help others through a great storm.

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