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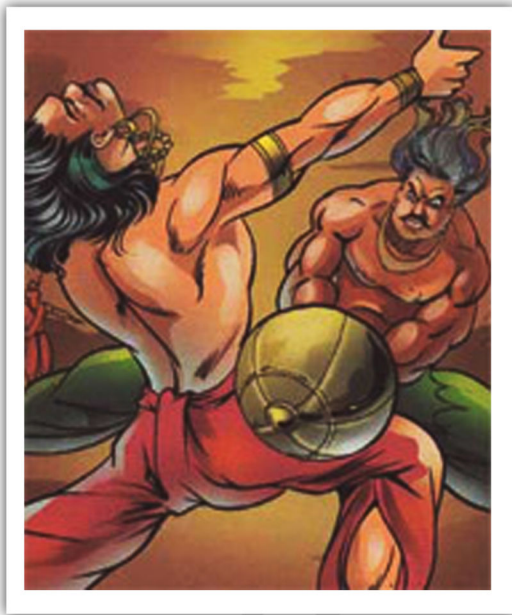
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# Lord Balarama

## Balarama and Mahabharata

In general Balarama was equally affectionate to both the Pandavas and the Kauravas. He accepted both Duryodhana and Bhima as His disciples in the art of mace-war.

As a teacher He appreciated the superior technique of Duryodhana as opposed to the raw strength of Bhima. At the time of Mahabharata, He refused to take sides and instead went on an extended pilgrimage to the holy places.



In the battle between Bhima and Duryodhana, He became angry at Bhima for killing Duryodhana by trickery, i.e. by hitting Duryodhana on his thighs, which was against the rules of Mace Fights. However, Lord Krishna pacified Lord Balarama.