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Similar questions were put to Duryodhana, Bhima, Nakul, Sahadeva and others, and Acharya Drona got the similar answers as those given by Yudhisthira. Acharya told them to step aside as it was obvious that with such poor concentration they were sure to miss the target!

Lastly, it was the turn of Arjuna. He readied himself, his bow and arrow in perfect graceful harmony! When the Guru asked him, "O Arjuna, will you tell me what is being observed by you?"

And Arjuna replied, "Sir, at this point of time only the eye of the bird is visible to me." When asked by the teacher whether he was able to see the bird, the tree, and people around, Arjuna replied in negative, maintaining that he saw the eye of the bird only.

Dronacharya was pleased with Arjuna's immense concentration and correct approach towards the art of archery. He then explained to others how due to such peculiar yogic qualities and powers he preferred Arjuna as his best disciple.





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Arjuna the warrior - Sketch by Ajrun Umashankar

### News Bytes

- Vidyalaya Graduation is on May 21st
- \* RSVP for Graduation as soon as possible
- ❖ Vedic summer camp July 10 to 21 2023. Registration will open soon

## **Arjuna Story**

By Abhijeet Umashankar

Out of all Pandavas and Kauravas, Arjuna had immense liking for the sport of bow and arrow. He practiced this art with great concentration and perseverance. Soon he became a professional in this art. Acharya Drona was very much pleased with Arjuna and showed preferential love and favor towards him. This caused a natural adolescent jealousy in the heart of Duryodhana and his brother Dushyasana. Duryodhana, in particular, did not like Arjuna and other Pandavas and silently ill feelings like hatred towards Pandavas took birth in his heart.

One day they openly criticized their Guru for the favor shown towards Arjuna, telling him they also were not less skillful in archery. As a reply to their criticism, Acharya Drona arranged a test to decide the best archer amongst all.

Accordingly, a wooden bird was put on a branch of a distant tree. It was partly hidden by the foliage. A prominent artificial eye was painted on the wooden bird. The teacher called all his disciples and said, "Look my children, a bird is sitting on that far off tree. You have to hit the arrow exactly in its eye. Are you ready?"

Everyone nodded. First the eldest Yudhisthira was invited to try his skill. He stretched his bow-string and was about to release the arrow when Dronacharya asked him a question, "O eldest son of Kunti, may I know what is visible to you at this point of time?"

Yudhisthira replied innocently, "Why, O Gurudev, I am seeing you, the tree, people around me, and the bird!"

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### The Python Coding at Vidyalaya By Jai Akash

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Coding is REALLY fun! It's the BEST time of my day! All the ERRORS and CODE are just cool. And the teacher for the class makes many parts of the lesson fun(and/or funny). He(Prof. Bhargay) is a very good teacher

#### Lord Hanuman By Sriakshitha Jayaganesh

