

## Slokas for Children With Meanings

Here are 20 Sanskrit slokas for kids (with meanings) that your children can easily memorize and chant.

### 1. Shanti Mantra

This is a powerful **peace invocation** (Shanti Mantra) from the **Brhadāraṇyaka Upanishad**, often recited for truth, light, and immortality.

असतो मा सद्गमय ।  
तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।  
मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय ।  
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Meaning: Lead me to truth from ignorance, lead me to light from the darkness, lead me to immortality from death. Let there be peace.

### 2. Shanti Mantra

This is the second Shanti mantra. This is a beautiful **Shanti Mantra** from the **Taittiriya Upanishad**, often chanted at the beginning of learning sessions to invoke peace, cooperation, and strength between the teacher and student.

ॐ सह नावतु ।  
सह नौ भुनक्तु ।  
सह वीर्यं कर्वावहे ।



तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहे ।

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Meaning: May God protect us both, the teacher and the student, on our journey towards attaining knowledge. May He nourish us. May we work together with great energy. May our studies be enlightening and brilliant. May there be no hate or hostility among us. Let there be peace in me, in nature, and in the divine force.

### 3. Shanti Mantra

This is the third of the four Shanti mantras. This is a beautiful universal **peace and wellness prayer**, often taught to children to foster compassion, kindness, and unity.

ॐ सर्वेषां स्वस्तिर्भवतु ।

सर्वेषां शान्तिर्भवतु ।

सर्वेषां पूर्णं भवतु ।

सर्वेषां मङ्गलं भवतु ।

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः ।

सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।

सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु ।

मा कश्चिद्दुःखभाभवेत् ॥

Meaning: May auspiciousness, peace, and prosperity be to all. May everybody be happy and free from disabilities. May all strive for the good of others, and none suffer from sorrow.

#### 4. Shanti Mantra

This is the fourth Shanti mantra that kids can chant every day. This is a profound peace invocation (Shanti Mantra) from the **Isha Upanishad**, often chanted at the beginning of prayers and teachings.

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदम् ।  
पूर्णात् पूर्णमुदच्यते ।  
पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय ।  
पूर्णमेवावशिष्यते ॥  
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Meaning: God is the ultimate truth. The absolute rises above the absolute. Even when the absolute is taken away from the absolute, it remains.

#### 5. Mooshika Vaahana Mantra

This powerful Ganesha mantra is chanted to invoke the blessings of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and the god of new beginnings and success.

मूषिकवाहन मोदकहस्तः  
चामरकर्ण विलम्बितसूत्रः ।  
वामनरूप महेश्वरपुत्रः  
विघ्नविनायक पाद नमस्ते ॥

Meaning: Salutations to the Lord Ganesha, who has a mouse as a vehicle and a modak in his hand. Your ears are like big fans and you wear a sacred thread. You're short in stature and the son of Lord Maheshwara (Shiva). I bow to you Lord Ganesha, the remover of all obstacles.

## 6. Guru Mantra

This mantra highlights the importance of teachers and equates them with the Hindu Trinity of Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Mahesh.

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः  
गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।  
गुरुः साक्षात् परं ब्रह्म  
तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

Meaning: The guru (teacher) is the living representative of the Holy Trinity in Hinduism – Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu, and Lord Shiva. The teacher is the representative of the Supreme Being. He gives me knowledge and destroys ignorance. I salute such a guru.

## 7. Saraswathi Namasthubhyam Mantra

This sloka invokes the blessings of the Goddess Saraswati, the Hindu Goddess of learning and wisdom.

सरस्वति नमस्तुभ्यं वरदे कामरूपिणि ।  
विद्यारम्भं करिष्यामि सिद्धिर्भवतु मे सदा ॥

Meaning: Revered Goddess Saraswati, I prostrate before you as you are the one who can fulfil all my wishes. I am beginning my studies and ask you to bestow your grace upon me so that I am successful in my endeavour.

## 8. Manojavam Mantra

This sloka invokes the blessings of Lord Hanuman.

मनोजवं मारुततुल्यवेगं  
जितेन्द्रियं बुद्धिमतां वरिष्ठम्।  
वातात्मजं वानरयूथमुख्यं  
श्रीरामदूतं शरणं प्रपद्ये ॥

Meaning: I take refuge in Lord Hanuman. I pray and salute the one who is as fast as thought, is more powerful than the wind, has mastered his senses, is the wisest, is the son of the Wind God, is the commander of the monkey brigade, and Lord Ram's messenger. I bow at your feet.

## 9. Gayatri Mantra

The Gayatri Mantra, is a Vedic chant from the Rig Veda. It is dedicated to the sun. Make your child recite it while standing under the early morning sun.

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः  
तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं  
भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि  
धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥

Meaning: We meditate on the glory of the vivifying Sun, whose divine light illuminates all realms – the physical, the mental and the spiritual. May your divine light illuminate our intellect.

## 10. Guravey Sarva Mantra



This is a mantra in praise of the Dakshinamoorthy (Lord Shiva).

गुरवे सर्वलोकानां  
भिषजे भवरोधिनां।  
निधये सर्वविद्यानां  
श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये नमः ॥

Meaning: We bow to the universal guru who is the teacher of the entire world and the healer of all diseases.

### 11. Vidyaarthee Sloka

This sloka can be recited while bowing to Lord Ganesha and praying to him to bless you with knowledge, a child, or salvation.

विद्यार्थी लभते विद्याम्  
धनार्थी लभते धनम्।  
पुत्रार्थी लभते पुत्रान्  
मोक्षार्थी लभते गतिम्॥

Meaning: Aspire for knowledge, you'll get it; yearn for wealth, you'll get it; ask for a child, you'll get it; strive for salvation, and you'll reach it.

### 12. Vakrathunda Sloka

This sloka is about seeking Lord Ganesha's blessings for removing obstacles in your path to success.

वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय  
सूर्यकोटिसमप्रभ।

निर्विघ्नं कुरु मे देव  
सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा ॥

Meaning: Lord with a curved trunk and huge body, and the brilliance of a million suns, I seek your blessings to grace my new beginning and remove all the obstacles as I begin to work.

### 13. **Sarva Kalyaani Mantra**

This sloka is a prayer to the Goddess Gauri for success and prosperity.

सर्वमङ्गलमाङ्गल्ये शिवे सर्वार्थसाधिके ।  
शरण्ये त्र्यम्बके गौरी नारायणी नमोऽस्तुते ॥

Meaning: O Goddess of all auspiciousness, who is so harmonious, the fulfiller of our objectives, the giver of refuge, who has three eyes and is in golden colour, our salutations to you, Gauri Narayani.

### 14. **Hyagreevam Stuthi**

Hayagreeva is an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, and kids can recite this sloka before beginning their day.

ज्ञानानन्दमयं देवं  
निर्मल-स्फटिकाकृतिम् ।  
आधारं सर्वविद्यानां  
हयग्रीवं उपास्महे ॥

Meaning: Salutations to Sri Hayagreeva, the Lord with a Horse face. You are the presiding God for all the knowledge in the world. We offer our prayers to you; please bless us with knowledge and wisdom.

## 15. Lakshmi Sloka

This sloka is a prayer to seek the blessings of the Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth.

नमस्तेस्तु महामाये  
श्रीपीठे सुरपूजिते।  
शङ्खचक्रगदाहस्ते  
महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तुते॥

Meaning: Salute to Goddess Lakshmi, who is the “Cause of Creation” and who is worshipped by the Suras. Salute to the Goddess who is adorned with the conch, disc and mace in her hands. I respectfully bow in front of you.

## 16. Achyutam Keshavam Sloka

This sloka is in praise of Lord Rama and includes his various names.

अच्युतं केशवं राम-नारायणं  
कृष्ण-दामोदरं वासुदेवं हरिम्।  
श्रीधरं माधवं गोपिका-वल्लभं  
जानकी-नायकं रामचन्द्रं भजे॥

Meaning: This verse lauds Lord Ram, who is also known as Achyuta (infallible), Keshav, Raam, Narayan, Krishna, Damodara, Vasudeva, Hari, Shridhara (possessing Lakshmi), Madhava, Gopikavallabha (Dearest of Gopika), and Janakinayaka (Lord of Janaki or Sita).

## 17. Ya Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Sloka



This sloka is dedicated to the Goddess Durga. You can make your child recite this sloka in the morning before school time.

या देवी सर्वभूतेषु निद्रारूपेण संस्थिता  
नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः ॥

Meaning: You are everywhere, Goddess. You are also present while sleeping. I humbly bow to you. I salute you three times. You are the one who, in the shape of the sleep, is present in all living beings.

### 18. Yaa Kundendu

Invoke the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the embodiment of knowledge and wisdom, at the start of your daily lessons.

या कुन्देन्दु तुषारहारधवला  
या शुभ्रवस्त्रावृता ।  
या वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा  
या श्वेतपद्मासना ॥  
या ब्रह्माच्युतशङ्करप्रभृतिभिर्देवैः सदा पूजिता  
सा मां पातु सरस्वती भगवती  
निःशेषजाड्यापहा ॥

Meaning: Goddess Saraswati shines with a purity resembling moonlight, snow, and pearls, draped in immaculate white. As she skillfully plays the veena with her two hands, she extends blessings with the other two or offers guidance when needed. Seated upon a lovely white lotus, she is revered by all the celestial beings, including Brahma, the creator; Vishnu, the preserver; and Maheshwara, the destroyer. May she clear any hurdles in my path and provide me with her divine protection.

## 19. Deepam Sloka

This sloka serves as an invocation to the lamp.

शुभं करोति कल्याणम्  
आरोम्यं धनसंपदाम्।  
शत्रुबुद्धिविनाशाय  
दीपज्योतिर्नमोऽस्तुते ॥

Meaning: We bow to the light that brings good fortune, prosperity, good health, and abundant wealth while also vanquishing the enemies of our intellect.

## 20. Krishna Shlokam

This is a shloka invoking Lord Krishna as the son of Vasudeva, the remover of Kamsa and Chanura, and the ultimate source of joy and wisdom.

वसुदेवसुतं देवं  
कंसचाणूरमर्धनम्।  
देवकीपरमानन्दं  
कृष्णं वन्दे जगत्गुरुम् ॥

Meaning: I bow to Lord Krishna, the son of Vasudeva, the destroyer of Kamsa and Chanura, the joy of Devaki, and the teacher of the universe.