

# 10 Starter Shlokas for Kids

A beautiful collection for daily recitation, clear understanding, and moral values

## Welcome to Your Daily Shloka Journey!

Reciting shlokas helps improve memory, concentration, and pronunciation in young minds. Encourage your child to practice just one shloka every week with clear articulation and joyful presence.

### 1. Guru Vandana

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गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।  
गुरुः साक्षात् परब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

*Gurur Brahmā Gurur Viṣṇuḥ Gurur Devo Maheśvaraḥ |  
Guruḥ Sākṣāt Parabrahma Tasmai Śrī Gurave Namaḥ ||*

**Meaning:** The Guru is Brahma, the Guru is Vishnu, and the Guru is Maheshwara (Shiva). The Guru is truly the supreme absolute reality. Salutations to that revered spiritual teacher.

### 2. Ganesha Shloka

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वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय सूर्यकोटिसमप्रभ ।  
निर्विघ्नं कुरु मे देव सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा ॥

*Vakratuṇḍa Mahākāya Sūryakoṭi Samaprabha |  
Nirvighnaṁ Kuru Me Deva Sarva Kāryeṣu Sarvadā ||*

**Meaning:** O Lord Ganesha, of curved trunk and massive body, whose brilliance equals millions of suns! Please make all my endeavors free of obstacles, always.

### 3. Saraswati Vandana

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सरस्वति नमस्तुभ्यं वरदे कामरूपिणी ।  
विद्यारम्भं करिष्यामी सिद्धिर्भवतु मे सदा ॥

*Sarasvati Namastubhyaṃ Varade Kāmarūpiṇī |  
Vidyārambhaṃ Kariṣyāmi Siddhir Bhavatu Me Sadā ||*

**Meaning:** O Goddess Saraswati, my salutations to you, the fulfiller of wishes and bestower of blessings. As I begin my studies, may success and fulfillment always guide me.

### 4. Gayatri Mantra

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ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः तत्सवितुर्वरिण्यं ।  
भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥

*Om Bhūr Bhuvaḥ Svaḥ Tat Savitur Vareṇyam |  
Bhargo Devasya Dhīmahi Dhiyo Yo Naḥ Pracodayāt ||*

**Meaning:** We meditate on the glorious radiant light of the divine Sun. May that Supreme Intelligence awaken and illuminate our minds.

### 5. Morning Karadarshanam

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कराग्रे वसते लक्ष्मीः करमध्ये सरस्वती ।  
करमूले तु गोविन्दः प्रभाते करदर्शनम् ॥

*Karāgre Vasate Lakṣmīḥ Karamadhye Sarasvatī |  
Karamūle Tu Govindaḥ Prabhāte Karadarśanam ||*

**Meaning:** On the tips of the fingers resides Lakshmi; in the center of the palm resides Saraswati; and at the base of the palm lives Govinda. It is auspicious to look at your hands first thing in the morning.

## 6. Shanti Mantra

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ॐ सह नावतु । सह नौ भुनक्तु । सह वीर्यं करवावहै ।  
तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै ॥ ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

*Om Saha Nāvavatu | Saha Nau Bhunaktu | Saha Vīryam Karavāvahai |  
Tejasvi Nāvad hītamastu Mā Vidviṣāvahai || Om Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ ||*

**Meaning:** May the Divine protect us both (teacher and student) together. May we be nourished together. May we work together with great energy. May our learning be brilliant, and may we never harbor animosity. Peace, Peace, Peace.

## 7. Deepa Jyoti Shloka

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शुभं करोति कल्याणं आरोग्यं धनसम्पदा ।  
शत्रुबुद्धिविनाशाय दीपज्योतिर्नमोऽस्तु ते ॥

*Śubham Karoti Kalyāṇam Ārogyam Dhanasampadā |  
Śatrubuddhi Vināśāya Dīpajyoti Namostu Te ||*

**Meaning:** Salutations to the light of the lamp, which brings auspiciousness, health, and prosperity, and transforms negative thoughts into wisdom.

## 8. Mealtime Prayer

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ब्रह्मार्पणं ब्रह्म हविः ब्रह्माग्नौ ब्रह्मणा हुतम् ।  
ब्रह्मैव तेन गन्तव्यं ब्रह्मकर्मसमाधिना ॥

*Brahmārpaṇam Brahma Haviḥ Brahmāgnau Brahmaṇā Hutam |  
Brahmaiva Tena Gantavyam Brahmakarma Samādhinā ||*

**Meaning:** The act of offering is Divine, the food is Divine, the fire of consumption is Divine, and the one making the offering is Divine. One who beholds the Divine in all actions reaches the Divine.

## 9. Universal Well-being

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सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।  
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद्दुःखभागभवेत् ॥

*Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinaḥ Sarve Santu Nirāmayāḥ |  
Sarve Bhadrāṇi Paśyantū Mā Kaścid Duḥkhabhāgbhavet ||*

**Meaning:** May all beings be happy. May all beings be free from illness. May everyone see what is auspicious, and may no one suffer or be unhappy.

## 10. Prayer for Light

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

*Asato Mā Sadgamaya | Tamaso Mā Jyotirgamaya |  
Mṛtyor Mā Amṛtaṁ Gamaya | Om Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ ||*

**Meaning:** Lead me from the unreal to the Real. Lead me from darkness to Light. Lead me from mortality to Immortality. Om Peace, Peace, Peace.



## Tips for Daily Practice

- **Morning Routine:** Try reciting the \*Morning Karadarshanam\* right as you wake up while looking at your palms.
- **The 5-Minute Rule:** Spend just five minutes a day. Consistency is far better than studying for an hour once a week!
- **Clear Articulation:** Recite slowly. Pay focus to the phonetic sounds of Sanskrit, which naturally exercises the vocal chords and tongue.
- **Family Bonding:** Recite them together before meals or during evening lamps to establish a joyous home routine.