# Diwali Story

A long time ago there lived a King with many wives who had four sons. Rama was the oldest son and he was going to be the next king. One of the King’s other wives wanted her son to be king. She told her husband lies about Rama. The King sent Rama to live in another country.

Rama’s wife Sita and his brother Lakshman went with him. One day whilst Rama and Lakshman were hunting for food the evil Ravanna came and kidnapped Sita and took her to another island.

Lakshman and Rama were very upset and sad and went to look for Sita. Hanuman the King of the monkeys offered to help too. He asked his monkey helpers to help make a bridge to the island where Ravanna had taken Sita. The monkeys joined their tails together and made a bridge with their bodies to the island were Ravanna had taken Sita. Rama and Lakshman hopped over to the island. They looked on the island for Ravanna and Sita. They had a big fight with Ravanna and they won.

Rama, Sita and Lakshman went back home. They had been away for a long time but the people came out to welcome them. They lit lamps to help show them the way back home. The lights are called divas. Rama then became king and Sita his queen.