

# Neminath



Long, long ago, in the kingdom of Junagadh, lived a prince called Nemikumar. He was to get married to a very charming and lovely princess called Rajemati. Both the families were very happy and celebrations had begun.



The day of the wedding came, and Prince Nemikumar set off for the marriage. There was laughter all around. On the way, the prince heard the sound of some animals pitifully crying.



The prince stopped and asked his charioteer what these sounds were. The charioteer told him that those were the animals that were to be killed for his marriage to make a feast. Prince Nemikumar was very sad,

"How can animals be killed for our pleasure?"

he asked.



The more he thought about it, the worse he felt. So, he freed the animals and turned away from his marriage. He became a Jain Sadhu and preached the message of Ahinsa. He was known as Neminath.



When Princess Rajemati found out about his renouncement, she renounced the world and became a Jain Sadhvi.



We must not be cruel to the animals. They deserve to live and be happy.

