

## CurriculumVisions Hindu Lesson 2

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Religion

Book: Hindu Faith

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Hindu Faith.

Start by going to pages 4 and 5, and read the text. What are the different gods and goddess in Hinduism all a part of? Why do people worship many gods and goddesses?

Answer.....

They are all part of one Supreme God, called Brahman.

People worship the gods and goddesses because it is impossible to know Brahman, so most people instead worship the different forms of Brahman.

Turn to pages 6 and 7. What are the four most important principles which guide Hindus? In just a few words, describe each of them.

Answer.....

Dharma: Hindu traditions and teachings

Karma: actions/making the correct actions

Artha: wealth/success/using wealth to help your family and other people

Moksha: enlightenment or stopping being reincarnated and joining with God

Read the text and captions on pages 8 and 9 and look at the images. Choose one of the three gods on these pages and describe them in your own words.

Hint: include information in the captions.

Answer.....

Answers will vary. They should include the role of the god (eg 'creator') as well as a description of the different objects or parts of the god from the captions.

Go to pages 10 and 11. Read the text and captions, and look at the pictures of the goddesses. Choose one of the four pictures and describe the different things in the picture and why they are important to that goddess.

Answer.....

Answers will vary. They should include as many elements of the picture as possible.

Read the text on pages 12 and 13. What is an avatar? Who are the avatars of Vishnu on these pages?

Answer.....

An avatar is a form of Vishnu, from when Vishnu has come to Earth to restore balance. The avatars of Vishnu on these pages are Krishna and Rama.

Who might a Hindu pray to if they are starting a new business? Why?

Answer.....

Ganesha – he is the god who removes obstacles.

Read the text on pages 14 and 15. What is the difference between a murti and a shrine?

Answer.....

A murti is an image (picture/statue/etc.) of a god or goddess. A shrine is a home for the gods and goddesses and are where murtis are kept.

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 16 and 17. What are some of the ways that puja involves all of the senses?

Answer.....

Puja can include prayer and chanting or singing (hearing), offerings of food (taste), flowers, incense (smell), seeing the murtis/gods and goddesses (sight).

Look at the pictures on pages 18 and 19. Describe what these worshippers are doing. What is this ceremony called?

Answer.....

This is aarti. The people are offering light to the gods and goddesses and then sharing the light by waving their hands over the lights and then over their faces and heads.

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 20-23. What are some of the different types of sacred texts? What is in them?

Answer.....

Answers could include:

Srutis (vedic scriptures): teachings from God

Smriti: texts composed by scholars and poets

Vedas: Rig veda, Sama Veda, Yajur Veda, Atharva Veda – hymns, incantations and rituals from ancient India

Upanishads: ancient books that add to the knowledge of the Vedas

Brahmanas: contain instructions on ways to worship

Aranyakas: books that discuss philosophy

Puranas: stories of the gods and goddesses

Mahabharata: an epic poem that tells the story of Lord Krishna  
Bhagvad Gita: part of the Mahabharata, a discussion about the nature and purpose of life  
Ramayana: an epic poem about prince Rama and his wife Sita

Read the text on pages 24 and 25. What are two important ways that Hinduism is part of everyday life.

Answer.....

Practicing non-violence and (sometimes) vegetarianism. Caring for cows.  
Having personal gods and goddesses.

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 26 and 27. Draw a pictures of a Hindu symbol and describe how it is used.

Answer.....

Answers will vary.

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 28 and 29. Choose one of the festivals discussed on the page and research more about it. Prepare a poster about the festival.

Answer.....

Answers will vary.

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That is the end of this worksheet. Find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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