

## CurriculumVisions Lesson 1

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Religion

The Mandir

Book: Hindu Mandir

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

In this segment, we are going to think about how the Hindu mandir is used for worship.

Start by going to pages 4 and 5, look at the pictures of mandirs and read the text. What are some of the ways that the mandir is like a palace?

Answer.....

Answers could include: The flags are reminders of flags that were flown on palaces in ancient India. The carvings and artwork make the mandir look like a palace. The carved gateway gives a sense of awe.

Turn to pages 6 and 7. What is a murti? Look at the illustration, why is the main shrine under the tall tower?

Answer.....

A murti is a statue or painting of a god or goddess. The main shrine is under the tall tower because this is the centre of the mandir.

Read the text on pages 8 and 9. What are some ways that a shrine is like a throne?

Answer.....

They are designed and decorated to look like a throne. They often have a carved throne chair inside them. They are at the centre of the mandir. They have canopies over them.

Go to pages 10 and 11. Can you name three ways that Hindus show respect for the gods and goddesses?

Answer.....

Any three of: they take their shoes off when they enter the mandir; they wear traditional clothes in the mandir; they make offerings to the gods and

goddesses; they wash the statues and dress them in nice clothes; they may bow in front of the murtis.

Read about the different ways to worship on pages 12 to 15. What parts of worship use the sense of taste? Smell? Sight? Hearing? Touch?

Answer.....

Taste: sharing food

Smell: the smell of the food or flowers used as offerings, incense

Sight: seeing the god or goddess,

Hearing: ringing a bell, listening to chants and prayers, listening to music

Touch: washing the feet of the god or goddess, the feel of heat from the fire

Why do tilak's have different shapes and colours?

Answer.....

The shape and colour depends on what god or goddess the person has been worshipping. Each shape and colour has a different meaning.

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 18-19. What activities might take place in the prayer hall, or haveli?

Answer.....

Performing sacred songs and dances; recitals of holy texts; lectures.

What do Hindu festivals celebrate? What are some ways they are celebrated?

Answer.....

They celebrate events in the lives of the gods and goddesses.

Festivals could include parading the murtis around on specially-decorated shrines, telling stories or holding plays about the gods and goddesses, making special food, prayers, making offerings.

Look at the pictures of mandirs around the world on pages 23-24. What do they have in common? How are they different?

Answer.....

In common: tall towers, decorations/carvings, large, they all have visitors

Different: Different styles, different sizes, they were built at different times and in different places

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