

Hinduism Key Facts

- At the core of Hinduism is the idea that many paths, including those of other religious traditions, lead to the Truth.
- Hindus believe that God is everywhere and in everyone so that when they greet another person they salute them with their hands together saying the word 'Namaste'.
- Navaratri (celebrating fertility and harvest)
- Raksha Bandhan (celebrating the bond between brother and sister)
- Janmashtami (Krishna's birthday)
- The religion dates back over 4,000 years.
- Hinduism is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices which originated near the river Indus in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus.
- The story of the Lord Krishna eating earth as a young boy is one of many about his cheeky and naughty childhood. In this same story, when his mother asks him to open his mouth so that she can clean out the earth she is awed by the vision of his true nature as God which she sees there.



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Hinduism Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Bhagavad Gita	The Song of the Lord. Spoken by Krishna this is the most important scripture for most Hindus. Tradition dates it back to 3000 years BCE.
Diwali	Festival of lights at the end of one year and beginning of the new year according to one Hindu calendar.
Guru	Spiritual teacher or enlightener
Lakshmi	The goddess of fortune
Puja	The act of worship.
Mandir	Temple
meditation	Focus one's mind for a period of time, for religious and spiritual purposes.
Varanasi	City on the river Ganges, sacred to Shiva . It is one of the holiest pilgrimage sites and also an ancient centre of learning.
Varna	<i>Colour</i> . The four principal divisions of Hindu society. It is important to note that the word „caste“ refers strictly to subdivisions within each varna , and not to varnas themselves
Veda	Knowledge. Specifically refers to the four Vedas, though any teaching which is consistent with the conclusions of these scriptures is also accepted a Vedic.

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- To explore Hindu Gods
- To look at Hindu beliefs and their stories
- To understand Hindu symbols
- To focus on Hindu festivals
- To focus on key traditions in Hinduism
- Each deity has its own particular characteristics.

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- Retell a story
- Explore Hindu artefacts and make inferences related to them.



Key Questions

What does it mean to be a Hindu?

What are some key beliefs and practices shared by Hindus?

What are the Hindu rites of passage?

Key People

Devi- goddess



Lakshmi



Lord Shiva



Lord Krishna



Lord Rama