



Our Learning Keys

Unit 2.7 How is faith expressed in Hindu communities and traditions?

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Year 4

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Questions

- ➔ What matters most about Diwali?
- ➔ How do Hindus show their faith in their communities today?
- ➔ What are the benefits of sharing in worship and rituals in a family or community?
- ➔ What similarities can we find to other faith’s values and rituals?

Images



Links

- ➔ Literacy: What is the meaning of the words in prayers?
- ➔ Art: How is faith expressed in Art, music and clothing?
- ➔ Geography: Where in the world did the Hindu faith begin? Where do its followers live now?
- ➔ PSHE: What does it mean to be part of a community?
- ➔ MFL: What do some of the words used in Hinduism mean and where do they come from?

Vocabulary

dharma	a whole way of life
Sanatan Dharma	‘Eternal Way’ – what Hindus often call Hinduism
ritual	a religious ceremony where actions are performed in a set order
puja	the act of Hindu worship
bhajan	a devotional song
murti	an image or statue of a diety (God) or mortal
prashad	a religious offering (usually food)
arti	a ritual part of worship where lighted lamps are waved before a <i>murti</i>
Aum	the most important Hindu symbol – symbolises the centre of the universe

Facts

- ➔ Hinduism is a European word used to describe a diverse religious tradition that started in Northern India.
- ➔ People within the Hindu tradition often call Hinduism **‘Sanatan Dharma’** (meaning Eternal Way).
- ➔ There are over 800,000 Hindus in the UK, and more than 1 billion worldwide.
- ➔ One of the most famous Hindu sacred text is the ‘Bhagavad Gita’ (‘The Song from God’).
- ➔ Hindus use **murtis** in their worship, both at home and in the temple.
- ➔ Key Hindu Gods include **Brahma** (the creator), **Vishnu** (the protector of the universe), **Lakshmi** (the Goddess of wealth, fortune, power and beauty), **Shiva** (the destroyer), **Ganesha** (the God of art, science and wisdom – he has the head of an elephant) and **Krishna** (the God of love and compassion).
- ➔ Key Hindu festivals include Diwali, Holi, Navarati and Durga Puja.
- ➔ Hindus will normally do purja every day.
- ➔ Hindus often make offerings to the Gods by leaving food or similar in front of a murti.

Doors this will open...

- Author
- Religious leader
- Community leader
- Teacher
- Artist/sculptor

Previously...

In Year 2, we learnt about Diwali. We have also learnt about another faith from India, Sikhism.

Unit 2.6

How is faith expressed in Hindu traditions?

Next...

In Year 5 or 6, we will learn about what inspires Hindu people as they try to be good.