

Key learning

- 1 Hindus start the day with family prayer (Puja). The family gather together by the family shrine. This is a special time - a time for God.
- 2 Hindus prepare a puja tray with love and devotion-the little pot of water, the red sandalwood paste, the bright fresh flowers, the burning stick of incense
- 3 The family treat God like a special guest. They welcome him with flowers. They offer him fruit, rice, pieces of coconut and sweets. They offer him water to drink. They ask God to bless the food and water.
- 4 Hindus do not have to pray to all the gods and goddesses! They choose which gods they want to pray to. Hindus worship and prayer to a god called Ganesha. (He has an elephant's Head)
- 5 Hindus believe that Ganesha takes away anything that gets in the way of their prayers. They ask Ganesha to take away all bad things. They ask Ganesha to help them overcome evil with good.
- 6 Hindus believe they can worship gods anywhere and everywhere. Most Hindu homes have a shrine where the family can worship their favourite gods. They keep images of these gods - usually little statues -in their shrine. A statue of a Hindu god is called a **Murti** (mer-tee).
- 7 Ganesha parents are called Parvati and Shiva.

Vocabulary / Important people

1	Puja	the loving offering of light, flowers, and water or food to the divine
2	Atmosphere	a feeling or mood created by a particular place or a work of art.
3	Ganesha	elephant-headed Hindu god of beginnings
4	Shiva	Shiva One of the 3 main gods in Hinduism. He is the destroyer god who removes all evil from the world. He is married to Parvati
5	Murti	A statue of a Hindu god
6	Shrine	A special place set aside for worship sometimes beautifully decorated with an image of a god or goddess
7	Fierce	extremely strong or dangerous
8	Warlike	seem aggressive and eager to start a war
9	Meditating	to think calmly, deeply, and at length to discipline oneself and find peace.
10	processions	the act of moving forward in a formal, orderly way.
11	Teej	Festivals celebrated by women and girls mostly dedicated to the goddess Parvati

Big Question

How do Hindus show their devotion?

Prior Learning

- 1 Hindus read many different holy books. Four of these books are especially sacred. The Vedas are the oldest Hindu books.
- 2 Hindus worship many different Gods including Vishnu
- 3 Vishnu is often shown with four objects which are symbols- chakra, a conch shell, a lotus and a mace





A Hindu shrine decorated with Murti, pictures and flowers



Hindu family performing puja in their home



Om is the symbol of Hinduism

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Shree Geeta Bhawan Mandir is the first Hindu temple in the West Midlands of England,

Rights of the Child/Global Goals

1	14. Freedom of thought and religion	Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn to properly use this right
2	30. Minority culture, language and religion	Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.
3	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 
		11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 