

## More Hindu stories

| Key learning |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Vocabulary |           | Big Question                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |
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| 1            | There is another very special story that is important to Hindus. It is called Manu and Matsya the fish                                                                                                                        | 1          | Holy      | sacred according to a particular religion.                                                                            | What do Hindu's learn from Vishnu's stories and symbols?                             |
| 2            | This story is about very holy man called Manu and a fish called Matsya that can talk.                                                                                                                                         | 2          | Defeated  | to win a victory over; beat in a game or battle.                                                                      |                                                                                      |
| 3            | From this story, we learn Matsya the fish was indeed a god. He was the embodiment of Vishnu. Vishnu had taken the form of a fish!                                                                                             | 3          | Precious  | of great worth or value.                                                                                              | Prior Learning                                                                       |
| 4            | Matsya shared the knowledge in the holy books called the Vedas.                                                                                                                                                               | 4          | Infinity  | a distance we cannot measure because it goes on forever, or a place that we imagine is at the end of such a distance. |                                                                                      |
| 5            | Matsya (who was really Vishnu) taught people how to lead a good life. Matsya taught Manu and the seven holy men that people have souls. Matsya said that although bodies die, souls live for ever. Each soul is on a journey. | 5          | sacrifice | the act of giving up something of great value to show loyalty or deep affection                                       |                                                                                      |
| 6            | Vishnu is often shown with four objects which are symbols- chakra, a conch shell, a lotus and a mace                                                                                                                          | 6          | Purity    | the state or quality of being free from defects or sins                                                               |  |
| 7            | Hindus read many different holy books. Four of these books are especially sacred. The Vedas are the oldest Hindu books.                                                                                                       | 7          | Consuming | to eat; devour.                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8          | warriors  | a person who fights or has experience in battle; soldier.                                                             |                                                                                      |
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9          | Avatar    | in Hindu mythology, a human incarnation of a god.                                                                     |                                                                                      |



This is picture of the god Vishnu



Vishnu's avatars



## National Treasures



The Hindu temple of Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) in Tirumala, India.

## Rights of the Child/Global Goals

Freedom of thought and religion (14)

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 properly to use this right.

Minority, culture, language and religion (30)

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.