



Topic: Hindu Dharma - What Do Hindus Believe God is Like?

Year: 4

A Hindu Dharma Mandir

Mandirs is where Hindu Dharma's worship. They are seen as a place where heaven meets earth so mandirs are tall buildings, reaching up to the sky.



Hindu Dharmism Key Information

Brahman is the one true god. Hindu Dharmas believe that Brahman cannot be explained or understood so each god in Hinduism is a way of describing Brahman.



Hindus believe there is a part of Brahman in humans and other creatures. This is called atman. Many humans are vegetarian (they don't eat meat) because of this.

Enquiry Questions

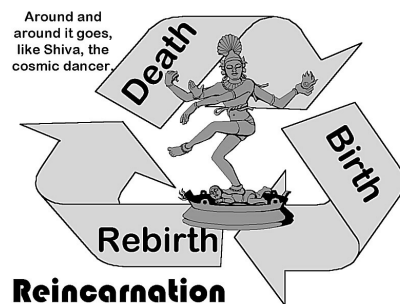
- What do Hindu symbols and stories show about belief in Brahman?
- How many gods are there in popular Hinduism?
- What can we find out about Hindu ideas about Brahman from looking at the images?
- What does the Trimurti represent? Is the cycle of create/preserve/destroy important?
- What do Hindu deities show about Brahman?
- What can we find out about worship in the Hindu home?
- How does the Diwali story link to a Hindu deity?



Hindus might attend a mandir to worship but many also worship in other places, often at home.

Key Vocabulary

Hindu Dharma	Someone who follows Hindu Dharma
Mandir	Hindu place of worship
Vedas	Ancient Hindu texts kept in special cases in India
Murti	Statue of a God or a Goddess
shrine	A holy place to pray
puja	An act of worship
Incense	Fragrant (nice smelling) sticks that are burnt during acts of worship
Diwali	The festival of light which is celebrated annually
Holi	A festival to celebrate Spring



Retrieval Quiz

- 1) What is the religious building called where Hindu Dharmas worship?
- 2) Whereas do many Hindu Dharmas worship?
- 3) The three stages of Hindu's cycle of life is birth, death and _____.
- 4) Which season does Holi celebrate?
- 5) Why are mandirs tall?
- 6) What is the one true god called in Hinduism?
- 7) How often is Diwali celebrated?
- 8) What is shrine for?

Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39>