

What do sacred texts in Hinduism tell us about God?

Skills covered: Read and discuss the meaning of the important Hindu stories, such as Rama and Sita, Ganesha and Krishna. Examine images of Hindu sacred deities and avatars using the attributes of God.

Must-know knowledge:

Hindus believe in one supreme and all powerful God - Brahman, who is known in three ways.

Brahma - the creator

Vishnu - the sustainer

Shiva - the destroyer

Vishnu comes to Earth in many avatars, including Krishna, Rama and Buddha.

God is included in all things in the created world, including people, animals, plants, stars and planets.

Acknowledge that scriptures are divided into those that are heard from God (Shruti) and those that are remembered (Smriti).

The story of Rama and Sita is linked to Diwali.

The story of Krishna's childhood.

Key festivals:

Diwali - the festival of light

Navratri - Nine nights

Krishna Janmashtami - 2 day festival celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna.

Ganesha Chaturthi - 10 day festival celebrating the birth of Ganesha.

Holi - festival of colours to celebrate spring.

Key vocabulary:

Brahman

Brahm

Shiva

Vishnu

Krishna

Rama

Sita

Diwali

Ramayana

Mahabharata

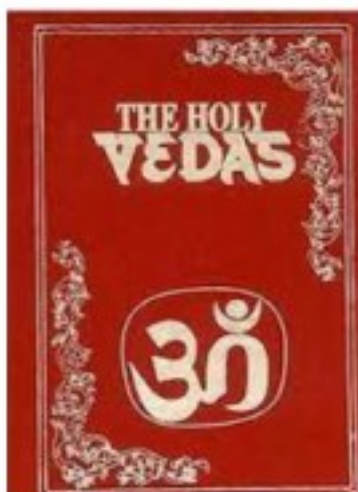
Murti



Key places:

Mandir

The Vedas



Mandir in Webley

