

The Festival of Light: Diwali

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali and its celebration through a story.

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions based on the information provided.

In a small village, Pip and his friends discovered an old story book that told of the Festival of Light, Diwali. The story mentioned that Diwali was a celebration of good over evil and light over darkness. It was a time when people light lamps and candles to welcome Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity. The children were fascinated and decided to celebrate it in their own way. They lit tiny oil lamps and rang their doorbells to invite their neighbors. They also decorated their house with colorful rangoli patterns. Pip's friend, Max, helped them solve the puzzle of arranging the lights in a pattern to represent a star. They were excited to learn that the festival also involved sharing sweets and playing games with friends.

1. What is Diwali and what does it signify? (2 marks)

2. How did the children celebrate Diwali in their village? (2 marks)

3. What pattern did Max help the children arrange the lights to represent? (2 marks)

4. Why do people light lamps during Diwali? (2 marks)

5. What is your favorite part of the celebration and why? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your own Diwali celebration and explain what you have drawn.



Extension challenge: Research about another festival celebrated in India and write a short passage about it, focusing on its significance and how it is celebrated.