

# Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie the Elephant

Step into the glow! Explore the vibrant story behind the Festival of Lights.

- What is the primary reason that lamps, known as diyas, are lit during Diwali to symbolise the victory of light over darkness?
- How does the story of Prince Rama and Princess Sita teach us about the importance of courage and loyalty?
- Why do people in the story decorate their homes with bright lights to guide Prince Rama back to the city of Ayodhya?
- In what ways do families come together to share food and gifts as part of this five-day festival?
- How do the colourful Rangoli patterns reflect the joy and creativity found within the Diwali celebrations?

*Did you know? Did you know? During Diwali, families create intricate patterns on the floor called Rangoli. These are traditionally made using coloured sand, rice flour, or flower petals to welcome guests and bring good luck into the home!*

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