

Hinduism: A Journey of Discovery with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify key beliefs, deities, and traditions within Hinduism, aligning with the Year 4 Religious Education curriculum.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a quest to explore the vibrant traditions of Hinduism. Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge to answer them. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. A (Brahman), 2. False (It is called a Mandir), 3. Diwali, 4. B (Ganesha), 5. True, 6. Karma, 7. Aum, 8. True, 9. Dharma, 10. C (Light over darkness).

Word bank: Brahman · Diwali · Mandir · Aum · Ganesha · Shrine · Karma · Dharma

1. 1. What is the name for the supreme cosmic spirit in Hinduism? A) Brahman* B) Vishnu C) Shiva D) Rama (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The place of worship for Hindus is called a Church. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which famous festival of lights celebrates the victory of good over evil? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which deity, often depicted with an elephant's head, is known as the remover of obstacles? A) Krishna B) Ganesha* C) Saraswati D) Lakshmi (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Many Hindus have a small home shrine to perform daily prayers called Puja. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the term for the belief that a person's actions have consequences for their future? (1 mark)

7. 7. Which sacred symbol represents the sound of the universe? A) Aum* B) Star C) Lotus D) Flame (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Hinduism is considered one of the world's oldest religions. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the name for the duty or 'right way of living' that Hindus strive to follow? (1 mark)

10. 10. During Diwali, what do the rows of clay lamps (diyas) symbolise? A) Wealth B) Friendship C) Light over darkness* D) Rain (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful diya lamp decorated with intricate patterns, surrounded by stars and flowers, to celebrate the festival of Diwali.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the concept of 'Dharma' might be important for a peaceful community. 2. Compare and contrast the celebration of Diwali with other festivals you know; how are they similar in spirit? 3. Justify your answer: Why do you think it is important for different religions to share their traditions with others? 4. What might happen if a community stopped celebrating its traditional festivals? 5. Describe the significance of the lotus flower in Hindu art and why it is often associated with purity. 6. Create a short poem about the meaning of 'light' in the context of the festival of Diwali.