

# Hinduism: A Journey of Discovery with Ellie the Elephant

*Learning objective: To identify key beliefs, deities, and traditions within Hinduism, aligning with the Class 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)**

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

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

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**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)**

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.*