




Key Question: What do Hindus believe God is like?

Year 4—Puffin Class

Subject: Religion and Worldviews

What should I know already?	Essential Knowledge	Vocabulary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This religion is only introduced from Year 4 onwards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The story of Svetaketu teaches that Brahman (God) is invisible, but is there in everything (like salt dissolved in water – can't see it but can taste it's there).</li> <li>There is only one God in Hinduism. Hindus believe that Brahman can't be explained, but each deity attempts to show an aspect or side of God (Brahma = creation, Lakshmi = wealth/good fortune, Parvati = fertility/creativity, Saraswati = knowledge/music/art/wisdom, Shiva = destruction and Vishnu = preservation).</li> </ul>	Deities	Gods or Goddesses.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflect upon beliefs and practices.</li> <li>Distinguish between the features of different religions.</li> <li>Interpret religious language.</li> <li>Consider thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The puja tray contains items used for Hindu worship</li> <li>Hindus believe there is a little spark of Brahman inside of all living creatures - known as 'atman' and should be treated with respect. This impacts how a Hindu lives their life (ie not eating meat).</li> </ul>	Trimurti	This refers to three Hindu Gods (Hindus prefer the word "deities") – Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Together they represent and control the three universal powers— creation, preservation and destruction.
		Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva	Referred to as the Trimurti – all play parts in the cycle of life
		'Aum' symbol	made up of 3 sounds 'A', 'U' and 'M' and many Hindus believe that it was the very first sound out of which the universe was created. Its' a symbol and sound used by Hindus to represent Brahman (God) – the ultimate being whose spirit is in everything.
		Murti	A statue of a god or goddess. Murtis/images of deities are used in Hindu worship to help them focus on Brahman and the different sides of God.
		Ganesh	The remover of obstacles and a deity of new beginnings.
		Puja Tray	Is used in prayer. Each shrine contains a puja tray, which holds several important items: a bell, incense and incense holder, kum kum powder, diya lamp and water containers and spoon.
			

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Question 1: Tick the boxes that best describes how Hindus think about God (Brahman)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Brahman is a universal principal.		
Brahman cannot be explained.		
Brahman gives us what we want always.		
Brahman is just one being		
Deities attempt to show different aspects of Brahman.		

Question 3: Which are the items on a Puja Tray? (Tick one)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Murti, prayer book, candles, cloth and water.		
A spoon, water, a pen, a leaf and a candle.		
A bell, incense and incense holder, kum kum powder, diva lamp and water con-		

Question 4: Hindus believe there is a little spark of Brahman inside of all living creatures - known as 'atman' (Tick One)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
True		
False		

Question 2: Match the Hindu deity to their name	Question 2: Match the Hindu deity to their name.
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Question 5: Put events from the story of Svetaketu in order by numbering them 1-4.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
His father asks him where the salt has gone. He then asks him to taste it. Svetaketu says he can taste the salt, although he cannot see it.		
His father explains that this is like Brahman. Brahman is present everywhere, even though it is not visible.		
A young boy tells his father Brahman must not be real as he has never seen him.		
His father asks him to collect a glass and some salt. He asks him to put the salt in the water and stir it.		

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