

Year 3 and 4 Home Learning
RE (Hindu Worship) Week 13

Hindu Worship at Home and in the Mandir

Learning Objective:

To understand why puja is important for Hindus, and how it is practised at home.

The elephant-headed Ganesha is a Hindu god worshipped by virtually all Hindus. He is the god of wisdom and intellect. He is often shown holding an axe, which he uses to take action against demons.



Can you mime each of these actions?
Remember, miming means using no words!

Being pleased to see someone.

Saying thank you for something.

Being sorry.

Giving a present to someone.

Receiving a present from someone.

Meeting someone important.

Most Hindus perform a daily act of worship, called puja. Some of the actions done during puja are similar to the mimes you performed.



Puja is a little like having a conversation with a deity.



This is a puja tray. Remember, puja is performed daily by many Hindus at their shrines in their homes.

An important part of puja is making offerings to gods and goddesses.

What do you think each of these items is for?



A lamp is lit to symbolise the light of God's presence.

Incense is burned to purify the air.

A water jug and spoon symbolise washing and purity.

A bell is rung so the god knows they have come to worship.

Worshippers use red kum kum powder to mark their own foreheads and the forehead of the deity in their shrine.

Food and flowers are offered as gifts to the gods.



Let's take a closer look at some of the rituals performed during a puja.



Lighting lamps.



Using kum kum powder.

You might also look at some videos of puja rituals.



Lighting incense.



Chanting, praying or meditating.



Making offerings of food and flowers.



Do you remember what 'devotion' means? Hindus perform puja to show their devotion to God.

Why are offerings made?

What do you think they symbolise?

What do you offer to people, and why?



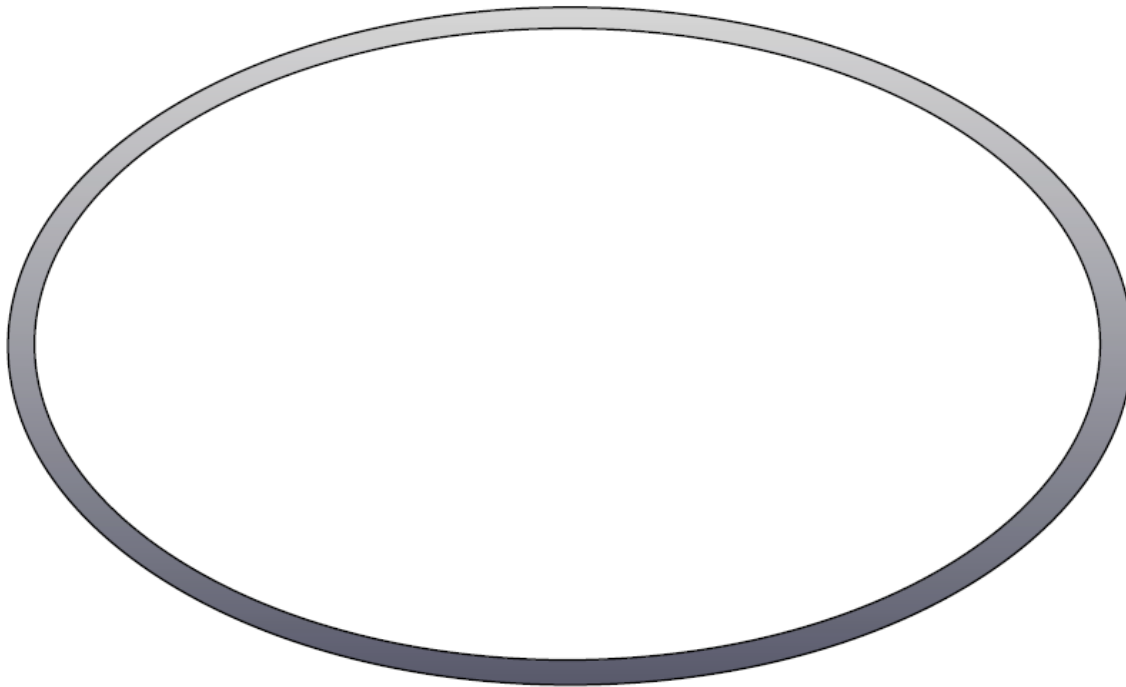
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Incense holder

Diva lamp

Water container

Spoon



Draw these items on the puja tray.

Talk to a partner.

Can you describe how some of the items are used?

Why is making offerings an important part of puja?



Kum Kum powder

Fresh fruit

Fresh flowers

Bell

Incense holder

Draw each of these items on the puja tray and then explain what each of the items is for and how Hindus use them for worship.

Bell

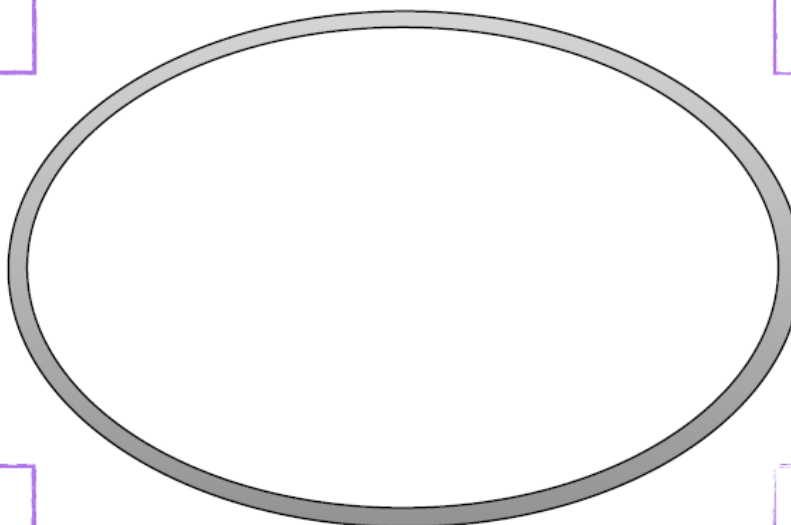
Diva lamp

Fresh fruit and flowers

Incense holder

Kum Kum powder

Water container and spoon



Writing Frame 2



With a partner, write notes about each of these slides to help you give a short presentation.

Hindu Worship in the Mandir

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How is worship in the
mandir like worshipping
at home?

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