



Religious Education – World Religion – Hinduism

Key Question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

Learning Objectives: We are learning to understand the Hindu belief that there is one God with many different aspects.

What? (Key Knowledge)	What? (Key vocab)	
<p>Hindus believe in a universal soul or God called Brahman.</p> <p>Brahman takes on many forms that some Hindus worship as deities in their own right. Brahman, the supreme spirit, basically underpins and permeates everything.</p> <p>Hindus believe that there is a part of Brahman in everyone and this is called the Atman.</p> <p>Hindus are comfortable with using images and objects (often called murtis) to portray God. Hindus do not worship these but worship Brahman through them. Hindus are free to worship God in a variety of colourful forms.</p> <p>Brahman: The Supreme Power -God</p> <p>Brahma: creator Vishnu: preserver</p> <p>Shiva: destroyer</p> <p>Atman: part of Brahman – in everyone</p>	Spelling	Definition
	Diwali	Diwali means "rows of lighted lamps".
	Puja	Hindu act of worship.
	Mandir	The name for the Hindu place of worship.
	Diva lamp	An oil lamp usually made from clay, with a cotton wick dipped in oil.
	Ramayana	Hindu holy book that tells the story of Rama and Sita.
Key beliefs		
<p>Everyone has many different roles and we mean different things to different people. In our different roles, we demonstrate different characteristics and qualities.</p> <p>Hindus believe in one god, Brahman. Brahman has many aspects and takes on many forms.</p>		
Key questions		
<p>How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? How should humans treat the world? What is the essence of you? How do you know? Why are there so many gods in Hinduism?</p>		
Links to other aspects of belief		
<p>The use of symbolism in the murtis.</p> <p>Worship at home using a home shrine or mandir.</p> <p>Worship in the temple – the way the murtis are respected and 'woken up' each morning.</p> <p>Offerings given in the temple and distributed around the community.</p>		

GODS The name for the Hindu God is Brahman. He is a powerful force and has many different roles and sides to his personality.

Brahman – the creator



Vishnu – the preserver



Shiva – the destroyer

