

Topic: Hinduism

Key Question: How might people show their devotion?

Spring 1 Cedar Class

Religious Beliefs and Traditions:

Hindu Shrine

A place in the home dedicated to worshipping a deity

Murti—a statue or picture of a deity. When looking at a murti Hindu people believe they are meeting the God.

Bell—to make a sound so God knows someone has come to worship.

Incense—a nice smell to clean the air.

Divi Lamp—this will be moved around to bring light to the shrine showing God's presence.

Kum Kum powder—a red powder to mark the forehead as a sign of respect and devotion to God.



Tray for Prashad—Hindu people offer blessed food and flowers to the God. This special food is called Prashad.

Water and spoon—a sign of welcome and respect to God. In India people welcome someone into a house with water to drink and wash with.

Key facts about Hinduism:



A Hindu place of worship is called a **Mandir**.



The special texts in Hinduism are called the **Vedas**.

Vocabulary you will learn:

Arti	A prayer where a small lamp is waved to show love and thanks to God.
puja	A special time when people pray and give thanks to God at home or in a temple.
rituals	Special actions people do in the same way, often during prayers or celebrations.
shrine	A special place at home or in a temple where people pray..
deities	Gods or goddesses that people believe in.

Vocabulary you will hear:

ceremony, celebration, devotion

What I will know at the end of the unit.

1	Hindu people worship in a Mandir or at home.	
2	Hindu people have a shrine at home to use for worship.	
3	In Hinduism, there is one God (Brahman) that comes in many forms.	
4	Each form of God is called a deity and is special in a different way.	
5	Identify, and talk about, special, objects, place and event important to them,	