

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.

**Diya 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,	