

Hinduism: How do Hindu people learn about God's love, power and forgiveness?

Krishna

Krishna was not an ordinary child, he was like a God. He was the God of love and devotion.

His skin was blue.

He was fun to be with and thought of many exciting things to do.

Many children are told stories about Krishna's childhood. As a child, Krishna liked to play **mischievous pranks**.

There are lots of stories Hindus tell about how he can help people.

An important symbol linked with Krishna is the peacock feather. He always wears one on his head.



Krishna Tricks the Girls

Krishna heard the boy playing the flute. It made a soft, sweet sound.

Krishna practised his flute until he could play a merry little tune.

During the festival of Holi, Krishna decided to play a trick on the village girls.

He asked the boys to bring him colourful powders mixed with water.

Krishna played his flute which made the girls want to see what it was.

When the girls arrived the boys covered them in the colourful water and said 'Happy Holi'.



Holi Festival

Holi is celebrated in Spring and is known as the festival of colours.

Holi is a time for music and laughter.

People throw colourful paint at each other, just like Krishna did to the girls in the story.

After the paint is thrown everyone gets changed into special clothes for the evening celebrations.

Hindus mark the festival by building bonfires to clean the air of anything evil.

Key Vocabulary

Hinduism	An Indian religion.
Hindu	Someone who follows Hinduism.
Holi	Holi is the 'festival of colours' and marks the beginning of spring.
Krishna	A major deity in Hinduism.
India	A country in the continent of Asia. Where Hinduism was founded.
founded	Originates from.
God	A superhuman being or spirit worshipped as having power over nature or human fortunes; a deity.



Hinduism

Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions.

It is now practised all over the world but was founded in India.

It is a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years.

Hindus worship at a Mandir.

Hindus can also worship at home using their shrine.