



Year:	1	Unit:	Hindu Dharma What do Hindus believe about God?
What will I learn this year? • That Hindus believe in one God in many forms • That Hindus believe that God is present in all living things • What Hindus might learn about God from the story of the blind men and the elephant • How and why Hindus might use statues and images (murtis) in their worship • Suggest symbolic meanings expressed in the images • Talk about the different ways that people can be seen and described • Consider how people might have multiple roles • Reflect on how others might see them • Talk about the different roles that they might have (friend, child, brother/sister etc.)			
Key Vocabulary		What should I already know?	
Deities - Gods or Goddesses Symbolism - when one idea, feeling, emotion, or other concept is represented by something else, like a: picture; symbol/icon; color; sound; character/person Murti - a statue of a God or Goddess Shrine - a sacred place or object that is devoted to some holy person or god	 	• Be aware that some Christians, Muslims and Hindus have places that are special to them. • Know that the church is a holy place for a Christian, a mosque is a holy place for a Muslim and a temple/mandir is a holy place for a Hindu. • Hindus celebrate the story of Rama and Sita.	
		What will I learn next?	
		• That Hindus believe in one God (Brahman) who can be worshipped in many forms • That these forms (the deities) have different qualities and are portrayed in different ways • Why Hindus might believe that it is important to show devotion to the deities • That Hindus might worship at a Mandir and/or the home shrine • Why worship in the home might be important • Describe the meaning and symbolism of items used in worship (eg. arti lamp, items on the puja tray) • Talk about qualities that make some people special • Identify ways in which humans show their gratitude to the people who matter in their lives • Talk about who is special to them and why • Reflect on who they should be grateful to and how they might show this in words and actions	