

Hinduism: Worship at the temple



Aim:

Where and how do Hindus worship? How does being together help to express our beliefs?

Starter:

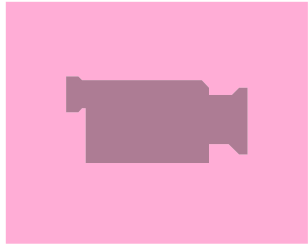
Everyone has a special place; these are our own spaces and they matter a lot: our own room, corner, school desk or somewhere that doesn't belong to us but where we can go to be ourselves. These spaces provide us with many things, a place to **do** things, a space to simply **be**.

- Q: What are some of your special places?
- Q: What do the places/ space allow you to do or be?
- Q: Why is this place and what it offers important to you?
- Q: Do you share any important places with others, a space to be together and not alone?



Worship - the mandir

The Mandir is the temple home of God and each temple will have a special shrine to a particular deity. Everyone gathers together for worship which is the devotion of God. Hindus may meditate, perform silent prayer, puja, clap, dance or sing. Hindus believe praise should be lively and joyful so the mandir can be a noisy place!



Task: Worship and shrine - Video

1. How do Hindu's worship at the shrine?
2. What special practices are performed?
3. What special symbols or things are present in devotion to God?



Suggested Tasks:

1. Read p18-19 Hinduism Textbook; Sue Penney. Write down the key vocabulary **Mandir, etc.**
2. Complete questions 1-3 of the textbook.
3. Design a building suitable for use as a mandir; a place to worship God.

Make a rangoli pattern

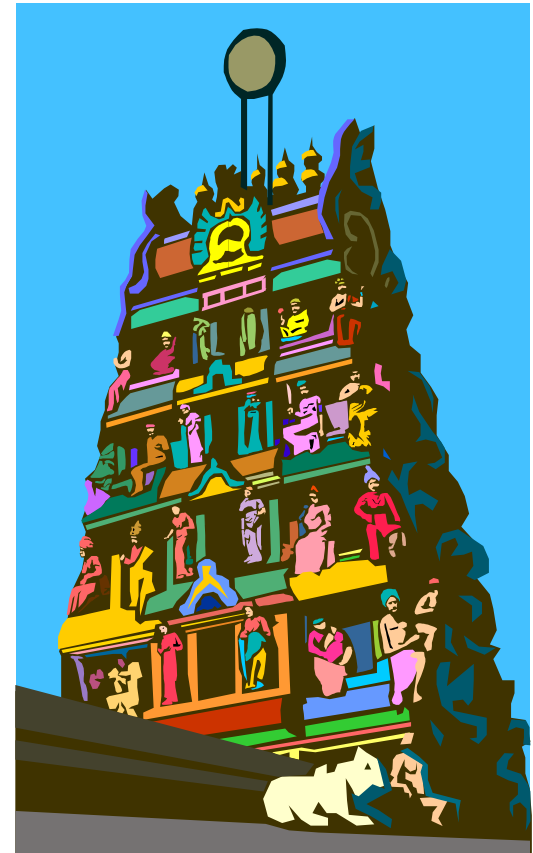
A rangoli is a colourful design made on the floor near the entrance to a house to welcome guests. Rangoli patterns are traditionally drawn with the fingers using flour, rice grains or coloured chalk.

The Rangoli pattern can be square, rectangular or circular - or a mix of all three. They are often symmetrical. Rangoli motifs are usually taken from nature.

Task:



Design your own rangoli pattern to be displayed outside the classroom: Use coloured chalk on the stone.





Plenary/ reflection:

- Q: How does a place of worship show what we value most?
- Q: How do words, thoughts and actions help us to worship God?
- Q: How do sacred spaces help us love and respect God?
- Q: What are the similarities and differences in my worship to a Hindu's worship?

