

# How do Hindus Celebrate Diwali?



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## Learning Objective:

Learn about how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali.

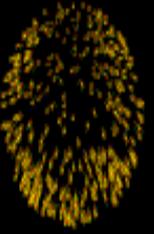
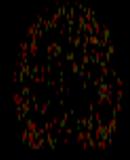
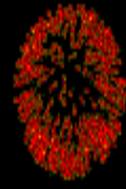


**Diwali is also known as the festival of lights. Diyas are lit and placed all around homes.**

**Hindus hope that the Goddess Lakshmi will bring prosperity to their homes.**



**Indian cities and towns are also decorated with special lights.**





# Lakshmi

**This is a picture of the Hindu Goddess Lakshmi.**

**She is the Goddess of wealth and prosperity.**

# Diwali Food



**Food is an important part in most celebrations around the world.**

**During Diwali no meat is prepared. Most Hindus are vegetarians.**

**Also they do not taste the food before it is offered to Lakshmi – the Goddess of Light/ Wealth for her blessings of prosperity.**



**Guests of the family are invited after 6 o'clock where all can enjoy the delightful food.**

**After the meal guests are given a bag of Indian sweets as a symbol of friendship and goodwill.**

# Rangoli Patterns

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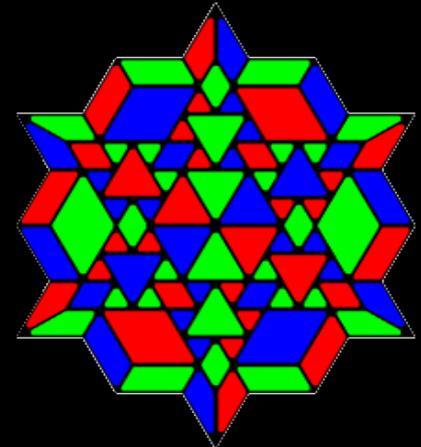
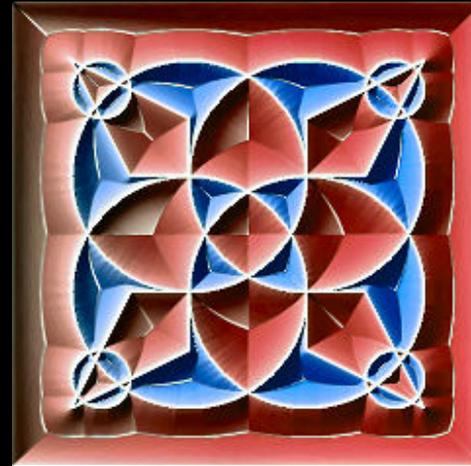
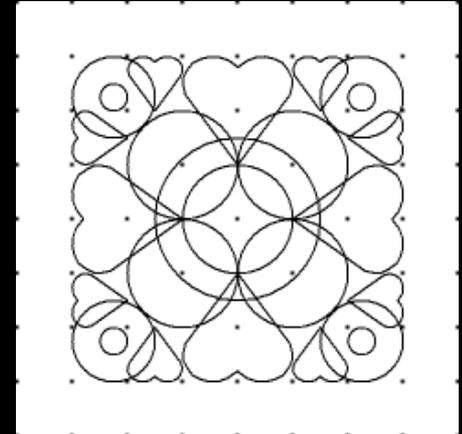
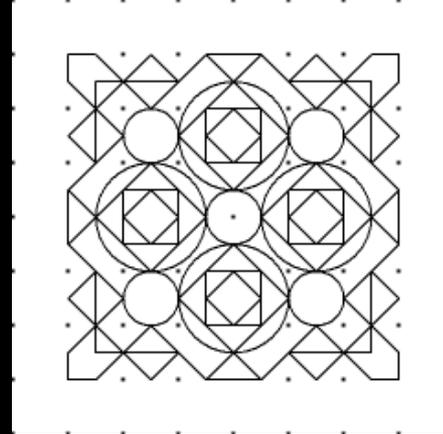
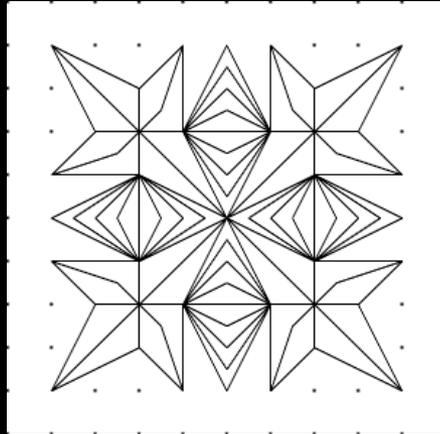
The Hindi name Rangoli, is a joining of two different words - rang and avalli which means a row of colours.

Rangoli is one of the most common art forms in India and can also be used on walls, as well as floors as art.



**Most Rangoli are geometrical patterns that include many things such as:**

**Lines  
Dots  
Squares  
Circles  
Triangles  
Footprints  
Trees  
Flowers  
Leaves  
Fish  
Lotus  
Spirals  
Animals**



**Man Selling Rangoli Ingredients**

**Rangoli made with petals**



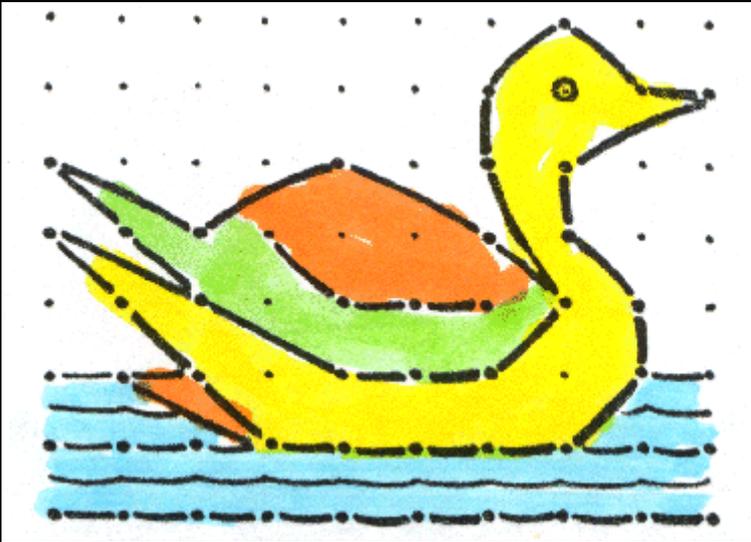
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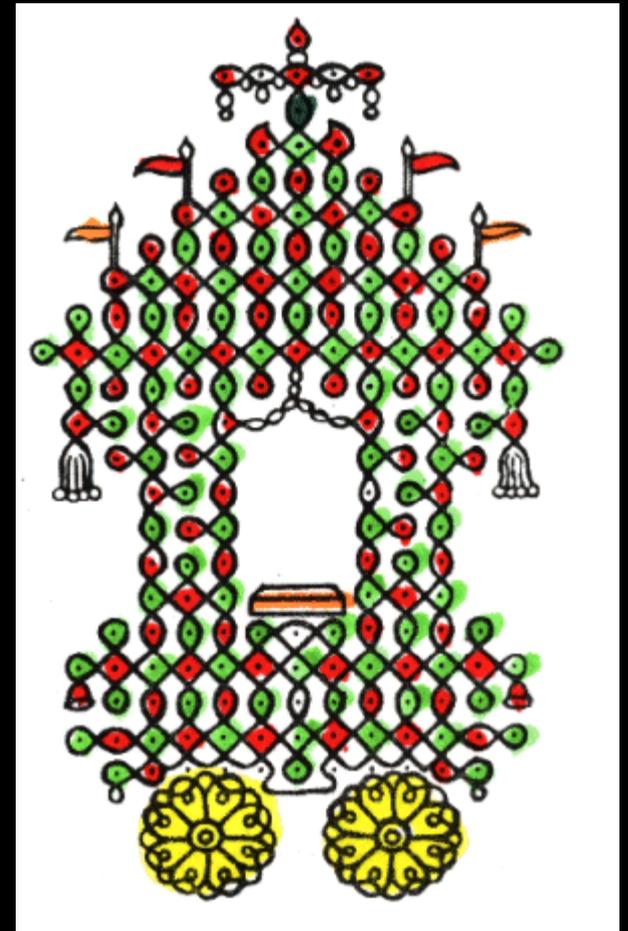


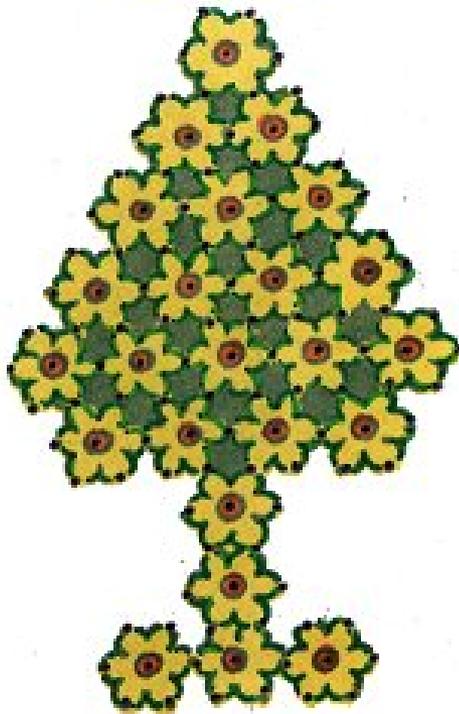
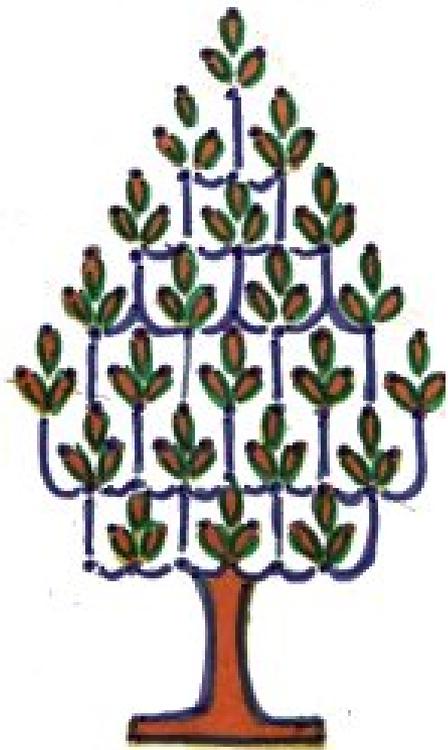
**From One Generation to Another**  
**A mother teaches Rangoli to daughter**

**A Duck swimming in a Rangoli Design**

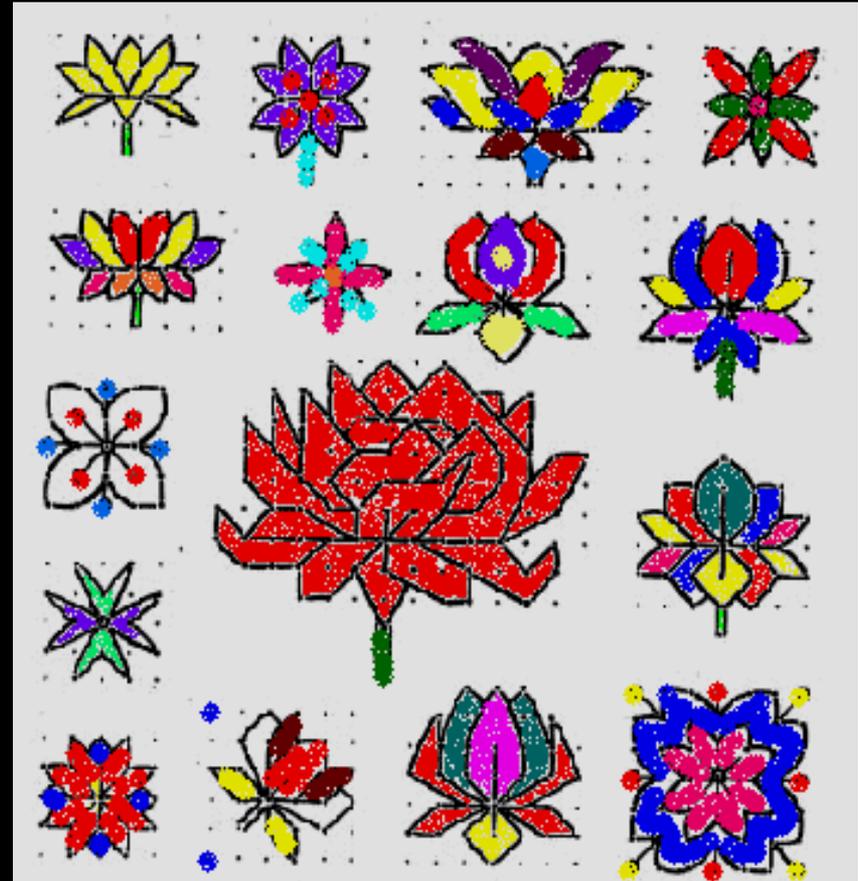


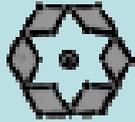
**Divine Chariot in a Rangoli Design**



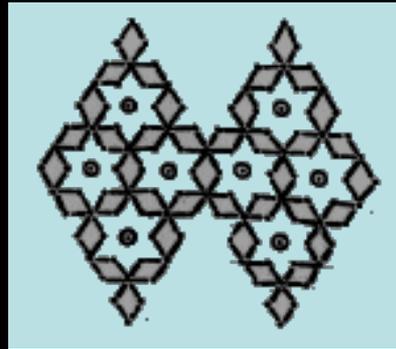
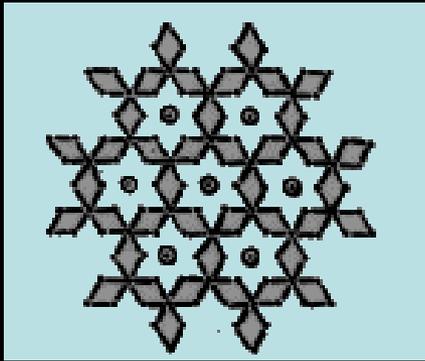
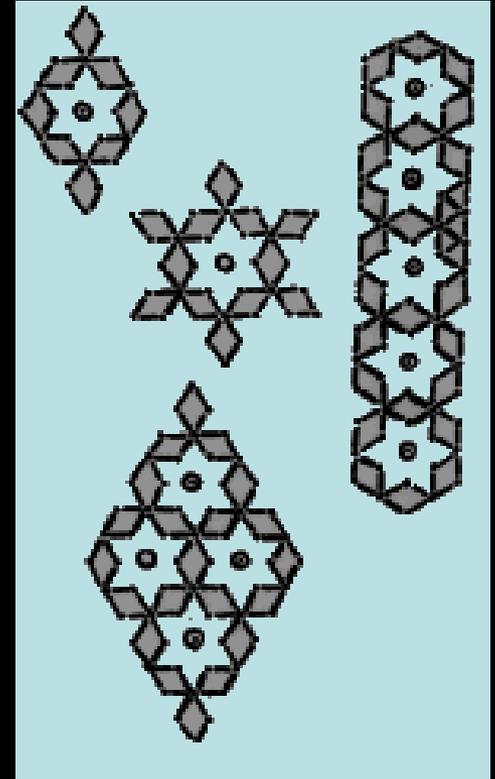


# Rang = Colour!

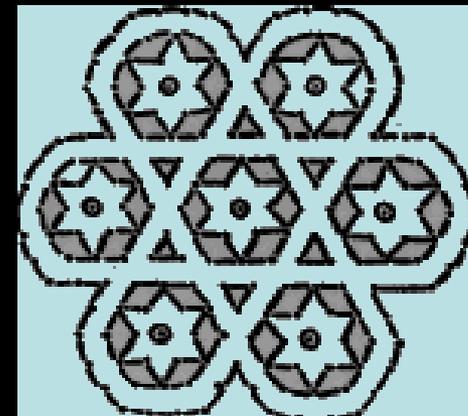




**A Rangoli starts with a seed pattern and then builds around it**



**By repetitive geometric patterns, fabulous designs are obtained by Rangoli artists**



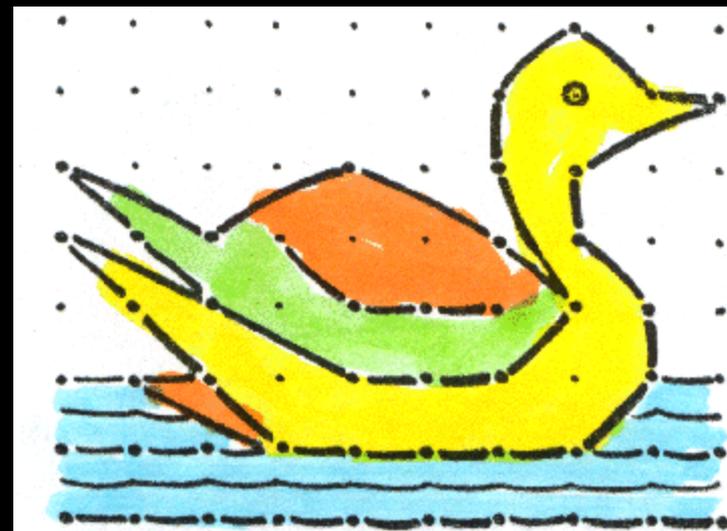
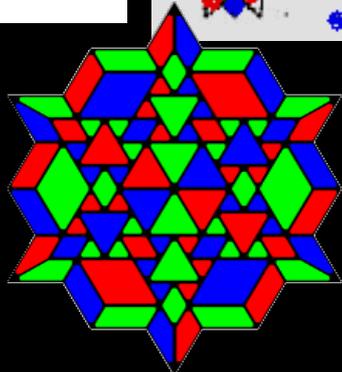
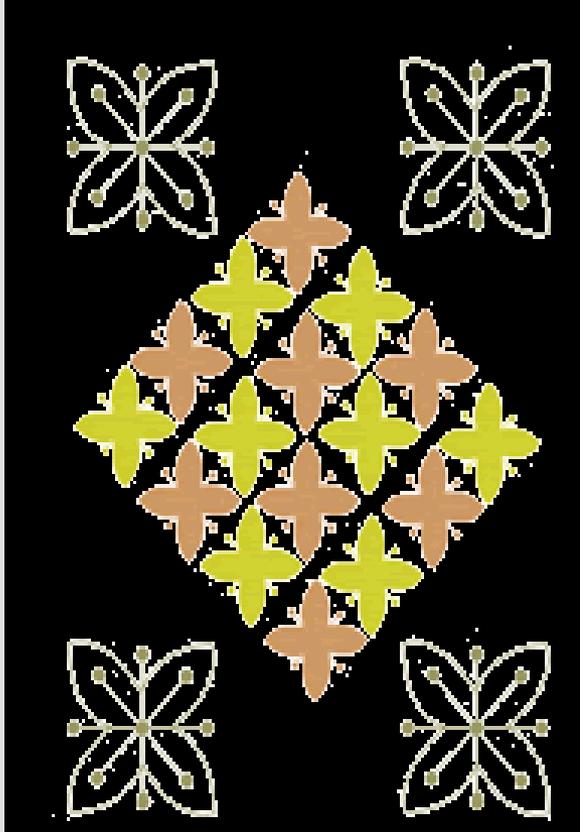
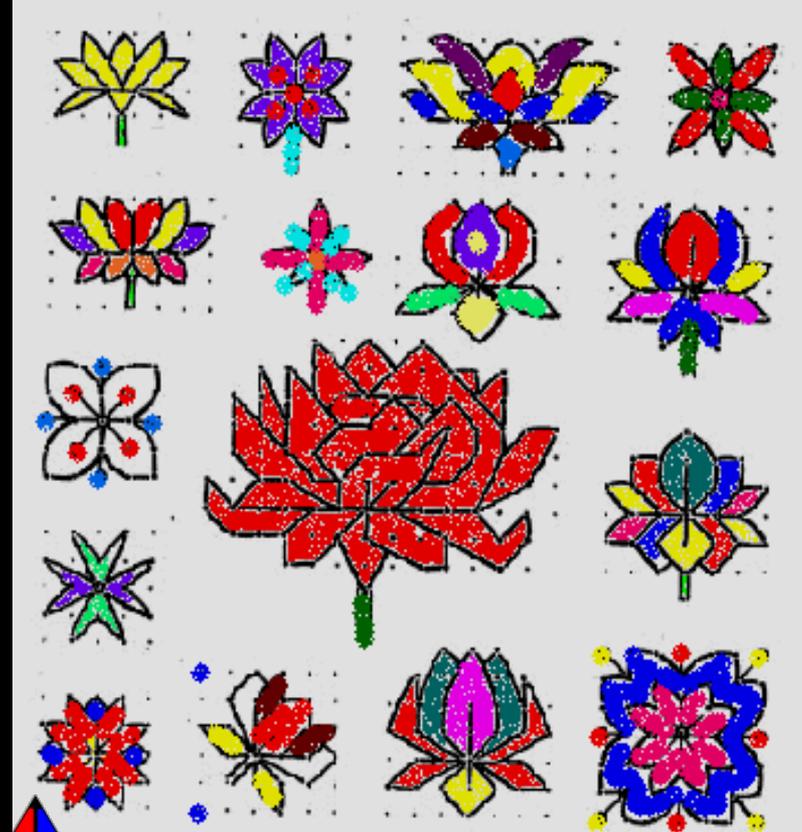
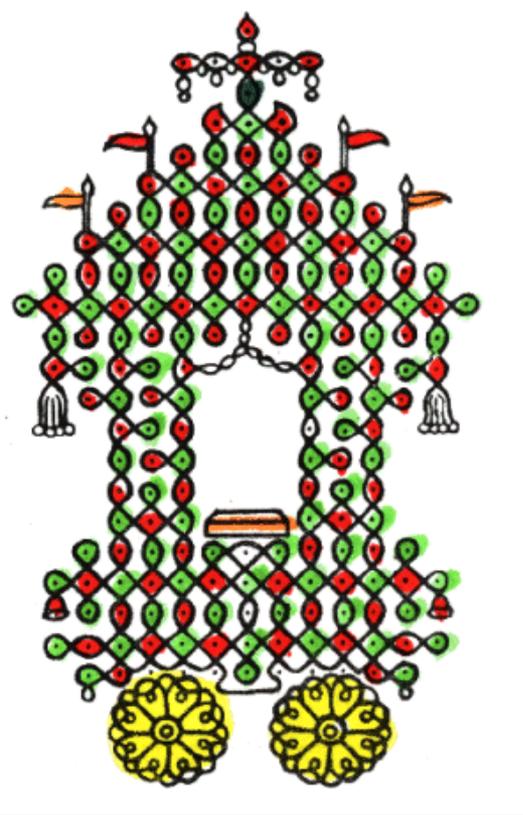
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India      spirits      row



# Task

Design / Create your own Rangoli pattern on squared / spotty paper. Make sure its colourful!

# Task:

- 1) Why do Hindus celebrate Divali?
- 2) How do Hindus celebrate Divali?

## INCLUDE:

1. Story of Rama & Sita  
Vishnu's Victory  
Remembering Lakshmi
2. prepare special food  
lighting Divas (candles)  
Rangoli Patterns  
fireworks  
inviting guests  
singing / dancing

# Why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?



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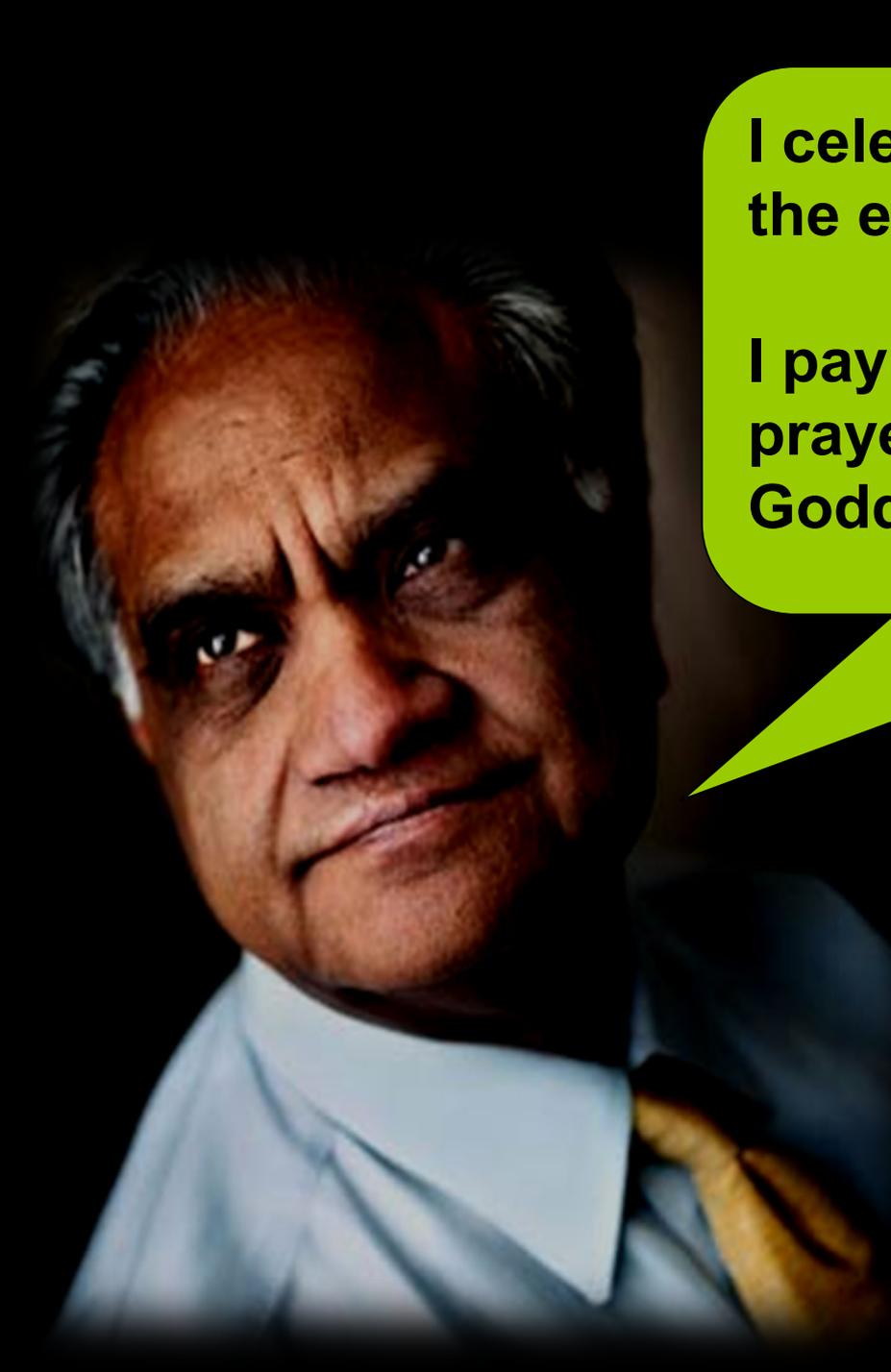
Examine the different reasons why Hindus celebrate Diwali

# Soldier

I celebrate Divali because it reminds me of Rama's victory over Ravanna.

Rama also rescued his wife Sita from the clutches of the evil demon king.

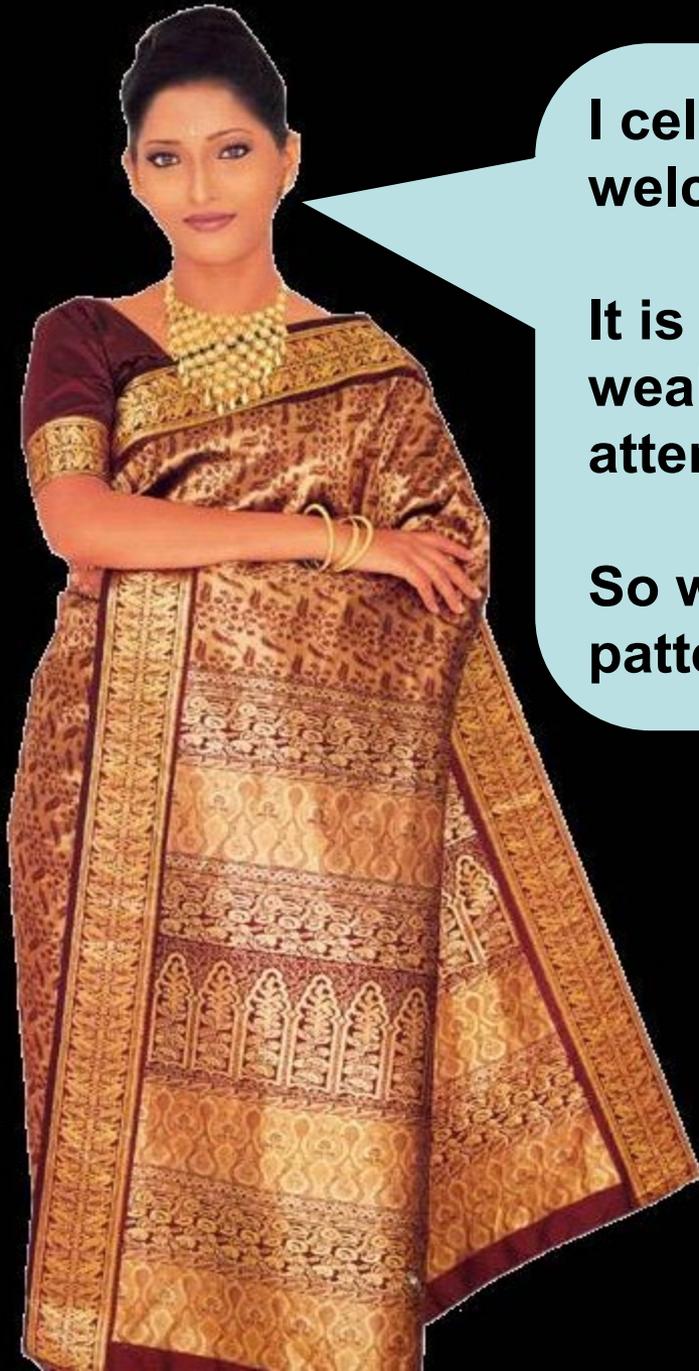




**I celebrate Divali because it marks the end of the financial year.**

**I pay off any debts and offer prayers to Lakshmi who is the Goddess of wealth and prosperity.**

**Businessman**



**I celebrate Divali because it is a time to welcome Lakshmi into our homes.**

**It is her birthday and she gives gifts of wealth and fortune to those who attract her attention.**

**So we light candles and draw Rangoli patterns .**

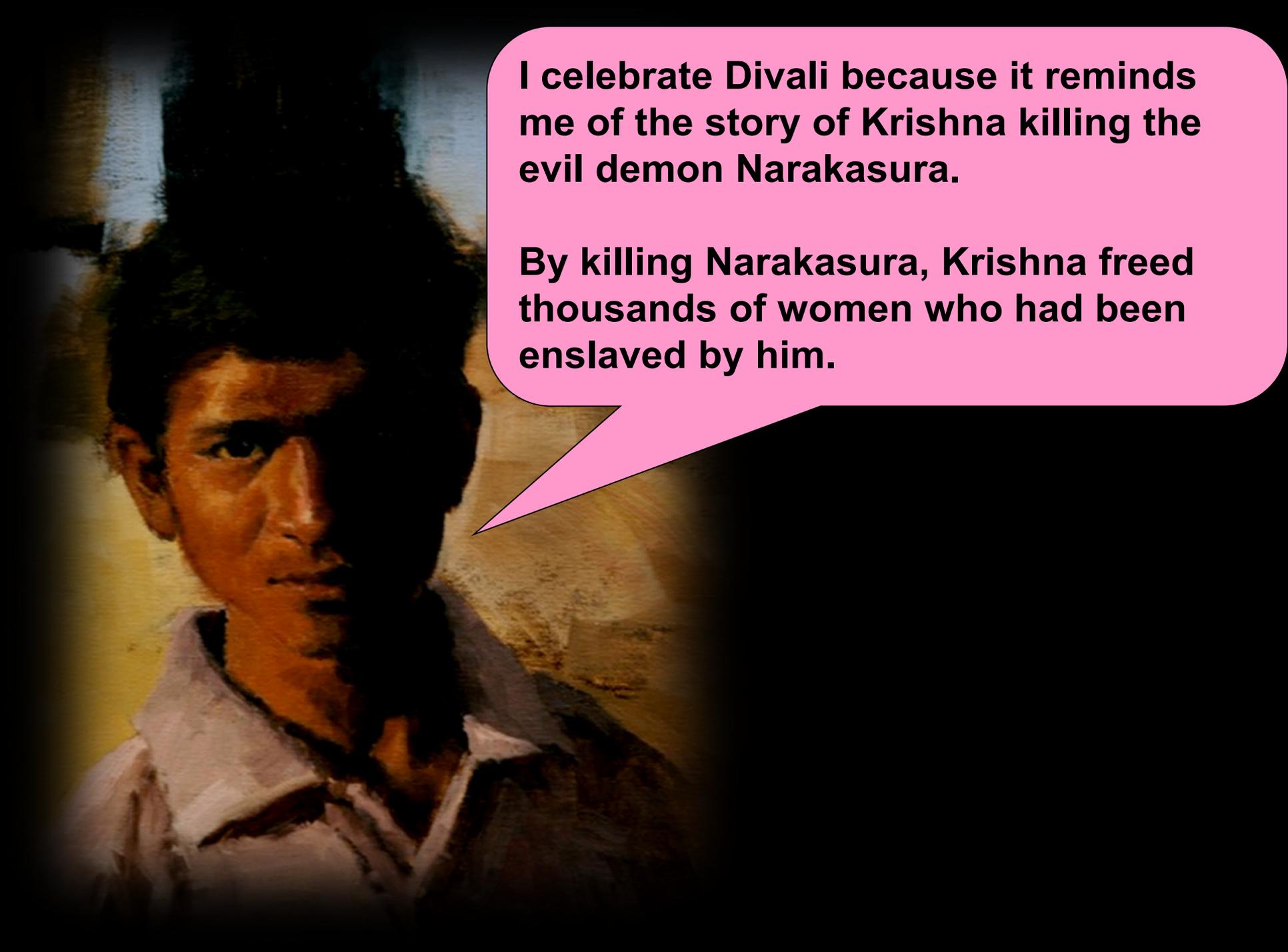
# **Mother**

**I celebrate Divali because it marks the harvest at the end of the rainy season.**

**I offer thanks to God for a good harvest & pray for another good year next year.**

**Farmer**



A young boy with dark hair and a serious expression is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, collared shirt. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light-colored textures. A pink speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

**I celebrate Divali because it reminds me of the story of Krishna killing the evil demon Narakasura.**

**By killing Narakasura, Krishna freed thousands of women who had been enslaved by him.**

# Task:

1. Trace or draw each picture on the sheet
2. Explain why they celebrate the festival of Diwali.

