



RE Knowledge Organiser

Year Five – Stories of Hinduism

Unit Sequence of Sequence of Learning

- To understand that Hindus believe God is represented in different forms.
- To explore how Krishna is represented in Hindu stories
- To explore Hindu teachings on success.
- To explore the theme of punishment and success in a Hindu story.
- To explore a Hindu teaching about telling the truth.

Key Vocabulary

Reincarnation	The rebirth of a soul in another body.
Soul	The spiritual or immaterial part of a human being or animal, regarded as immortal.
Transformation	A marked change in form, nature, or appearance.
Brahman	The ultimate reality underlying all phenomena in the Hindu scriptures.

Knowledge

- Reincarnation – Hindus believe that after a soul dies it is born into a human, an animal or plant. The soul passes on to different lives depending on how it lived. This called Karma. Many Hindus have four goals that denote their way of life.
- 1. Moksha - Finishing the cycle of reincarnation to unite with Brahman, the universal soul. This can be achieved through acquiring spiritual knowledge and working selflessly for society.
- 2. Dharma - Following the code of duties, rights, laws, conducts and virtues in your life.
- 3. Artha - Lawfully making material gains.
- 4. Karma - Living a pure life, gaining knowledge and showing devotion.
- Hindu Texts - are classified into two groups. Shruti, meaning "what is heard", spans most of the history of Hinduism. The Vedas and Upanishads are two of the major Shruti scriptures. Smriti, meaning "that which is remembered", is considered less authoritative than Shruti.

Ajamil

Once there was a Brahmin called Ajamil. A Brahmin is a type of Hindu priest. He had studied the scriptures and spent his time with good people. As he grew older he started to spend time with people who liked to do the wrong thing. He started lying, eating meat, drinking alcohol and stealing money from his home for gambling. Many years passed like this until he had a son. He named his son Narayan, after a god, and he loved spending time with him. When Ajamil was old his health began to fail. He would lie in his bed all day and all night, waiting to die. All he could think about was his son. He would say his son's name over and over again. As time passed he started to see change in his life. He remembered praying to Narayan when he was younger, and he thought about how he had spent his life. He began to regret all the bad things he had done. He knew he was suffering because of his bad decisions. He spent his last few days chanting 'Narayan'. Due to God's grace his health returned, and he was allowed to live much longer. He devoted the rest of his life to being a good person. Many years later when he died, God came to take him, and he washed away all of Ajamil's sins.

The Fruit of Service

There was once a kind and generous woodcutter who worked hard. He always did his best to help people and share what he had with others. One day he lovingly fed a Sadhu. The Sadhu was so touched by the man's selfless kindness that he gave him a Parasmani as a gift. The Sadhu told the man that the special stone would convert metal into gold, however it would only work once, and it had to be used before sundown. The man rushed to his house and began hunting for the largest metal item he could find. He decided everything was too small, so he went to the town to buy something bigger. Eventually he found a large metal pot. "This is perfect," he thought, "I will become the richest of the rich! As he returned he noticed that the sun had almost fallen below the horizon. Quickly he grabbed the Parasmani and began rubbing it against the pot he had bought. Alas, it did not work! With a sinking heart he realised he had been too greedy. He had ignored the rules of the Parasmani. When his wife saw how devastated he was she said, "I noticed the sun was setting and you were not back, so I turned this axe to gold. The gold on this axe will make us plenty rich. We do not need more than this. Let us make our life on our own efforts. If we keep serving people, we will be blessed."