



Playing Cat and Mouse



Big question: How do Hindus use images and stories to describe God?

Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world but originated in South East Asia. It is a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years.

3. What is the story of Rama and Sita?

A good man, called **Rama**, was married to a beautiful princess, called **Sita**. They had been banished to live in the forest with his brother, **Lakshman**, by his stepmother, as she wanted her son to be King. The demon king disguised himself as an old man and tricked **Sita**.

Why is the story of Rama and Sita important?

The Rama and Sita story is so important because it teaches us about how good is more important than evil.

2. How is the representation of Ganesha significant?

- Lord Ganesh is known as the Remover of Obstacles, just like a real elephant. He is also called the Lord of Beginnings.
- He is believed to give people good fortune and wisdom.
- Ganesh has an elephant's head on a human body. He has four hands. His fourth is held up to offer his protection and blessing.



1. How do Hindus think of God as being one yet many?

Hindus recognise one God, **Brahman**. The gods of Hinduism are different aspects of **Brahman**.

The main three aspects (**Trimurti**) are:

Vishnu, **Brahma** and Shiva

The three great goddesses (**Tridevi**) are:

Saraswati, Lakshmi and Shakti

Hindus can pray to different gods and goddesses for help with different needs.

Key Vocabulary

Hindu	Someone who follows Hinduism.
Vishnu	the Hindu god who protects the universe.
Brahma	Hindu god of creation.
Trimurti	The three aspects of the universal supreme God.
Tridevi	The three goddesses of Hinduism.
Brahman	Hindus recognize one God, Brahman.

Truth Is Eternal	Dharma	Reincarnation	Moksha
Hindus are encouraged to learn.	Dharma means to do the right thing with good behaviour.	Hindus believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a Hindu dies, their soul enters a new living being.	Moksha is the ultimate goal. It happens when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman .

