

Hinduism - Rama and Sita

1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-hinduism-rama-and-sita/ztpyp4j>

Play your chosen music and display candles and/or the gallery of diva lights:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-diwali-the-festival-of-light-diva-light-gallery/z3yxjsg>

2. Introduction

Look at the candles - look at their flickering flames / look at the pictures... Today we'll be thinking about light and dark...and how the flickering flame of a candle can be a light of hope shining in the dark. We're going to watch a story - a story that is all about 'light' and 'dark'. And as you watch try to think about the many different sorts of light that are included...

3. Play the video

Click on the 'Play video' button to load the video page. The video should play automatically. Display the video full-size using the toolbar buttons. The duration is 4' 53". The final words are '...tell his friends the story of Rama and Sita.'

4 & 5. Time to talk

Use the story questions if you wish to consolidate the children's recall of the story: 1. What religion do Ravi and his family follow? 2. What story does Auntie Sheema tell? 3. What is the name of the demon king? 4. How does Ravana trick Sita? 5. How does Rama defeat Ravana? 6. Why do the people place oil lamps in their windows?

Gather ideas about the different lights that were present in the video [in windows, sparkler, fireworks, the magic circle, oil lamps, stars, sun and moon, the magic arrow - you could also include Rama and Sita glowing!] Talk about why light and dark are an important part of the celebration of Diwali - and think about how our lives can often feel 'light' or 'dark'.

6. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song. The suggestions from *Come and Praise: Beginning* are: 'Let's sing and dance (number 58) and 'There's a light' (number 49).

Play video



7. Opportunity to reflect

'We've been thinking today about the Hindu story of Diwali...

How it's a celebration of Rama and Sita...

Of good triumphing over evil...

And light over darkness...

The good deeds that people do in our world shine out like lights in the darkness...

What good deed might you do today that will shine out of the darkness..?

8. Opportunity for prayer

As you look again at the candles, think about what good deed that might be...

Use the stillness to ask God to help you if you'd like to...