

A First Look at Hindu Worship

My Questions

- Do Hindus worship one god or many?
- What gods do they worship and why?
- What is their place of worship called?
- Do they have a special book, like the Bible or the Quran, that they read from during prayer ceremonies or religious festivals?
- • Do they celebrate any religious festivals, and if so, why?
- Is their clothing part of their religion or of their culture?
- What do features of Hindu worship mean?

○ I know the shrine is very important because they are kneeling towards it with their heads bowed. Kneeling down and bowing their heads shows that they believe the murti they are worshipping is greater than them. They have also covered their hair as a sign of respect to whichever murti the shrine is dedicated to. Covering the hair shows respect because in their culture, it is considered to be a respectful thing to do. There are lots of candles and gold surrounding the shrine, which is another sign that is important, because candles represent light and gold is precious which shows that the shrine is a very sacred place.

There is a lot of light and they are reciting some sort of prayer which also tells us the shrine is very important because the people are showing that they believe that this worship means they can show love and respect for God. Many people from different religions also show love and praise for God. For example, Christians might do this by singing hymns or psalms or by going to church. When a Christian sings a hymn or psalm, they praise God by offering up their voices to him. By going to church, they show commitment and dedication to their religion and their God.

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