

Chanda Books

A Curriculum for Hinduism Introduction

For Hindu Children outside India



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Outline

- Goals
- Weekly Instruction Plans

Note: The instruction plans are illustrative. Instructors should feel free to make Variations, mix and match, and switch sessions around depending on class aptitude

Goals

- Teach Hinduism to students in fun way
- Introduce Hindu culture for the practitioner
- Adapting to the needs of Hindu child in the U.S.
- Use best practices of American teaching methods

Weekly Instruction Plan Hinduism for Children

Overview

- Material
 - [Indian Culture Stories](#)
 - [Hinduism for Children Activity Workbook](#)
 - [Sonu's Festivals: Holi, Diwali, Rakhi](#)
 - [Bhajan Ganga \(for those who know Hindi\)](#)
- Curriculum Length: 24-30 Sessions
- Notes:
 - Plan has three main groups: (a) Philosophy (b) Gods & Festivals and (c) Morals
 - Modify sessions and group order based on class aptitude
 - Use bhajans, songs and other activities to break monotony - Start session with a small bhajan
 - Stories can be read from book, or narrated orally
 - Bhajans can be sung by class, or played from CD/web

Instruction Plan

Legend:
St: Story
Sb: Sonu's Book
BG: Bhajan Ganga

Session	Topic Discussed	Act. Book	Culture Stories	Other Activity
1	Atma & Bramha	Pg. 25-28		St: Nachiketa
2	Goals of Life	Page 7-9		
3	Ways of Happiness	Page 9-14		Happy Poster
4	Ultimate Happiness	Page 15-17	God in Everyone	
5	Different Paths	Page 32-40		Paths Debata
6	Branches	Page 42-49		Branch Debate
7	Lord Ganesh		1st Among Gods	BG: Jai Ganesh
8	Adi Shakti	Pg 54-57		Chandi Path
9	Bramha	Pg 58-60	The Three Ds	
10	Vishnu	Pg 61-70		BG: Vishnu Stuti
11	Shiv	Pg 82-84	Endless Pillar	
12	Ram	Pg 71-76		BG: Suneri Maine

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Session	Topic Discussed	Act. Book	Culture Stories	Other Activity
13	Diwali	Pg 92		Sb: Sonu's Diwali
14	Krishna	Pg 77-81		BG: Maiya Mori
15	Holi	Pg. 93-94		Sb: Sonu's Holi
16	Rakhi	Pg 95-96		SB: Sonu's Rakhi
17	Honesty			St: Harischandra
18	Purity		Coconut in Sea	BG: Prabhu ji
19	Smartness		Gentle Snake	
20	Sharing		Better Feast	Attribute Poster
21	Equality		Half Eaten Plums	BG: Sabse Unchi
22	Friendship		Krishna & Sudama	Friends Debate
23	Perseverance		Stonehead	
24	Humility		Selection of Krishna	BG: Rakho laaj

Other Activities

- Happy Poster: students make a poster with things that make them happy
- Path Debate: Have students debate - each taking position for one of the paths to happiness
- Branch Debate: Assign each student a branch of Hinduism and ask them to convince rest of class their branch is the best
- Chandi Path: Recite some verses of Chandi Path with students in class and explain meaning
- Attribute Poster: Students make a poster of what makes them a good Hindu

Other Activities

- Friends Debate: Have students tell best thing their friends have done for them
- Movies: Watch portions movie or TV Serial depicting legends, e.g. Ramayan and Mahabharat
- Discussions/Debates with students on topics such as:
 - Should one use one's own judgment or follow a book blindly
 - How much is determined by one's action and by luck
 - Whether actions can be taken without emotions
- Enact skits or dramas from
 - legends from Hindu myths or stories (e.g. from Indian Culture stories) or a skit that children make up themselves
 - Portions of legends behind current festival of the time