

Ganesha's Sweet Tooth

Just For Fun Rating (0-5): Age Range: 3+ years

Diversity Themes: Race/Ethnicity; Religion; History & Culture Differences

Potential Questions/Comments/Activities:

1. Spend some time online with your child looking up more information about Ganesha.
 - a. What is the history of Ganesha?
 - b. What is his significance in the Hindu religion?
 - c. What about Ganesha's friends - why are they important?
2. What do the pictures teach you about the Hindu religion & culture?
 - a. Look up more information about the significance of color for Hindus.
3. For older kids/adults: read the Mahabharata (or parts of it). Why do you think this poem is so important?
4. Learn more about laddoos! Find a recipe & make one yourself or buy some. Compare to the candy that you usually eat.
5. _____
6. _____

Continuing the Conversation

What did you know about the Hindu religion before reading this book? Do you have any Hindi friends? Ask them more about their religion. Find out more about the differences and similarities between the Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, etc. religions. What are some other aspects of the Hindu religion? Are there any traditions that interest you and you would want to integrate into your own traditions? Seek out more books that celebrate Hindu culture!

