# **Hindu Gods**

Hindus believe in many different gods and goddesses.

The three most important gods are called the Trimurti - three forms of the supreme God known as Brahman.

## Trimurti



#### Lord Brahma:

- creator of the universe
- has 4 heads



#### Lord Vishnu:

- looks after the • universe and its people
- has four arms



#### Lord Shiva:

• the destroyer of the universe so that new life can come again

Tridevi - The Tridevi are goddesses who are also very important.



#### Lakshmi:

- wife of Vishnu
- travels on a lotus flower
- goddess of good fortune



#### Saraswathi:

- the wife of Brahma
- the goddess of learning and wisdom



#### Shakti:

 mother goddess who represents nature





### Other Important Hindu Gods

Here is some information about a few more Hindu gods.



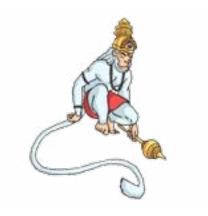
#### Ganesh:

- has an elephant's head and human body
- Hindus pray to him when they are about to start something new, such as starting a new job



#### Krishna:

- blue skin
- plays the flute
- wears peacock feathers on his head
- the god of love and the most worshipped



#### Hanuman:

- the Hindu monkey god
- He went with his army to help Rama's fight against the demon Ravana, in order to rescue Sita





# Hindu Gods Questions

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- 2. What does Lord Vishnu look after?
- 3. What is Lakshmi goddess of?
- 4. Who is Shakti?
- 5. When might Hindus pray to Ganesh?
- 6. How did Hanuman help Rama?



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4. Who is Shakti?

Shakti is the mother goddess who represents nature.

5. When might Hindus pray to Ganesh?

Hindus might pray to Ganesh when they are about to start something new in their lives.

6. How did Hanuman help Rama?

Hanuman helped Rama by going with his army to help Rama's fight against the demon Ravana, in order to rescue Sita.



