

## What do Hindus believe God is like? (Year 4, Autumn 1)



Vishnu

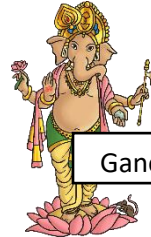


Brahma



Shiva

Saraswati



Ganesh

Mandir



Home shrine

### Key Facts:

- Hindus believe there is one true God, known as **Brahman**. He is a 'universal soul', meaning that he is everywhere and in everything.
- There are lots of other gods and goddesses (**deities**) in the Hindu religion but they are believed to be just different forms of God (Brahman).
- Hindus believe that the different deities show different parts of God's personality. They help Hindus to worship God more easily.
- Hindus will often choose a deity to worship depending on what they are praying for or what is important to them.
- Hindus often worship God using statues of the deities, called **murtis** in **puja**, either in a home **shrine** or at the **Mandir**.
- Hindus' belief in **Atman** means that they try very hard to care for every person, animal and for the planet.

### Vocabulary

<b>Brahman</b>	The one true God or universal soul that Hindus believe in.
<b>Deity</b>	A god or goddess. ( <b>Plural = Deities</b> )
<b>Trimurti</b>	The 3 most important gods (forms of the one true God - Brahman). They are Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver) and Shiva (destroyer).
<b>Murtis</b>	Images or statues of Hindu gods or goddesses used to help their worship.
<b>Puja</b>	The name given by Hindus for worship.
<b>Shrine</b>	A place containing a religious statue or object where one can worship.
<b>Mandir</b>	A Hindu temple where Hindus can go for communal worship.
<b>Atman</b>	The Hindu belief that there is a 'spark' of God (Brahman) within everybody.