

Year 3 Unit 2 RE Knowledge Organiser - More Hindu Stories

Manu and Matsya the Fish

1. Matsya is the embodiment of the Vishnu - who was a god and had taken the form of a fish.
2. Matsya told Manu to collect plant seeds, animals and seven holy men to take on the boat.
3. Vasuki is the snake that tied Manu's boat to Vishnu's long, golden horn.
4. The Vedas teaches how to live a good life - it is precious and life-giving.
5. Although bodies die, souls live forever! By doing good, a soul keeps improving and eventually finds happiness.
6. The Vedas was safe because Manu shared the sacred knowledge.
7. The demon hid inside the conch shell - he tried to take the Vedas.
8. Manu and the holy men landed on the Himalayas and started a new life.
9. Vishnu is depicted as blue (as are Rama and Krishna as his avatars) to show an infinite nature like the sky - God's life and power are infinite , it has no edges, no beginning and no end



Mahabharata - Arjuana faces the Battlefield

1. Mahabharata is four times as long as the Ramayana (24,000 verses)!
2. Two families fought over lands - Pandavas (Arjuana and 3 brothers and their wife) and Kauravas (100 brothers).
3. The Kauravas became jealous of the Pandavas and tricked them in a game of dice to steal their land.
4. Filled with envy, they sent Pandavas into exile for twelve years.
5. Krishna tried to make peace with the Kauravas.
6. A great battle followed - with drums, elephants, horses, armour and conch shells.
7. Arjuana froze, he felt the battle was not right- he had a long conversation with Krishna.
8. Krishna taught these true secrets to being happy and content: try to **do your duty, let go of your own selfish desire**, it is ok to be confused - **listen to your inner dharma**, don't worry about the future - **focus on deciding to do the right thing and do it**.
9. Krishna also taught Arjuana the secrets of the universe.
10. Krishna was Vishnu!
11. When humans are losing their way and goodness is in danger Vishnu reveals himself ... as an avatar.



Vocabulary

1. Manu	A holy man
2. Matsya	A talking, growing fish
3. Reveal	Make known to others
4. Vedas	Four holy books that show how to live
5. Souls	The immortal, spiritual part of a human being or animal
6. Conch	A tropical marine mollusc with a robust spiral shell
7. Chakra	A round object, like a wheel
8. Lotus	A flower
9. Purity	Perfection of goodness
10. Sanskrit	An ancient Indian language in which the Vedas is written
11. Sacrifices	Gifts of food or animals offered to gods
12. Mahabharata	A long ancient epic
13. Arjuana	A warrior and a royal prince
11. Exile	Sent away from country in which born
12. Charioteer	Chariot driver
13. Krishna	A cousin of the Pandavas family (god of protection, compassion, tenderness and love)



Beliefs from the stories; dharma - aspects of truth

The strong should protect the weak - follow your dharma	Bad stops humans from doing good and following their dharma	The way through difficult times is to focus on doing good and trying to do the right thing	<p>Vishnu has four objects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A chakra (continuous wheel like the mind) 2. A conch shell (used to ward off bad) 3. A lotus (Vishnu's energy and also purity) 4. A mace (a heavy weapon and a symbol of power) 	
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When Hindu believers pray, they sometimes chant a special sound. The special sound is about the universe being destroyed and then recreated - an important Hindu belief; the sound is an 'Aum' (au-00-mm).