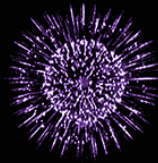


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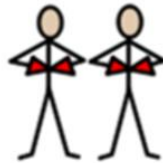




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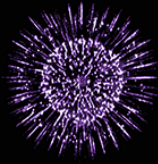
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Diwali is a five day religious festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. It happens in October or November, around the darkest night of the lunar month.



Diwali

Diwali is perhaps the most popular of all **Hindu festivals**, also known as the **Festival of Light**.

As with several other festivals, Diwali is related to a story about the **destruction of evil**.

The festival is dedicated to the **Goddess Kali** in Bengal, and **Lakshmi, Goddess of Wealth**.





Lots of legends are shared by families at the time of Diwali.

These stories remind them that good triumphs over evil.

Probably the most famous of these is the story of Rama, Sita and Ravana...



*The story of
Rama and Sita*

A good man, called **Rama**, was married to a beautiful princess, called **Sita**.



There was a terrible demon king called
Ravana.

Ravana had ten heads and was feared
throughout the land. **He wanted to
make Sita his wife!**



Ravana planned to kidnap Sita. He used his magical powers to make a **golden fawn** (a baby deer). Sita followed the fawn towards Ravana.



Ravana, the demon king, snatched Sita and flew away on his chariot to an island called **Lanka**.



Rama searched for Sita for many months. Finally, he asked **Hanuman** (king of the monkey army) for help. Hanuman could fly. Rama and Hanuman searched for Sita together.



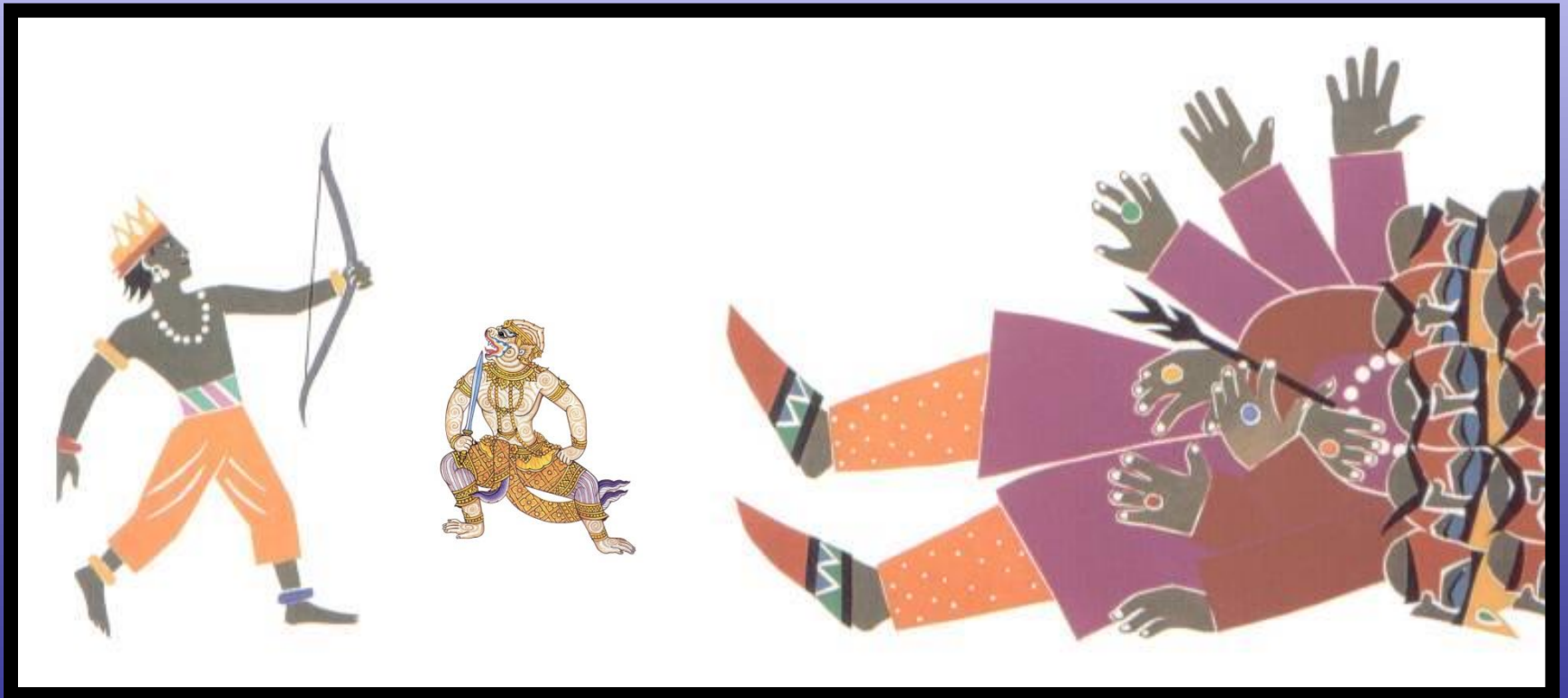
Hanuman and Rama found Sita trapped on the island of Lanka. **Hanuman and Rama prepared themselves for battle!**



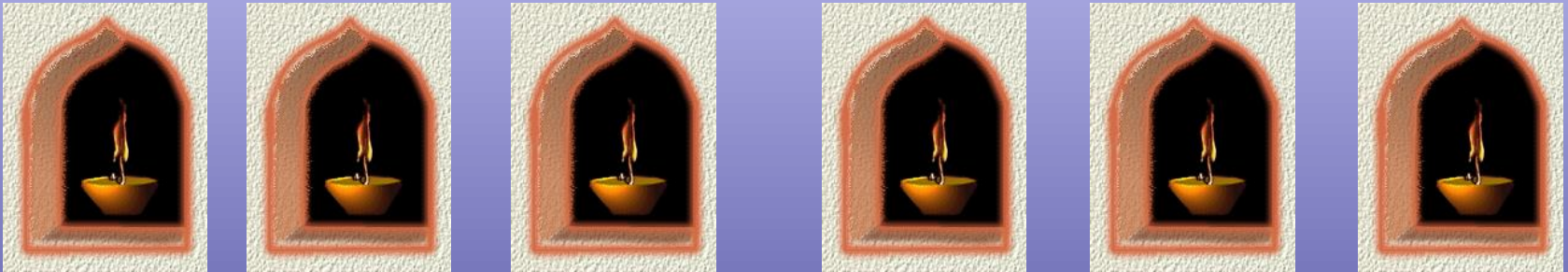
This was one of the greatest battles ever seen.
The fighting lasted for **TEN WHOLE DAYS.**



It looked as though Ravana was going to win, until Rama borrowed a **special bow and arrow from the Gods**. Rama shot Ravana and the battle was won.



Rama rescued Sita and they travelled home. As it got dark, the people of the kingdom put out little oil lamps (divas) in their windows to show them the way home.



That night, it seemed as though there were more lamps (divas) than stars in the sky.

Everyone was happy and Rama and Sita ruled well. To celebrate **Diwali**, people remember this special story by lighting diva lights inside their homes, decorating Rangoli patterns and having some **fireworks** outside.





dancing

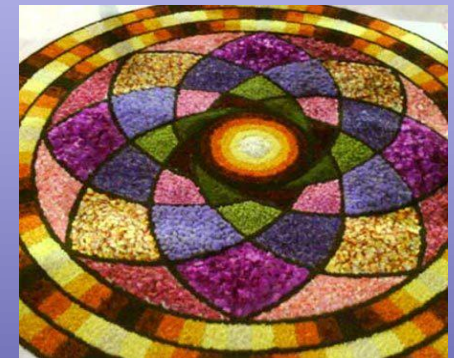


Smelling,
sorting and
eating food

What might
YOU do to
celebrate?



making
lanterns



Rangoli
patterns

Can you fill in the **missing words** on the next slide?





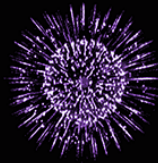
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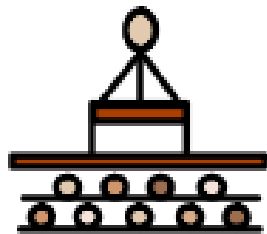




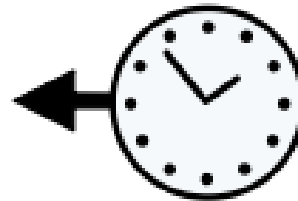
Birthdays



Good news



Assembly



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