

Hindu Religion Lecture Sheet of Class-4

Chapter-2(Deities and their Worship)

Lecture Sheet-1

Definition of Deity:

When a virtue or a power of God gets embodied, we call this embodiment a deity. That means deity is the visible shape of God. The another name of deities is **gods and goddesses**.

Necessity of Worshipping Deity:

- i) Gods and goddesses become pleased when we worship them.
- ii) Then the deities do good to us bringing welfare and benefits.
- iii) When the deities are pleased, God Himself becomes pleased.

Description of god Brahma:

- 1) Brahma is the god of creation and he has created everything of this universe.
- 2) He has four hands and four faces.
- 3) There are a holy water jug, a container of ghee, a ghee spoon, a rosary in four hands of Brahma. The two left hands contain a holy water jug and a container of ghee. The two right hands contain a ghee spoon and a rosary.
- 4) The skin- colour of Brahma is gory-white.
- 5) His carrier is a swan and his seat is a red lotus.
- 6) There is no specific date for the worship of Brahma. At the end of the worship we bow down our heads to him reciting some mantras.
- 7) There is a temple of Brahma at a holy place for pilgrimage named Pushkar in the sub-continent.
- 8) He loves red flowers. We worship him with flower, fruit, incense, smoke and a holy lamp.
- 9) God Brahma will bring welfare for us if we worship him.

Description of god Vishnu:

- 1) Vishnu is the god of rearing and protecting, so he is our rearer and protector. His another name is Narayan.
- 2) He has four hands. There are a conch, a corrugated disc, a cudgel, a lotus in four hands of Vishnu. He holds a conch in the upper left hand, a corrugated disc in the upper right hand, a cudgel in the lower left hand, a lotus in the lower right hand.
- 3) The colour of Vishnu's body resembles moon-light.
- 4) Garuda, a sacred bird is the carriage of Vishnu.
- 5) He is fond of holy basil leaf (Tulsipata). And without this leaf god Vishnu's worship cannot be done.
- 6) The worship of Vishnu can be done on any day. The worshippers of Vishnu are called Vaishnavas.
- 7) The worship of any deity begins with chanting the name of Vishnu.
- 8) By worshipping Vishnu, we can remove our sins, we can gain his blessings, we can protect ourselves from the knaves, truth and justice will be established on the earth.
- 9) At the end of the worship of Vishnu, we bow down our heads to him reciting some mantras.

Lecture Sheet-2

Introduction:

God is the eternal, timeless and perpetual. He has no destruction, no extinction. But God's any creation has a limited life-span. Humans, animals, birds, insects, trees, plants- everything will be destroyed. Only the soul remains immortal.

Description of god Shiva:

- 1) Shiva is the god of destruction. He destroys all the evil things for our welfare.
- 2) He has many names. Such as- Rudra, Pashupati, Mahadeva, Ashutosh, Volanath, Vaddanath, Natyaraj etc.
- 3) The skin colour of god Shiva is as white as snow.

- 4) He has three eyes. The third eye of Shiva is on the forehead. At the upper surface of his forehead there is an image of a crescent. His hair is curly.
- 5) There are two musical instruments in his hands- a tabor and a trumpet. Trident is his main weapon. He wears a tiger skin.
- 6) His carrier is an ox. He is fond of wood-apple leaves. So wood-apple leaves are essential for his worship.
- 7) On any day and at any time the worship of Shiva is observed. But on the 14th day of the new moon in the month of Falgun, the worship of Shiva can be specially done. His 14th lunar day is an auspicious time and the night is called the night of the god Shiva (Shiv-Ratre).
- 8) The worshippers of Shiva are called Shaivva.
- 9) All the evil things, bad forces and curses get destroyed and happiness and welfare descend upon us, if Shiva is worshipped.

Description of goddess Durga:

- 1) Durga is the goddess of power. She is a symbolized form of a combined force. This deity of power is named Durga as she killed a demon named Durgam.
- 2) She has many names. Such as- Mahamaya, Bhagavati, Chandi, Maha-Lakshmi etc. She puts an end to the sufferings of all creatures. For this she is also called the destroyer of all sorrows and sufferings. She is also called the terminator of all sufferings.
- 3) The skin-colour of Durga is bright yellow like a linseed flower. Her face is as bright as the full moon.
- 4) She has three eyes, so she is called a three-eyed deity. One of her eyes is on the middle of her forehead. There is a crescent on one side of her head.
- 5) She has ten hands, so she is called a ten-handed goddess. Ten weapons are there in her ten hands.
- 6) We come to know from the holy book Sree Sree Chandi that she has killed the demon named Mahishasura, so the other name of Durga is the slayer of Mahishasura. She also slew many other demons.
- 7) At the worship of the goddess Durga the holy book Sree Sree Chandi is read out.
- 8) The worship of Durga is called as the Autumnal worship because in the Autumn season Durga Puja is observed. The worship of Durga is called the Spring worship because in the Spring season Durga Puja is observed.

9) If we worship her, she will bring welfare for all of us. She gives us strength and force, valour and spirit. All dangers get removed if we remember her name. So at the time of a journey we can chant her name three times- Durga, Durga, Durga.

10) Hymn for the Salutation of Durga:

‘Sarvamangala – mangalye Shive sarvarthasadhike

Sharanye tryamvake Gouri Narayaninamo - astute.’

Meaning: O the welfare-giving, O the Benefactor, the Source of all knowledge, the Deity of Shelter, the Three – eyed Deity, O Gouri, Narayani we do humbly salute you.

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Hindu Religion Worksheet of Class-4

Chapter – 2 (Deities and their Worship)

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- Brahmaa's function is ___ things.
- We are _____ by Vishnu.
- Those who worship Vishnu are called _____.
- Those who worship Shiva are called _____.
- Shiva's vehicle is _____.
- At the worship of Durga _____ is read out.

2. Write down the meaning of the following words:

- Embodied
- Rosary
- Pilgrimage
- Auspicious
- Suppress

3. Match the Column-A with Column-B to make correct sentences:

a) The embodiments of God, the Almighty are	i) The worship of Durga is done.
b) To satisfy the gods and goddesses	ii) As bright yellow as the linseed flower.
c) In the season of Autumn	iii) The Knaves.
d) Vishnu suppresses	iv) The gods and the goddesses.
e) At the start of a journey	v) Is Asutosh.
f) The other name of Shiva	vi) We have to chant Durga, Durga, Durga.
	vii) The worship is done.

4. Write the correct answer in your answer script:

- What is Brahmaa's vehicle?
 - Owl
 - Mouse

- g) When do deities become pleased?
- h) How many faces does Brahmaa have?
- i) How many hands does Brahmaa have?
- j) What is the other name of Vishnu?
- k) What is the skin colour of Brahmaa?
- l) Why is the worship of Durga called as the Autumnal worship?
- m) Why is the worship of Durga called the Spring worship?
- n) Where is the temple of Brahmaa situated?
- o) How many hands does Vishnu have?
- p) Which god is fond of holy basil leaf?
- q) Who has a limited life-span?
- r) Who remains immortal?
- s) Write seven names of Lord Shiva.
- t) What is the skin colour of god Shiva?
- u) How many eyes does god Shiva have?
- v) How many musical instruments are there in god Shiva's hands? Write their name.
- w) What will be happened if we worship god Shiva?
- y) Why is Durga called as ten-handed goddess?
- z) When can the worship of Shiva be specially done?

6. Answer to the following broad questions:

- a) What result can one get by worshipping Vishnu?
 - b) Write the Bangla meaning of hymn for salutation of Shiva.
 - c) What are there in four hands of Vishnu?
 - d) What are there in four hands of Brahmaa?
 - e) Write the hymn for the Salutation of Durga with meaning.
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Solution of Hindu Religion Worksheet of Class-4**Chapter – 2 (Deities and their Worship)****1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:**

- a) Brahmaa's function is ____ things. (**creating**)
- b) We are _____ by Vishnu. (**reared**)
- c) Those who worship Vishnu are called _____. (**Vaishnavas**)
- d) Those who worship Shiva are called _____. (**Shaivva**)
- e) Shiva's vehicle is _____. (**an ox**)
- f) At the worship of Durga _____ is read out. (**Sree Sree Chandi**)

2. Meaning of the following words:

- a) Embodied – **Corporeal / What has shape**
- b) Rosary – **A string of beads**
- c) Pilgrimage – **Religious journey**
- d) Auspicious - **Favourable**
- e) Suppress - **Subdue**

3. Answers of Matching:

- a) The embodiments of God, the Almighty are - the gods and the goddesses.
- b) To satisfy the gods and goddesses – the worship is done.
- c) In the season of Autumn - the worship of Durga is done.
- d) Vishnu suppresses - the Knaves.
- e) At the start of a journey - we have to chant Durga, Durga, Durga.
- f) The other name of Shiva - is Asutosh.

4. Write down the correct answer in your answer script:

a) What is Brahmaa's vehicle?

Ans: iii) Swan

b) Of what goddess is Durga?

Ans: iv) Power

c) Mention the goddess whose name is chanted at the start of all journey.

Ans: i) Durga

d) The name of a musical instrument lying in one hand of Shiva is__

Ans: i) Tabor

e) How many hands of Durga are there?

Ans: iv) Ten

f) What are called the worshippers of power?

Ans: ii) Shakto

g) Mention the god whose name is chanted at the start of all worships.

Ans: ii) Vishnu

5. Answers of short questions:

a) The visible shape of Almighty or deity is the embodiment of God.

b) The name of three gods are – Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu.

c) The name of three goddesses are – Durga, Kali, Lakshmi.

d) Sree Sree Chandi is read out at the worship of the goddess Durga.

e) On any day and at any time the worship of Shiva is observed.

f) Durga is called as the three-eyed deity because she has three eyes.

g) Deities become pleased when we worship them.

h) Brahmaa has four faces.

i) Brahmaa has four hands.

j) The other name of Vishnu is Narayan.

- k) The skin colour of Brahmaa is gory-white.
- l) The worship of Durga is called as the Autumnal worship because in the Autumn season Durga Puja is observed.
- m) The worship of Durga is called the Spring worship because in the Spring season Durga Puja is observed.
- n) The temple of Brahmaa is situated at the holy place of Pushkar in the Indian sub-continent.
- o) Vishnu has four hands.
- p) God Vishnu is fond of holy basil leaf.
- q) God's any creation has a limited life-span.
- r) Only the soul remains immortal.
- s) Seven names of Lord Shiva are – Rudra, Pashupati, Mahadeva, Ashutosh, Volanath, Vaddanath, Natyaraj.
- t) The skin colour of god Shiva is as white as snow.
- u) God Shiva has three eyes.
- v) There are two musical instruments in god Shiva's hands. These are- tabor, trumpet.
- w) If we worship god Shiva, all the evil things, bad forces and curses get destroyed.
- y) Durga is called as ten-handed goddess because she has ten hands.
- z) On the 14th day of the new moon in the month of Falgun, the worship of Shiva can be specially done.

6. Answers of broad questions:

- a) One can get many things by worshipping Vishnu. Such as-
 - i) One can remove his / her sin by worshipping Vishnu.
 - ii) By worshipping Vishnu one can gain his blessings.
 - iii) By worshipping Vishnu one can protect himself/ herself from the knaves.
 - iv) If we worship of Vishnu truth and justice will be established on the earth.
- b) **The Bangla meaning of hymn for salutation of Shiva is given below:**

“We do salute the god Shiva for three factors (creation, continuance, and destruction). O the great god, you are the motion. We do submit ourselves to you, Shiva.”

- c) There are a conch, a corrugated disc, a cudgel, a lotus in four hands of Vishnu. He holds a conch in the upper left hand, a corrugated disc in the upper right hand, a cudgel in the lower left hand, a lotus in the lower right hand.
- d) There are a holy water jug, a container of ghee, a ghee spoon, a rosary in four hands of Brahmaa. The two left hands contain a holy water jug and a container of ghee. The two right hands contain a ghee spoon and a rosary.
- e) The hymn for the Salutation of Durga with meaning is given below:

‘Sarvamangala – mangalye Shive sarvarthasadhike

Sharanye tryamvake Gouri Narayaninamo - astute.’

Meaning: O the welfare-giving, O the Benefactor, the Source of all knowledge, the Deity of Shelter, the Three – eyed Deity, O Gouri, Narayani we do humbly salute you.
