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World Faiths Which stories are special and why?

This week we are continuing our learning on the Hindu Faith

This symbol is called Aum which represents the Hindu Faith

We have another Hindu story to share with you this week.

What the children need to know is that Hindu people believe in one supreme God, Brahman, and that he can take many forms as different gods and goddess.

We would like the children to be able to retell the story of Rama and Sita.

This week we are going to read the Hindu story of The Pearls and the Crow.

As Diwali approached, a King in the north of India gave his wife a beautiful necklace of pearls as a gift. The Queen was delighted with

the gift and said she would wear it always, only removing it when she absolutely must. On the morning of Diwali the Queen went to bathe in the river, leaving her necklace with her clothes. A crow saw the necklace sparkling in the sunshine, picked it up and flew away! The Queen was so upset that the King offered a reward for the person that who found the necklace.

Meanwhile, the crow had flown over a poor part of the city and swooped down to pick up some food. He dropped the necklace on the washerwoman's doorstep! The washerwoman was very poor. She thought the necklace was the most beautiful thing she had ever seen and **wondered about keeping it**. Then she thought **about selling the necklace** to buy some food. Just then the washwoman heard the King's decree and she ran to the palace to return the necklace. Instead of accepting the generous reward which the King offered her, she asked him to proclaim that no lights would be lit for Diwali apart from hers. He promised. So, that night when Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, performed her annual duty of spreading wealth amongst the most brightly-lit houses, the washerwoman's house was the only one she could find.

Our question is What does the story teach Hindu children?

(to be honest)

Have a discussion about what it means to be honest. Is it good to be honest? Why?

What would you do if you found the following for example:

Have Fun with your learning and think about our school value of Trust