

# RE How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma?

## Key Vocabulary

deity	A God or Goddess in Hinduism.
dharma	This means duty, like playing an important role.
Raksha Bandhan	A Hindu festival celebrating brothers and sisters (siblings) and the love and duty between them.
murti	An image, statue or idol of a deity in Hindu culture.
Diwali	A Hindu festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. Known as the 'festival of lights'.
diva	An oil lamp made from clay used during Diwali.
mandir	A Hindu temple.

### Rama, Sita, Lakshman and Hanuman

These are all key players in the great Hindu story the Ramayana. They are characters who take their dharma seriously. Hindus see them as deities, worthy of worship. Murtis of them may be found in a home shrine, a place for daily family prayer, or in a Hindu temple or mandir.



Divya lamp

## Key Facts

Dharma is about duty. Hindus believe that everyone has their own duty or Dharma to fulfil in life. Dharma should be taken seriously –like playing a role in a team. Siblings have a duty to look after each other. Many Hindu stories are about those who follow their duty, no matter what.

Hindus believe that we all have a soul. The soul is reincarnated when we die, it lives on and moves into a new body. We collect good and bad karma through our actions.