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Hindu gods

There are many gods and goddesses in Hinduism. Many Hindus believe that all the different gods and goddesses are just different views of Brahman. Inside a Hindu temple or mandir there are statues or pictures of Hindu gods and goddesses called murtis. Each murti shows a different way of thinking about Brahman.

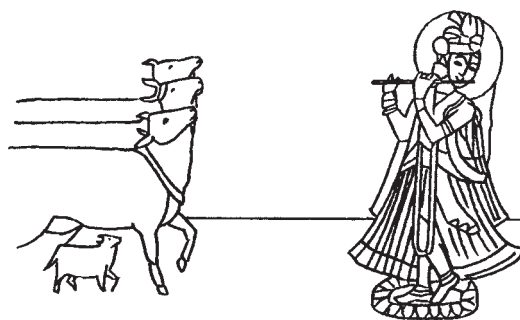
Below are descriptions of some of the Hindu gods and goddesses. Colour, cut out and match each picture with the right description.

Ganesha has big ears with which to hear everyone's prayers. He has an elephant's head. His big stomach represents success and riches.

Krishna is often shown playing the flute like this. Also he is usually shown as having blue skin.

Shiva has four arms. He has a third eye in the middle of his forehead. He is often shown in statues as the Lord of the Dance.

Kali is fierce and powerful. She destroys evil.



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The four stages of life

The Hindu scriptures describe four stages of life. The four stages called ashramas are basically an ideal of how people should live their lives.

Cut out the pictures and descriptions below.

Match each description to the right picture in the right order.

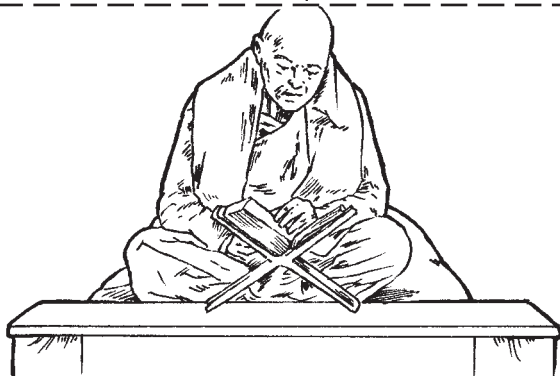
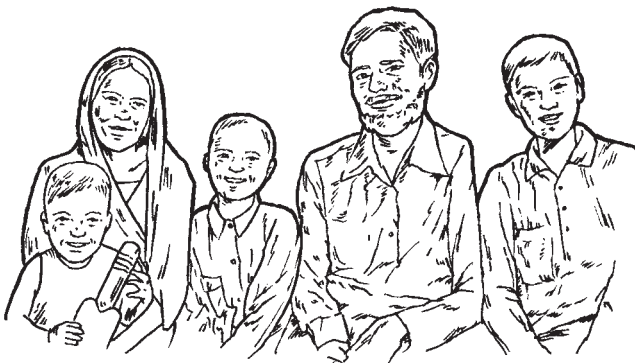
Colour the pictures.

The second stage is that of the family man who must, amongst other things, provide for his family, help others and see that his own children marry.

The first stage is that of the student who must learn the knowledge and skills he will need in later life.

The fourth stage occurs if a man chooses to leave his family and home and becomes a wandering holy man. This last stage is optional.

The third stage begins when a man's family has grown up and he can devote his time to studying sacred writings.



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