

Ganesh Chaturthi Activity Pack

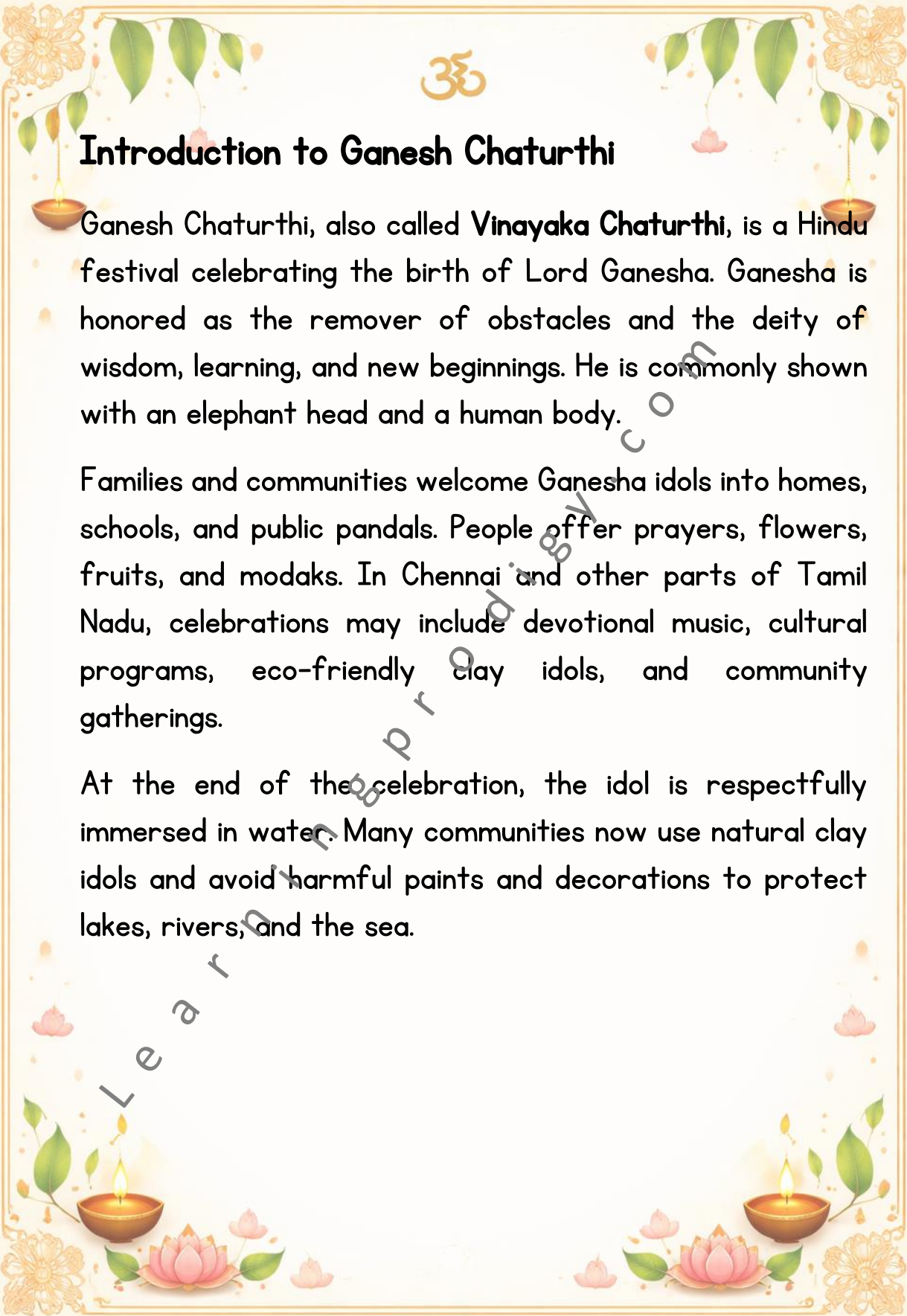


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Introduction to Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi, also called **Vinayaka Chaturthi**, is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Ganesha. Ganesha is honored as the remover of obstacles and the deity of wisdom, learning, and new beginnings. He is commonly shown with an elephant head and a human body.

Families and communities welcome Ganesha idols into homes, schools, and public pandals. People offer prayers, flowers, fruits, and modaks. In Chennai and other parts of Tamil Nadu, celebrations may include devotional music, cultural programs, eco-friendly clay idols, and community gatherings.

At the end of the celebration, the idol is respectfully immersed in water. Many communities now use natural clay idols and avoid harmful paints and decorations to protect lakes, rivers, and the sea.



Think and discuss:

1. Why do people use clay idols?

2. What are some respectful and environmentally friendly ways to celebrate?

3. What new beginning would you like to ask Ganesha to bless?



Activity I: Ganesh Coloring Page

Instructions

Color the outline of Lord Ganesha thoughtfully and respectfully. You may use traditional colors or create your own design.

Include these features in your drawing:

- An elephant head with large ears
- A curved trunk
- A small crown or headpiece
- Four arms
- A modak in one hand
- A mouse nearby
- Flowers, leaves, or a decorative border
- A simple rangoli pattern below the figure





Activity 2: Festival Word Search

Instructions

Find the 12 hidden words. Words may appear horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Some words may be written backward.

Word List

- GANESHA
- MODAK
- ELEPHANT
- WISDOM
- VINAYAKA
- FESTIVAL
- CELEBRATION
- MUMBAI
- PROCESSION
- IDOL
- PRAYERS
- OFFERINGS



Puzzle Grid

G	A	N	E	S	H	A	T	R	P
V	I	N	A	Y	A	K	A	L	R
C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	I	O
P	R	O	C	E	S	S	I	O	N
O	F	F	E	R	I	N	G	S	W
E	L	E	P	H	A	N	O	T	D
W	I	S	D	O	M	K	L	A	R
F	E	S	T	I	V	A	L	B	P
M	U	M	B	A	I	C	H	D	O
P	R	A	B	E	R	S	T	U	L

Found words:

Activity 3: Modak Math

Show your working clearly. Write an answer sentence for each problem.

1. A family prepares 24 modaks for a prayer ceremony. They place them equally on 4 plates. How many modaks are on each plate?

2. A community kitchen makes 8 trays of modaks. Each tray contains 15 modaks. How many modaks are made altogether?



3. A family makes 60 modaks and gives 18 to neighbors.
How many modaks remain?

4. A shop sells boxes containing 12 modaks. A community group buys 7 boxes. How many modaks do they receive?



5. A recipe needs 3 cups of rice flour to make 24 modaks. How many cups of rice flour are needed for 48 modaks if the recipe is doubled?

6. A volunteer arranges 5 rows of 9 modaks for a display. Then 6 modaks are used for a prayer offering. How many modaks remain in the display?



Activity 4: Story Writing Prompt

Prompt

On the morning of Ganesh Chaturthi, your class discovers a small eco-friendly clay Ganesha idol outside the school garden. A note beside it says, "A celebration is meaningful when everyone helps." Write a story about what happens next.

Guiding Questions

- Who finds the idol?
- How does the class decide what to do?
- What preparations are made for the celebration?
- How do students show respect for different beliefs and traditions?
- What environmental choices do they make?
- What problem or obstacle do they face?
- How is the problem solved?
- What lesson do the characters learn?



Planning Notes

Main character:

Setting:

Problem:

Important events:

1.

2.

3.

Lesson or message:

Story Title

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Activity 5: Ganesh Chaturthi Acrostic Poem

Instructions

An acrostic poem uses the letters of a word to begin each line. Write a word, phrase, or sentence connected to Ganesh Chaturthi for each letter.

GANESHA

G _____

A _____

N _____

E _____

S _____

H _____

A _____

Challenge: Include at least two sensory details, such as a sound, smell, color, taste, or texture.



Activity 6: Festival Facts Matching

Instructions

Match each tradition in Column A with its meaning or significance in Column B. Write the correct letter beside each number.

Column A: Traditions

1. _____ Making or choosing an eco-friendly clay idol
2. _____ Offering modaks
3. _____ Prayers and devotional songs
4. _____ Decorating a pandal or home altar
5. _____ Community cultural programs
6. _____ Procession
7. _____ Respectful immersion
8. _____ Flowers and leaves
9. _____ Sharing food with others
10. _____ Keeping the celebration clean



Column B: Meanings and Significance

A. Encourages cooperation, creativity, music, and learning

B. Represents devotion and gratitude

C. Helps reduce pollution and protects water bodies

D. Symbolizes Ganesha's association with wisdom and sweet rewards

E. Shows care for the community and reduces waste

F. Provides a special place for prayer and gathering

G. Allows people to celebrate together as the idol is carried respectfully

H. Expresses joy, beauty, and reverence

I. Remembers Ganesha respectfully while supporting environmental care

J. Builds kindness, friendship, and sharing



Activity 7: Design Your Own Rangoli

Instructions

Create a rangoli design inspired by Ganesh Chaturthi.

Rangoli is a decorative floor design made with patterns and colors. Use safe, reusable, or natural materials where possible.

Your design may include:

- A central Ganesha symbol
- Lotus petals
- Conch shells
- Lamps
- Mango leaves
- Geometric shapes
- Dots and curved lines
- Symmetrical borders
- Traditional colors such as red, yellow, green, blue, white, or orange

Design Steps

1. Decide on a central symbol.
2. Draw a light arrangement of dots.
3. Connect the dots with straight or curved lines.
4. Add repeated shapes around the center.
5. Create symmetry by repeating the same pattern on different sides.
6. Add colors carefully.
7. Write one sentence explaining your design.

My rangoli symbolizes:





Answer Key

Activity 2: Word Search

The words are placed as follows:

- **GANESHA:** Row 1, left to right
- **VINAYAKA:** Row 2, left to right
- **CELEBRATION:** Row 3, left to right
- **PROCESSION:** Row 4, left to right
- **OFFERINGS:** Row 5, left to right
- **ELEPHANT:** Row 6, left to right
- **WISDOM:** Row 7, left to right
- **FESTIVAL:** Row 8, left to right
- **MUMBAI:** Row 9, left to right
- **PRAYERS:** Row 10, left to right
- **MODAK:** Column 10, rows 5–9, upward
- **IDOL:** Column 10, rows 6–9, downward

Activity 3: Modak Math

1. 6 modaks per plate
2. 120 modaks
3. 72 modaks
4. 42 modaks
5. 84 modaks
6. 6 cups of rice flour
7. 39 modaks

Activity 6: Festival Facts Matching

1. C
2. D
3. B
4. F
5. A
6. G
7. I
8. H
9. J
10. E