

EPISODE ACTIVITY - GRADES K-5

How Ganesha Became the Beloved Elephant God

The story in a nutshell

Ganesha is the beloved elephant headed god of wisdom and new beginnings. Goddess Parvati made a boy from turmeric paste to guard her door, and when Shiva came home the boy would not let him in. After a terrible misunderstanding, Shiva brought the boy back to life with an elephant head. From then on, Ganesha was blessed to be honored first and to remove obstacles from every new journey.

"Wisdom, love, and devotion can clear the way when a new journey begins."

Key chapters to explore

1. Meet Shiva, Parvati, and Kartikeya
2. Parvati makes a boy to guard her door
3. The boy stops Shiva at the door
4. Shiva's anger and a terrible mistake
5. An elephant head brings Ganesha back to life
6. Ganesha becomes the remover of obstacles
7. The race around the universe

Talk about it

1. Why is Ganesha a good god to think of when you start something new?
2. Ganesha won the race by using his brain instead of running fast. When have you solved a problem in a clever way?
3. What does Ganesha's tiny mouse teach us about small things?



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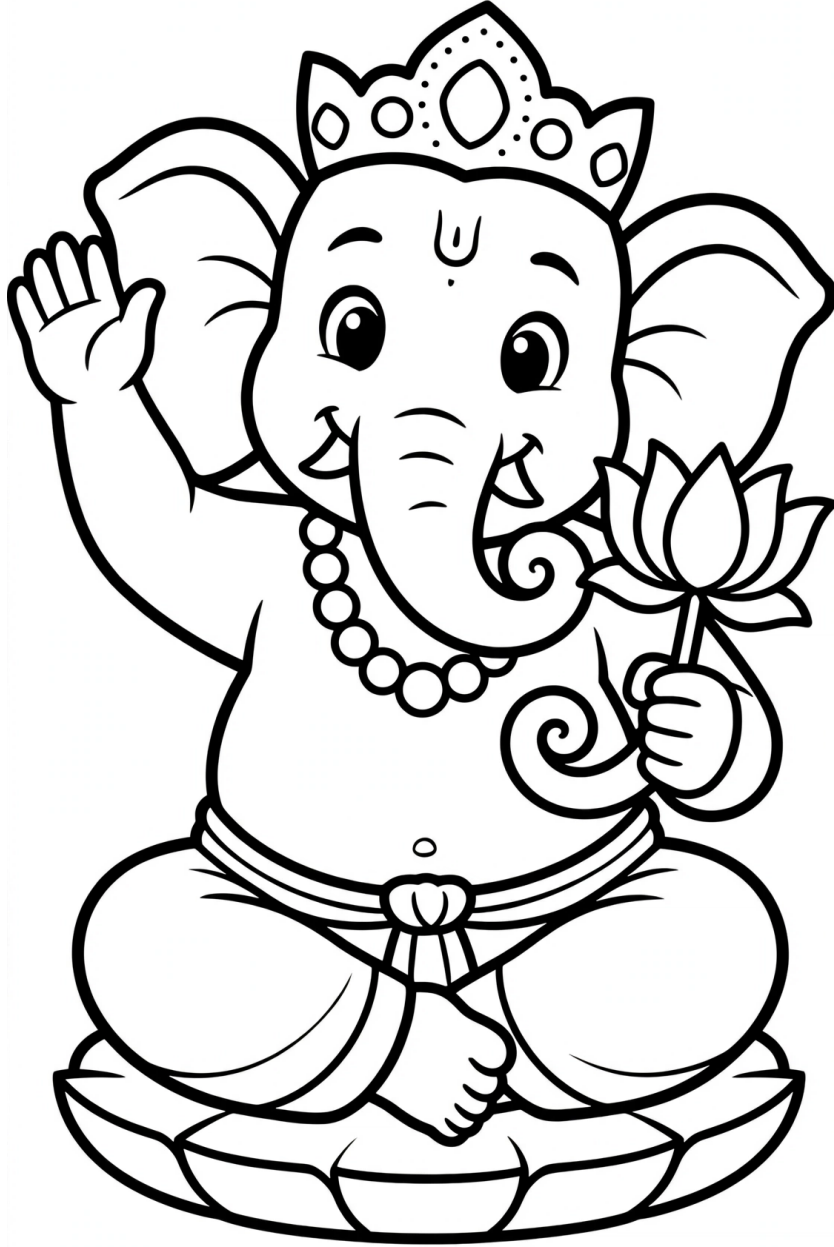
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Ganesha Coloring Page

Color Ganesha and his little mouse friend.



WORD SEARCH

Ganesha Word Search

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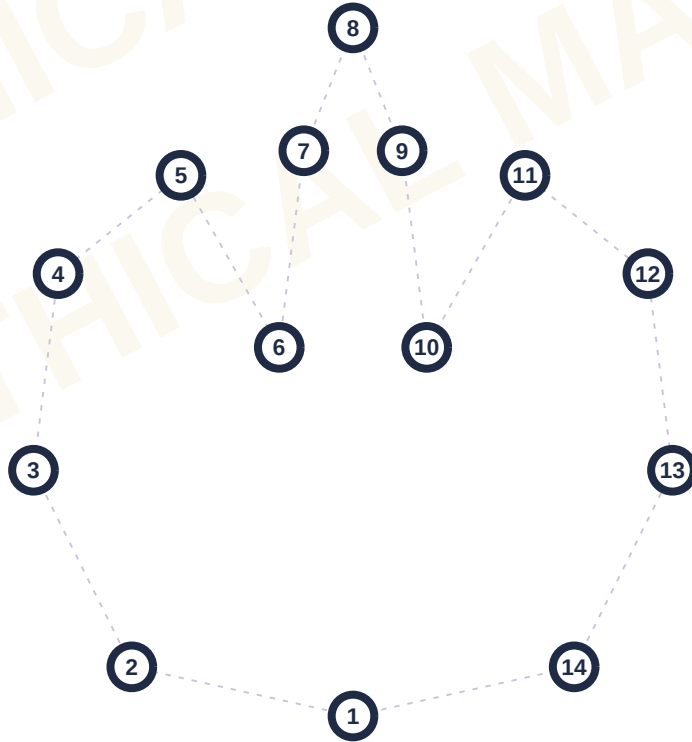
Find these words:

- Elephant
- Lotus
- Mushika
- Turmeric
- Ganesha
- Modak
- Parvati
- Wisdom
- Kartikeya
- Mouse
- Shiva



CONNECT THE DOTS - 1 TO 14

Connect the dots: Lotus



Connect the dots from 1 to 14, then color your lotus flower!



QUIZ TIME

Ganesha Quiz

1. Why does Ganesha have an elephant head?

2. Why does Ganesha ride a mouse?

3. Why is Ganesha called the remover of obstacles?

4. Who are Ganesha's parents?

5. Why is Ganesha worshipped first among all gods?

Answers (turn the page upside down!)

1. Shiva replaced the boy's head with an elephant head and brought him back to life.
2. His mouse Mushika shows that even small desires and small tasks matter and can be kept under control.
3. Shiva blessed him to be honored first so he can clear the way at the start of every new venture.
4. Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. His brother is Kartikeya.
5. Shiva's blessing said every prayer and new beginning should start by remembering Ganesha.

Word search answers

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