

GOD EXPLAINER - GRADES K-5

Ganesha: The Elephant God

The story in a nutshell

Ganesha (gah-NAY-shah) is one of the most loved gods in India. You can spot him right away: he has an elephant head! Kids and grown-ups pray to Ganesha before starting anything new, like the first day of school or a big game, because he is known as the remover of obstacles. That means he helps clear the path when things get hard. His little mouse friend is always close by, and he loves sweets called modaks (moh-DAHKS).

"When something blocks your path, stay calm, think it through, and find another way around."

Stories to explore

1. How Ganesha got his elephant head
2. The race around the world: brains beat speed
3. Why Ganesha is always prayed to first
4. Ganesha's tiny mouse and what it teaches
5. Ganesh Chaturthi: a giant birthday party

Talk about it

1. Ganesha won the race by thinking, not running. When has thinking helped you more than rushing?
2. Why do you think people pray to Ganesha before starting something new?
3. Ganesha's vehicle is a tiny mouse. What does that tell us about big and small?

Draw your obstacle!

Draw something hard you are facing right now, like a tough spelling word or a tricky soccer move. Then draw Ganesha helping you find a way around it. Write one sentence about your plan.

Teacher tip: pairs with lessons on problem-solving, character traits, and growth mindset.



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