

## Hindu deity descriptions



### Vishnu

The god of preservation and protection. He returns to Earth during troubled times to restore the balance between good and evil. Vishnu carries a club to symbolise strength.



### Brahma

The god of creation. He has four arms and four faces, looking in the four directions (north, south, east and west).



### Shiva

The god of destruction. His role is to destroy the universe in order to recreate it. He is often shown with a third eye to show that he is wise.



### Krishna

The god of compassion, protection and love.

He is always shown as young and blue to represent youth and bravery.



### Lakshmi

The goddess of wealth and purity. She can bless people with fortune and success. She often is shown with a lotus flower to represent the creation of the world.



### Saraswati

The goddess of knowledge and the arts. She is often shown with a swan or peacock.