

Deepavali

A Starter Guide for Preschool Students



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What is Deepavali?

Deepavali is known as the 'Festival of Lights'.



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What is Deepavali?



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Deepavali is observed by Hindus to celebrate light over darkness.

It is celebrated with lamps, colourful light displays and sparkles!



How is Deepavali celebrated?

The day begins with:

🕯️ An oil bath

🕯️ Dressing up with new clothes

🕯️ Prayers at home or temple

🕯️ Visiting with family

🕯️ Seeking blessings from elders



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**The day is also filled with sweets
and shared feasts!**



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A favourite Deepavali tradition

During Deepavali, many Singaporean Tamil Hindu families enjoy homemade ***thosai* or *appam jala***, with chicken or mutton curry for breakfast!



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Why do Hindus celebrate Deepavali?

2 reasons why Hindus celebrate Deepavali

1. The defeat of Narakasura

Deepavali marks the day Lord Krishna slayed the demon, Narakasura.

The people welcomed the victorious Lord Krishna with lighted lamps brightening the entire city.

Since then, Deepavali has been celebrated with lights and oil lamps.



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2 reasons why Hindus celebrate Deepavali

2. The defeat of Ravana



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Deepavali celebrates the return of Lord Rama, Sita and Lakshmana after their defeat of the demon king, Ravana.

People rejoiced on this occasion and lit oil lamps to light up the way and welcome their king, hence, inspiring the tradition of lighting lamps.

Deepavali is also celebrated by the **Sikh** and **Jain** communities

Little India

Deepavali Street Light Up



What do you usually see at
the Deepavali street light up?

Lamps

The oil lamps represent the victory of light over darkness. They are a constant feature in the street light up.



Lotus

In Hinduism, the lotus is a symbol for purity and divinity.

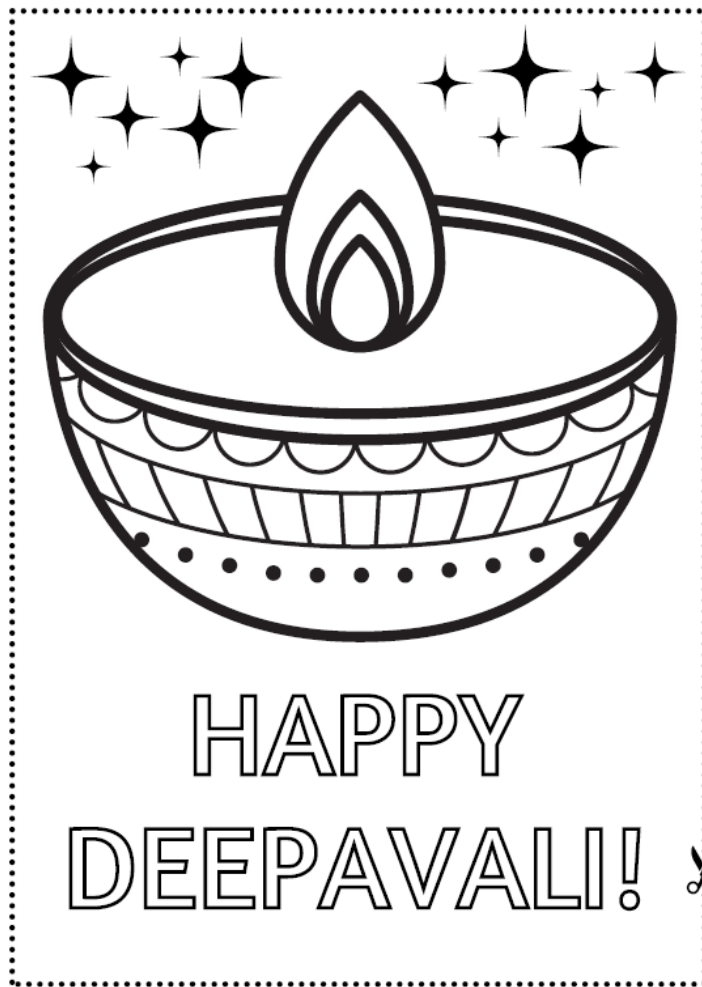
The lotus is also closely associated with Hindu Goddesses, especially Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity.



Birds

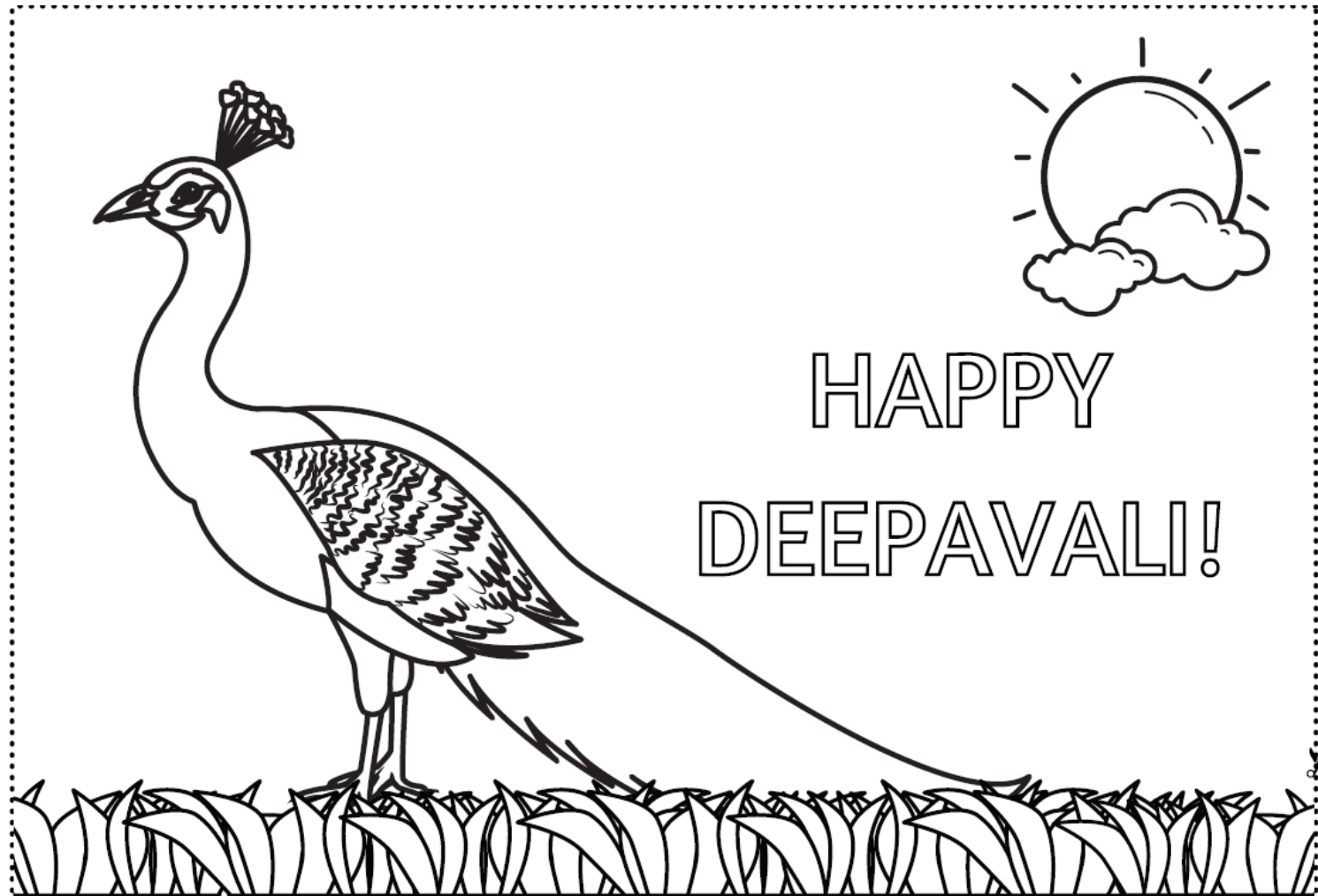
Peacocks and swans represent
beauty, renewed energy, holiness,
wisdom and peace.





Colour the lamp and create your
own Deepavali card!





Colour the peacock and create your own Deepavali card!

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