



# Happy Diwali

## The Festival of Lights



### Quick Facts:

- Diwali, also called Dipawali, is India's biggest and most important religious celebration for Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs.
- The holiday gets its name from the rows of lamps, called diya, that are lit inside and outside of homes to represent the triumph of light over darkness and the power of good over evil.
- Families celebrate over five days of festivities by exchanging gifts, decorating their homes, lighting fireworks at night, and feasting with families and friends.

### Activities to try:

- Color rangoli: an Indian folk art displayed in homes during Diwali to bring good luck. Click [here](#) for printouts of rangoli designs.
- Make your own diya: using playdough, beads, and a battery operated LED light. Click [here](#) for instructions.
- Create firework art with glitter glue or paint. Click [here](#) for instructions.

