HOLI

The Festival of Colours

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What is Holi about?

Imagine standing in a street covered with coloured powder flying over the sky! It's Holi! Holi, also called the Festival of Colours, is a Hindu festival which takes place in India. Hindus all over the world celebrate this festival too.

Cheerful hands throw coloured powder into the sky, spreading joy over the city.

A family is enjoying Holi by having a gathering and sharing sweets.

When do people celebrate Holi?

Hindus celebrate Holi in spring, it begins when the moon is full which it means the end of winter and new life. This joyful festival lasts for two days.

Why do people celebrate Holi?

Krishna and Radha are playing with coloured powder, falling in love with each other.

Hiranyakashipu is lighting the fire, sending Prahlad to death.

Hindus celebrate Holi because of two main legends: one about Hiranyakashipu and Prahlad, and the other about krishna and Radha. First, the demon king Hiranyakashipu, who believed he was a god, wanted to kill his son Prahlad because he was a devotee of the Hindu diety Vishnu. Therefore, he asked his sister Holika to kill Prahlad by letting him burn in a bonfire. However, Holika was burned to death, while Prahlad survived. Another legend is about krishna, a blue-skinned god, who fell in love with a milkmaid named Radha but was worried that she wouldn't love him back because of his skin colour. Radha played with krishna using coloured powder, which led to the start of Holi.

How is Holi celebrated?

is celebrated by many ways. The night before, bonfires are lit when Hindus nd sing around it. During Holi, Hindus hold religious ceremonies and also ate in other activities such as throwing multi-coloured powders at each d splashing coloured water with water guns or balloons. Layers of colour g to blur the city! After cleaning up, people usually visit friends nily to exchange sweets and share greetings. Feasting is also one of ebrations! People eat sweet traditional foods such as Gujiya and Puran which are both filled with sweet fillings. They also drink Thandai, which eshing milk drink with saffron, cardamom, almonds and rose petals.

yummy!

Delicious traditional food are in your front! Do you want to try it?

Wow!

People surround the bonfire to sing and dance.

Holi is a festival celebrating divine love and the victory of good over evil. It is a time to forgive friends and repair broken relationships. Holi is such an enjoyable and meaningful festival!