

Hinduism — Holi

The story of Prahlad and Holika



Fill in the blanks to tell the story of Prahlad and Holika.

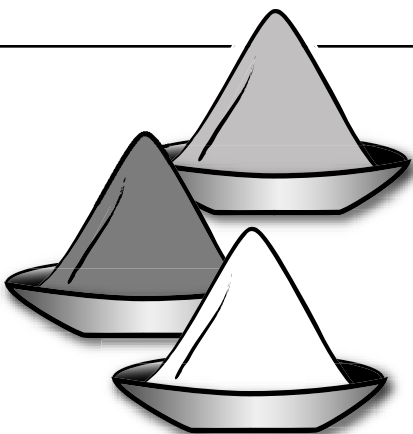
Holi is a colourful Hindu festival which celebrates the coming of _____.
One story connected to Holi is the legend of _____.

Prahlad was the son of King Hiranyakashyapu. The king wanted everyone in his kingdom to _____ him. But his _____, Prahlad, refused and worshipped Lord Vishnu instead.

The king was very angry. He decided that he would _____ Prahlad. He was helped by his _____ Holika, who had magical powers. She could not be harmed by fire.

Holika tricked her nephew Prahlad into sitting on her lap in a _____. She thought that the bonfire would kill him, leaving her safe and sound. But she was wrong. Holika was using her powers for evil and so the plan failed. Prahlad escaped from the fire unharmed, while his aunt was _____ by the flames.

For Hindus this story symbolises _____. Bonfires are often lit at Holi to remember the story of Prahlad and Holika. In some parts of India figures of Holika are burnt on the fire. Ashes from Holi bonfires are thought to bring _____.



good luck worship sister bonfire

good overcoming evil devoured Spring

Prahlad and Holika destroy son