

Diwali

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Did you know that Diwali is not just about fireworks? It may seem like it at first glance but it is only partly about fireworks. It has five different days of celebration. Each day has something special about it.

Diwali started in 527 B.C. in India by the Buddhists. However, it became a big celebration after the Hindu prince Rama returned to his kingdom of Ayodhya after many years of exile. Although it started many years ago, Indian people all around the world still celebrate it in a big way.

It is celebrated for five days of the calendar. The first day of Diwali is called Dhanteras. On that day, people clean and decorate their homes. They worship the Goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. The second day of Diwali is called Naraka Chaturdashi. People put on oils before taking a bath because this removes all sins. They launch fireworks and light lamps. On the third day, Lakshmi puja, the Goddess Lakshmi is believed to enter people's homes and bless people with good fortune. On this day, families give each other presents.

The fourth day of Diwali is Govardhan Puja, which is celebrated because Lord Krishna beat Lord Indra by lifting the huge Govard mountain. The last day of Diwali is called Bhai Dooj. This is a day where sisters invite their brothers for a lavish meal and pray that their brothers live a long and happy life. The brothers give their sisters gifts.

In conclusion, Diwali is a religious and fun holiday. Personally, I love celebrating Diwali by launching fireworks, which is really fun. Each of the five days have its own special unique thing about them.

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