

Year 9 RE - Buddhism

Task 1 - Buddhist morals. Read the 5 Buddhist Morals and think of 5 more of your own.

Task 2 - Buddhist symbols. Can you match the correct name of each 7 symbols with the picture and the meaning?

Task 3 - Design your own Buddhist Temple

Task 4 - Make a Lotus Flower

Task 1

Many believe that Buddhism is more of a 'philosophy of life' rather than a religion. They believe that Buddhism teaches people:

- to lead a moral life;
- to be mindful and aware of thoughts and actions;
- to develop wisdom and understanding.

These are the 5 Buddhist Morals....

1.

Do not take the life of any living thing



2.

Do not steal



3.

Be faithful to your partner



4.

Do not lie



5.

Do not drink alcohol



Can you think of 5 new morals of your own?

Write them in the box below....

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Task 2 -

Read the Buddhist symbols and write the correct names and what they represent in the second table. Some of them have been done for you. The first table is mixed up see if you can work out the correct answers.

	<p>The Dharma Wheel</p>	<p>This represents protection from suffering and harmful forces.</p>
	<p>The Eternal Knot</p>	<p>This represents the sudden understanding of people who hear the Buddhist teachings.</p>
	<p>The Conch Shell</p>	<p>This represents the rise up from suffering to reach enlightenment, beauty and understanding.</p>
	<p>The Golden Fish</p>	<p>The eight spokes represent the Eightfold Path.</p>
	<p>The Lotus Flower</p>	<p>This represents luck, fortune and having courage to face the ocean of suffering.</p>
	<p>The lion</p>	<p>This represents how everything is linked, especially compassion and wisdom.</p>
	<p>Parasol</p>	<p>This represents the power of Buddha's teachings.</p>

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The Conch Shell

Task 3

The Buddhist Temple is called 'A Wat'

These 5 things are found on a temple.

Earth	Wisdom	Fire	Air	Water
<p>The Earth is represented by the square base of the temple.</p> 	<p>Wisdom is symbolised by the pinnacle at the very top.</p>	<p>The spire represents fire.</p> 	<p>The crescent of a temple represents air.</p>	<p>The dome represents water.</p> 



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Use the information about the features of the Temple to design your own below...

Task 4

Wesak is the most important Buddhist Festival. It is celebrated on the full moon in May. This is a celebration of the Buddha's birthday.

Make your own Lotus origami flower decoration by following the simple step-by-step instructions below.

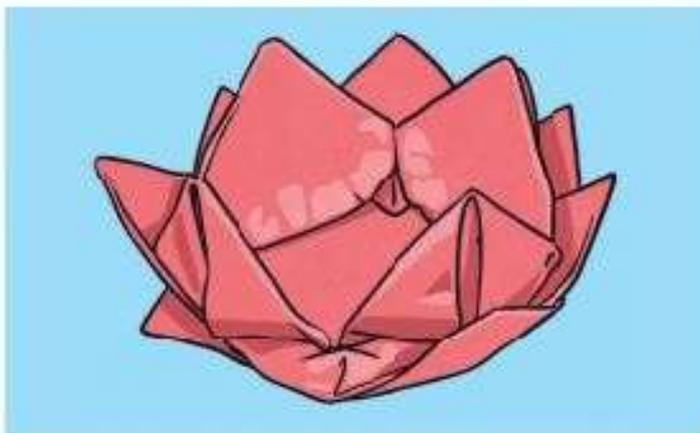
How to Make an Origami Lotus Flower

You will need:

A piece of paper
(25cm x 25cm)

Tip:

The bigger the piece of paper, the bigger the lotus flower will be, making it easier to work with.



Instructions

1. First, fold the piece of paper in half by lifting the top right hand corner and matching it up with the bottom left hand corner. Flatten down to make a crease.
2. Next, unfold and repeat this instruction in the opposite direction (top left hand corner to match up with the bottom right hand corner). When you unfold your paper, you should see a fold in the shape of a cross.
3. After that, fold each corner of your square into the centre point of the paper (where the two fold lines intersect) and flatten down. Once finished, you should now have a smaller square.
4. Next, fold each corner into the centre again to make an even smaller square.
5. Repeat each corner fold again for a third time.
6. Now turn over the square and fold each square corner into the centre as you have done before.
7. Then, take each pointed corner of the square and fold it inwards (about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the corner). You should then see an irregular octagon.
8. Next, turn your lotus flower over and pull up your first petals. Do this by gently taking each of the corner folds you made, pulling them up and pushing them back over themselves the opposite way, underneath the flower. Keep repeating this until you have done this to every flap on each layer of this side of the flower.
9. Finally, turn your flower over and there you have it! Why not see if your flower will float in water? You could also make an even bigger lotus flower by changing the original paper size.

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Use the pink sheet below if you haven't got any paper or card of your own....

