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History worksheet

Class - 4

Chapter 23- Thoughts that make us Better Human Beings

SYNOPSIS:

India is a land of many religions. Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism originated in India.

Hinduism

Hinduism is the oldest religion in the world. Hindu worship God in many different forms. The Vedas and the Puranas and the epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata are the holy books and scriptures of the Hindus.

Some of the well known Hindu saints are Adi Shankar Acharya, Dayanand Saraswati and Swami Vivekananda.

Jainism and Buddhism originated and became popular in India. Lord Mahavira founded Jainism and Lord Buddha founded Buddhism. They preached non violence and told people to lead a simple life.

Prophet Muhammad

Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca in 570 A.D. He taught people to live in peace and brotherhood. His teachings are written in the Koran, the holy book of the Muslims. They believe that there is only one God Allah.

Guru Nanak Dev

Guru Nanak Dev was the founder of the Sikh religion. He was born in Punjab about 500 years ago. Guru Gobind Singh was the tenth Guru. Sri Guru Granth Sahib is the holy book of the Sikhs. Guru Nanak taught the people to live in peace. He accepted and combined the teachings of Hinduism and Islam.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ was the founder of Christianity. He was born in Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. Jesus taught the importance of peace, love and compassion. He believed that even enemies can be won over by love. Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ is the most important festival of the Christians. The holy book is called the Bible.

Prophet Zoroaster

A large number of Parsis also live in India. They follow Zoroastrianism. It was founded by the great Persian Prophet Zoroaster about 2,500 years ago. He preached that there is a constant battle between the forces of good and evil and this battle can be won only by good actions. The Parsis worship in fire temples. The teachings of Zoroaster have been collected in a book called Zend Avesta.

I. Name them:

1. The oldest religion in the world.
2. Two holy books and scriptures of Hinduism.
3. Guru Nanak Dev was born in this place.
4. The tenth Guru of the Sikhs.
5. Important festival of the Christians.

II. True and False:

1. Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem.
2. Koran is the holy book of the Muslims.
3. Guru Nanak Dev was the founder of Jainism.
4. The Christians worship in fire temples.
5. India is a land of many religions.

III. Answer the following:

1. Name the religions which originated in India.
2. What did Lord Mahavira and Lord Buddha teach?
3. What did prophet Muhammad teach?
4. What did Guru Nanak Dev teach?
5. What did Jesus Christ teach?
6. What did Zoroaster teach?

Textbook Exercises:

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