

Hari Om

Chinmaya Bala Vihar

Symbolism and Key to Success Homework

Additional HW over long breaks:

- **Thanksgiving Break HW (2 weeks):** 1) From the [HW File](#), print Lesson 8 and the instructions. Complete and bring it to class after the break.
 - **Winter Break HW (3 weeks):** Symbolism Workbook: Re-read the entire book and share with your parents at least 3 favorite points from each chapter.
 - **Spring Break HW (3 weeks):** 1) Chant all the Key to Success verses daily. 2) Create your Dharma Chariot—be artistic and creative. You have 2 options: A) Create a 3D Dharma Chariot using any materials of your choice and write 2 lines describing each part of the chariot and why it is important OR B) Draw a large Dharma Chariot on a poster board, and write a detailed essay on the importance of having such a chariot in life, stating examples of the why-s and why not-s. Bring your completed assignment to class after the break.
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Class 1

- Symbolism Workbook (in your binder): Re-read pp. 1-6. Review your class notes. Share with your parents your favorite story told in class.
 - Print the [HW Files](#) from the website and keep all the papers in order in your CMBV binder.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.
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Class 2

- If not already done, print the [HW Files](#) from the website and keep all the papers in order in your CMBV binder.
 - Write 2-3 paragraphs on this quote, including a personal example: “Don’t be bitter. Be better.” – Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda. Be prepared to discuss in the next class.
 - Write 2-3 paragraphs on this quote, including a personal example: “Whatever You do, o Lord, who am I to quarrel with Thee? Does a picture ever quarrel with a painter?” – Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda. Be prepared to discuss in the next class.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.
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Class 3

- If not already done, print the [HW Files](#) from the website and keep all the papers in order in your CMBV binder.
- Symbolism Workbook (in your binder): Re-read the chapter on Lord Ganesha and complete the related worksheets. Share with your parents the points from your class notes.
- My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.

Class 4

- Symbolism Workbook (in your binder): Re-read the chapter on Lord Shiva and complete the related worksheets. Share with your parents your favorite stories and aspects of Lord Shiva. Color with crayons Lord Shiva's image on Worksheet 2 with a calm, gentle, and loving mind, while chanting the mantra "Om Namah Shivāya."
- My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.

Class 5

- If not already done, print the [HW Files](#) from the website and keep all the papers in order in your CMBV binder.
- Complete the printed "Lesson 32" worksheet in your CMBV binder (from the [HW File](#)).
- Symbolism Workbook (in your binder): Read the chapter on Lord Krishna and complete the related worksheets. Share with your parents your favorite stories and aspects of Lord Shiva. Color with crayons Lord Krishna's images in the chapter with a calm, gentle, and loving mind, while chanting the mantra "Om Namo Bhagavate Vāsudevāya."
- My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.

Class 6

- Symbolism: Share with your parents everything you learned in class.
- Complete the printed "Lesson 36" worksheet in your binder (from [HW File](#)).
- My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.

Class 7

- Symbolism Workbook: Read p. 6 and share with your parents what you learned. Re-read the chapter on Lord Vishnu and complete the related worksheets. Color with crayons Lord Vishnu's image in the chapter with a calm, gentle, and loving mind, while chanting the mantra "Om Shrī Maha-vishṇave Namaha."
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.
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Class 8

- Symbolism Workbook: Re-read the chapter on Divine Mother and complete the related worksheets.
 - Write 2-3 paragraphs on this quote, including a personal example: “Bloom where you are planted.” Be prepared to discuss in the next class.
 - Complete the printed “Lesson 23” worksheet in your CMBV binder (from the [HW File](#)).
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.
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Class 9

- Symbolism Workbook: Color with crayons/ or color pencils all images of Divine Mother in the chapter with a calm, gentle, and loving mind, while chanting the mantra, “Om Shrī Mahā-devyai Namaha.” Please note this is a meditation exercise, so complete it with alertness and devotion.
 - Complete the printed “Lesson 26” worksheet in your CMBV binder (from the [HW File](#)).
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.
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Class 10

- Symbolism: Write 2-3 paragraphs on how learning about symbolism in Hinduism has been helpful and practical in your daily life. Give examples.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in assembly. Once during the week, practice chanting any one stotram or bhajan using the CD.
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Class 11

- Key to Success: 1) Write 2-3 paragraphs on what makes you smile and why. 2) Write 2-3 paragraphs on what is success to you and why.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant the Key to Success verse(s) learned.
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Class 12

- Key to Success: Show and explain the BMI Chart made in class, and its related concepts, to your parents.
 - Key to Success: Write one-paragraph answers to these questions:
 - 1) What does the OM symbol at the top of the BMI Chart mean?
 - 2) What are *vāsanās*?
 - 3) What is selfless action? Give 3 examples.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant the Key to Success verse(s) learned.
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Class 13

- Key to Success: Show the Flashlight Activity done in class to your parents and explain what it means.
- My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly. Chant the Key to Success verses.

Class 14

- Key to Success: Share the teachings learned in class with your parents. Discuss with them and write a paragraph on your favorite points.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.
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Class 15

- Key to Success: Share the teachings learned in class with your parents. Discuss with them and write a paragraph on your favorite points.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.
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Class 16

- Key to Success: Write 2-3 paragraphs on which points or concepts learned this year that you plan to put into practice in your daily life, and how.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.
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Class 17

- Key to Success: Share the teachings learned in class with your parents. Discuss with them and write a paragraph on your favorite points.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.
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Class 18

- Key to Success: Share the teachings learned in class with your parents. Discuss with them and write a paragraph on your favorite points.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.
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Class 19

- Key to Success: Share the teachings learned in class with your parents. Discuss with them and write a paragraph on your favorite points.
 - My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
 - Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.
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Class 20

- Guru Stotram: On a piece of paper, write your favorite verse (except Verses 3 and 14) and then write one page (front and back) of your understanding of it in your own words, in detail. Include an example or anecdote from Pujya Gurudev's life.
- My Prayers: Practice any new prayers learned in the assembly.
- Chant all the Key to Success verses daily.

Class 21 - Over the Summer

- Key to Success: Share the teachings learned in class with your parents.
- My Prayers: Keep learning and practicing more stotrams and bhajans using your book and CD.
- Bring goodness into your life and purify your heart: Chant your japa mantra at least 11 times every day.
- Bravely and happily live Pujya Gurudev's teachings: Keep smiling!