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Vrindavan Activity Set: Fold-Out Temple And Altar



Synopsis

The exotic temple culture of India comes alive through this beautifully illustrated, die-cut model of a temple courtyard complete with altar and figures of Krishna, the cowherd boys and girls, cows and monkeys. Several prayers and songs provide a glimpse into the magical lives and daily worship of the inhabitants of the sacred city associated with Krishna. As an introduction to the culture of India for children three to thirteen, it has no peer. Includes: One Garuda Stambha, Ten play figures, Six village animal playmates, Seven paraphernalia items used in Hindu ceremonies, Tulsi Devi, Three songs, Three prayers and Four different activities. An introductory story and easy-to-follow instructions for performing puja included.

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Customer Reviews

Kim's distinctive paintings and illustrations draw freely from Indian spiritual imagery, Persian miniature painting, Medieval and Renaissance illumination, Celtic folklore and Victorian book design. Her unique combination of Western alchemical symbols and intricate borders introduces the viewer to a rich and intriguing fantasy world. Kim Waters has produced major works with her voluminous Illuminations from the Bhagavad Gita; The Butter Thief; Enchanted Tales, and numerous book illustrations and private commissions.

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My 2-year old loves this altar set. When he's tired of the altar setup, he'll ask for the forest set up. the monkeys being able to hang from their tails makes it more fun.but we need more cows and food and fruits!

Excellent gift for 4-6 year olds. My son pretend plays with it whenever I pray or does puja. A good way to introduce it to hindu culture.

I bought this activity set for my 5-year-old daughter and awaited its arrival with some trepidation. As a native of India I am especially sensitive to well-meaning but inaccurate renderings of Indian culture. However I was pleasantly surprised. The artwork was intricate and wonderful, a cross between traditional Indian styles and a more modern approach, and the figures were charming. My daughter enjoys playing with this set and I have also sent it to children of friends.The Vrindavan Activity set has a fold-out temple, altar, stand-up trees, maidens, cows and figures of the Hindu god Krishna. It is beautifully illustrated and well suited for small fingers. There is a page of explanations of the figures and characters, which might not be sufficient for Western readers unfamiliar with the Krishna legend. This is a pity, because the legend of Krishna as a young cowherd in scenic Vrindavan is one of the best and most enjoyable stories ever told. A good book on the subject would supplement the little information provided with the set. You might try "The Adventures of Young Krishna" by Diksha Dalal-Clayton.However, even as it stands, this activity set is a great deal of fun. Enjoy!

I awaited the arrival of the Vrindavan activity set with some trepidation. As a native of India, I am wary of well-meaning but misguided interpretations of Indian culture. However, this time I was pleasantly surprised.The Vrindavan activity set consists of a stiff, fold-out temple an altar, and several stand-up figures of maidens, trees, cattle and the Hindu god Krishna. The temple is flat-topped, which is not the typical shape of Indian temples, but the artwork is intricate and beautiful, a cross between traditional Indian and more modern styles. Children will enjoy playing with this set.There is an information sheet provided with the set about the various characters; however I don't think there is sufficient detail for people unfamiliar with Indian culture. This is a pity, because the story of Krishna's childhood adventures and antics in scenic Vrindavan, is one of the most enjoyable stories ever told. I recommend buying a good book to supplement the little information provided with the set. You might try Diksha Dalal-Clayton's The Adventures of Young

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