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ENGAGING HINDU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS
WITH CULTURAL WISDOM

3 THINGS TO KNOW

- 1 Hinduism is plural: it is a large variety of religions including animism, spiritualism, polytheism, and even monotheism.
- 2 India is one of the most diverse nations in the world with a rich history of advanced education and diversity in income, cultures, and languages.
- 3 Many consider themselves Hindu by culture without being very religious, yet they enjoy spiritual conversations.



X THINGS TO AVOID

- 1 Avoid the term “conversion” which can be seen as leaving one’s family or community and joining a foreign religion.
- 2 Avoid triumphalism: one must carefully share their exclusive devotion to Jesus in a way that does not come across as religious superiority.
- 3 Avoid disparaging comments about Hindu faith, practice, idols, or caste system.



3 THINGS TO TRY

- 1 Get on their turf: Try their spicy food, enjoy Indian “Bollywood” dancing, join in Hindu religious events and festivals like Diwali and Holi.
- 2 Have spiritual conversations early on – they build trust. Ask questions to understand what they personally believe.
- 3 Share your spiritual life: your personal story and experience with Jesus! Invite them to worship and pray to Jesus with you.



How do you experience spirituality?

Do you practice any kind of worship? How? Why?

What do you think God is like?

MORE RESOURCES

Questions? Email Paul paulforrester@intervarsity.org

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Hindi worship music of Jesus: Aradhna Music

aradhnamusic.com

Book: *Living Water and Indian Bowl* tiny.cc/lwib

Book: *Hinduism* tiny.cc/hindu-book

Resources on Hindu diaspora in North America

margnetwork.org

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