

The Best Doll Festival, Ever!

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Family & Tradition

Cultural Heritage

SUB-THEMES

Determination

Celebrating Festivals

Story Discussion Guide

- Understand the significance of cultural traditions and festivals.
- Recognize the value of initiative and responsibility in preserving heritage.
- Reflect on the role of family and community in upholding cultural practices.
- Acknowledge that children around the world eagerly look forward to festivals full of food, joy, and togetherness

Lesson plan

Through story-based discussion and cultural activities, students explore how family traditions create joy and belonging, no matter the circumstances.

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- What festivals do you celebrate with your family?
- Why are these festivals important to you?

During Reading :

- Why are Ravi and Rani disappointed at first?
- What do they decide to do for their mother?

After Reading:

- How do they feel once the dolls are arranged?
- What does their effort tell us about family and care?

Activities:

- Golu Display Challenge
- Festival Joy Drawing
- Global Festival Exchange
- Story Stones: Golu Edition – Students paint flat stones with characters or objects found in a Golu display, then tell short stories about them.
- Build-A-Tier Challenge – Using cups or cardboard, students build a mini 3-tier Golu shelf and decorate it with festival-themed objects.
- Festival Recipe Share – Students draw or describe a favorite festival dish from their family, contributing to a ‘Festival Food Around the World’ class display.
- Design-a-Doll Outfit – Create traditional or imaginative outfits for paper dolls representing different Indian or global cultures.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of cultural traditions
- Empathy and appreciation for global cultural practices
- Development of personal initiative and cultural reflection

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG Explanation

- **SDG 4** – Quality Education: Encourages appreciation for cultural learning and tradition.
- **SDG 5** – Gender Equality: Highlights children’s equal roles in preserving cultural practices.
- **SDG 11** – Sustainable Cities and Communities: Emphasizes the importance of heritage in building inclusive, resilient communities.

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit initiative that curates children's stories from diverse cultures and lived experiences around the world. It gives children a window into other communities—and a mirror that affirms their own, helping children recognize the shared humanity that connects us across differences. Through narratives that gently challenge biases and broaden worldviews, Zamasama helps children see difference not as a barrier but as a bridge. Through the power of stories, we sow the seeds of pluralism that can grow into a more harmonious world for all.