



READ YOUR WORLD



Themes

- holidays
- Hindu festival
- cultural awareness
- cultural traditions
- community

Cross-Curricular Connections

Geography

India

Language

holiday-specific vocabulary

Reading

-mythology
-using picture clues

Writing

-rhyming
-poetry

Social Studies

cultural celebrations

Celebrate Holi With Me!

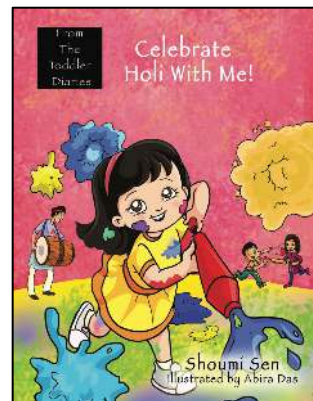
Celebrate Holi with Me!

shares the story of the Festival of Colors and illustrates the rich traditions that make this festival exquisite and unique.

Riya, a young Indian girl, takes us way back to the beginning – sharing how the incredible Holi festival originated.

Learn about Prahlad, a child whose devotion to Lord Vishnu spared him from a terrorizing king and his evil sister, Holika. When the little boy survived Holika's plan to destroy him, the celebration of good over evil became Holi.

Riya enjoys the festivities by smearing her family with *abeer* (colored powder) and spraying her friends in a water gun chase. She makes us want to jump in and get colorful with her as she celebrates this fun holiday!



Activities

➤ Make Your Own Holi Powder

Abeer, or *gulal*, is the colored powders used for Holi and other Hindu rituals. Make your own colored powder with some simple ingredients.

1. Whisk water into 1 cup of white flour until it becomes a paste.
2. Mix in food coloring to create the colors you want.
3. Roll the paste into a ball, and flatten it to about 1/4" thick.
4. Let dry 24 hours.
5. Grind the flour patties into a fine, colored powder.

➤ Read ***Celebrate Durga Puja With Me!*** Compare the two holidays.

