

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to build a detailed Indian Mandir (temple) using LEGO blocks, while also improving your reading skills.

## Materials and Prep

- LEGO blocks in various sizes and colors
- Reference images of Indian Mandirs
- Internet access for research (optional)

Before starting the lesson, familiarize yourself with the concept of Indian Mandirs by researching online or using reference books.

## Activities

1. Introduction to Indian Mandirs: Begin by discussing the significance of Indian Mandirs and their architectural features. Show the student reference images and explain the purpose of these temples.
2. Planning and Design: Encourage the student to plan and design their LEGO Mandir. Discuss the different elements they can incorporate, such as domes, pillars, intricate carvings, and decorative motifs.
3. Reading and Research: Provide the student with reading materials related to Indian Mandirs. Ask them to read and gather information about the history, cultural significance, and architectural details of these temples.
4. Building the Mandir: Using the LEGO blocks, guide the student in constructing their own Indian Mandir. Encourage attention to detail and creativity while referring to the reference images and the information they gathered from their reading.
5. Presentation and Reflection: Once the Mandir is complete, have the student present their creation. Ask them to share what they learned about Indian Mandirs and discuss the challenges they faced during the building process.

## Sixth Grade Talking Points

- "Indian Mandirs are sacred places of worship for Hindus, and they hold great cultural and religious significance in India."
- "The architectural features of Indian Mandirs often include domes, spires, intricate carvings, and decorative motifs inspired by Hindu mythology."
- "By researching and reading about Indian Mandirs, you can learn about their history, cultural importance, and the symbolism behind their design elements."
- "Building a LEGO Mandir allows you to express your creativity while understanding the architectural complexities of these temples."
- "During the construction process, pay attention to details like the number of domes, the placement of pillars, and the inclusion of religious symbols."
- "Presenting your creation and reflecting on the challenges you faced will help you develop communication skills and critical thinking."