Sri Krishna is a god in the Hindu religion. He appeared on Earth in 3228 BCE as an incarnation of the supreme (most powerful) god, Vishnu. An “incarnation” is when a person represents an idea or something you can’t see.

Krishna was born in a prison in Manthura, India. His mother, Devaki, was put in jail by her brother, Kansa. Kansa had been told that Devaki’s eighth child would kill him. So, he killed each of Devaki’s children as they were born. Devaki was clever though, and got Krishna to safety in a town called Vrindavana.

People who took care of cows, called cowherders or gopis, raised Krishna in Vrindavana. They helped to keep him safe even when his uncle, Kansa, tried to have him killed. Krishna left the gopis when he was a young man. He returned to Mathura and killed his uncle, Kansa. He helped put the rightful king back in power.
During his 125-year-long life, Krishna had over 16,000 wives. Eight of these wives were his real wives. The other women were all women that he helped save from an evil man. They asked to become his wives and so he married them. They mostly spent their time helping him and entertaining him.

Krishna also traveled a lot during his life. He helped many different people all over India. He helped people and taught them how to find happiness in their lives. He also taught them the way the world and universe work. These teachings are called dharma.

Krishna told everyone he met that they should work to achieve dharma, or their place in the universe. He taught that everyone has a role they play in the world. Each person’s role is different so it is important that each person looks inside himself and looks at his world. This will help him understand what his special role in the world is.

The first people he taught this lesson to were the gopis who raised him. He taught them that they should worship (love) the nature and cows and animals around them. Their dharma was to take care of these things. The gopis began to worship nature and soon they realized that they were happier. They also realized that by worshiping nature, they better understood themselves and their role in the world.

Another person that Krishna guided (taught) was named Arjuna. Arjuna was one of five brothers who were at war with their other family members.
Their family had betrayed them. Krishna offered to help Arjuna and his brothers fight their family.

When it came time for the war, Arjuna said that he could not fight his family. Krishna talked to him and explained why he must fight. This conversation between Krishna and Arjuna has become one of the most important texts (writings) in Hinduism. It is called the Bhagavad Gita. It explains spirituality (religion) and many of the ideas that are at the heart of Hinduism.

It is said that throughout his life and even when he died, Krishna was smiling and happy. Krishna taught the people he met and the people around him how to be happy in the world. These teachings continue today.
Sri Krishna Worksheet – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Krishna sent to live in Vrindavana with the gopis?

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2. What did Krishna travel around teaching people?

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3. What does the Bhagavad Gita explain?

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B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence “Krishna appeared in 3228 BCE”

Negative: Krishna did not appear in 3228 BCE.

Yes/No Question: Did Krishna appear in 3228 BCE?

WH-Question: When did Krishna appear?

Tag Question: Krishna appeared in 3228 BCE, didn’t he?
1. Krishna traveled a lot during his life.

Negative: _______________________________________________________

Yes/No Question: ________________________________________________

WH-Question: ___________________________________________________

Tag Question: ___________________________________________________

2. These teachings are called dharma.

Negative: _______________________________________________________

Yes/No Question: ________________________________________________

WH-Question: ___________________________________________________

Tag Question: ___________________________________________________

3. Krishna offered to help Arjuna and his brothers.

Negative: _______________________________________________________

Yes/No Question: ________________________________________________

WH-Question: ___________________________________________________

Tag Question: ___________________________________________________
C. Write the correct word in the blank.

1. People who ________ care of cows, called gopis, raised Krishna.
   a) take                 b) took                 c) to take

2. He helped ________ different people all over India.
   a) too                   b) much                 c) many

3. He taught that everyone has ________ role they play in the world.
   a) a                        b) an                   c) the

4. Their dharma was to take care ________ these things.
   a) in                        b) at                    c) of

5. Their family had betrayed ________.
   a) they                    b) them                   c) their

6. Arjuna said that he could not fight ________ family.
   a) he                       b) his                    c) him

7. It is ________ the Bhagavad Gita.
   a) call                   b) to call                 c) called

8. It is said that throughout his life, Krishna was smiling ________happy.
   a) and                    b) but                    c) also
A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Krishna sent to live in Vrindavana with the gopis?

Krishna was sent to live with the gopis because his uncle, Kansa, was trying to kill him.

2. What did Krishna travel around teaching people?

Krishna traveled around teaching people how to be happy and how the universe worked. He taught them dharma.

3. What does the Bhagavad Gita explain?

The Bhagavad Gita explains spirituality and many of the ideas at the heart of Hinduism.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

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**Negative:** Krishna did not travel a lot during his life.

**Yes/No Question:** Did Krishna travel a lot during his life?

**WH-Question:** What did Krishna do during his life?

**Tag Question:** Krishna traveled a lot during his life, didn’t he?

2. These teachings are called dharma.

**Negative:** These teachings are not called dharma.

**Yes/No Question:** Are these teachings called dharma?

**WH-Question:** What are these teachings called?

**Tag Question:** These teachings are called dharma, aren’t they?

3. Krishna offered to help Arjuna and his brothers.

**Negative:** Krishna did not offer to help Arjuna and his brothers.

**Yes/No Question:** Did Krishna offer to help Arjuna and his brothers?

**WH-Question:** Whom did Krishna offer to help?

**Tag Question:** Krishna offered to help Arjuna and his brothers, didn’t he?
C. Write the correct word in the blank.

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   c) to take

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