

Garden of Hidden Gifts

Materials

Hard copy- the story, for each student: 5 inch circle of paper, colored construction paper cut into strips, glue

Activity procedures

1. Re-read or re-tell the story. Make a list of the things Hanuman is good at, things that made him feel important or things that made him feel unique and special.
2. Create a Garden of Hidden Gifts. Label a 5 inch circle of paper "Hanuman". On 4-8 8 inch strips of colored paper, record the ideas from above. Attach each strip to the circle and fold back to create petals. OR see the picture below for a variation.
3. Students will repeat the directions in number 5 to create a flower about themselves.
4. Flowers will be placed on a bulletin board to create a "Garden of Hidden Gifts"
5. Discuss what will be needed to take care of the garden(just like an actual garden that needs sun and water, our Garden of Hidden Gifts will need to be nurtured.)

Additional Resources:



The Child Who Swallowed the Sun Special Gifts Graphic Organizer

Please fill in a special talent or gift that you have in each box and provide at least one way you use/could use this gift in a positive way. These notes will be used to complete your "Special Gifts" final project.

An example has been provided for you.

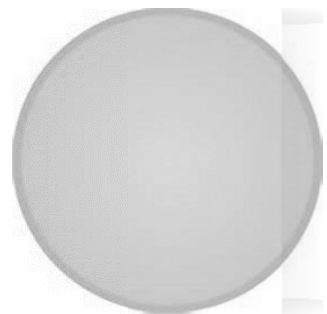
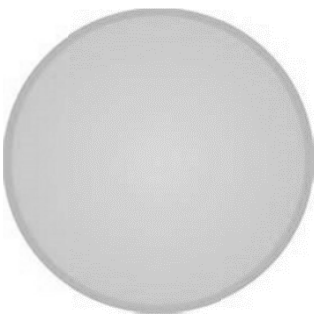
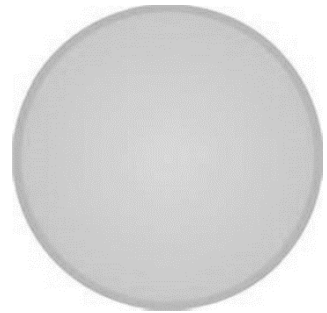
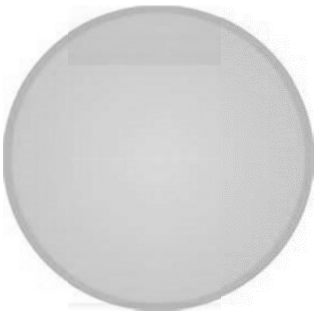
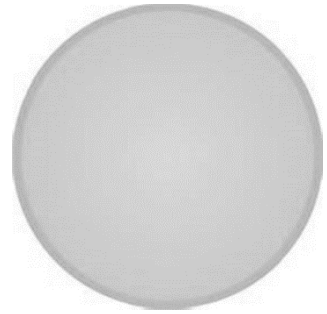
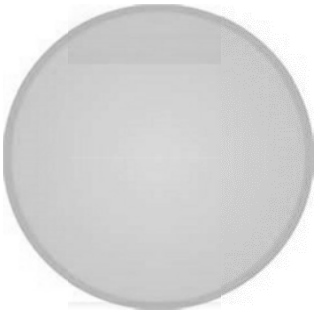
Gift or talent...	A way that you use or could use this talent in a positive way...
Singing ability	I could go caroling at Christmas time to the homes of seniors or shut ins.

The Child Who Swallowed the Sun Treasure Box activity

Activity Procedures

1. Provide students with directions for creating a paper gift box.
2. Ask students to brainstorm and list:
 - What are your special gifts or talents?
 - Students will choose items from the list to record on the coin templates.
3. Color and decorate the treasure chest.
 - Students label with their name.
4. Cut out the template and glue the tabs to make a 3D treasure chest.
5. Cut out the coins and place them in the chest.

Gold Coin Templates



Treasure Chest Template

