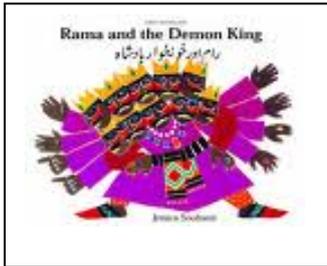
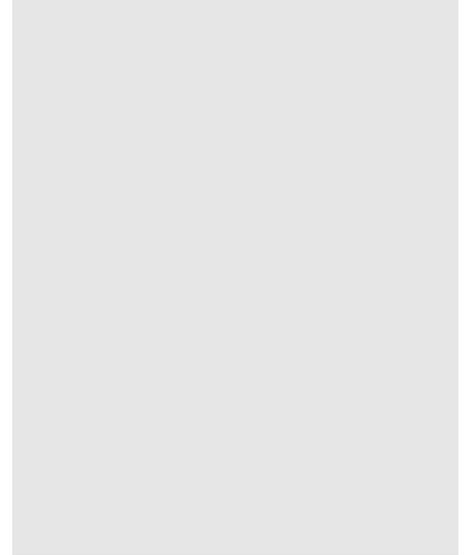


“I am Rama and I am coming to save the universe!” - Gary’s experience of a Hindu tale

We were sharing a book called *Rama and the Demon King* in the cosy area. Glen and Lisa came to join us. The story was about Rama and Sita and how Sita was kidnapped by the evil demon Ravana. As we shared the book we asked questions and made comments about Rama, “Isn’t he strong!” “He looks like a goody.” “He looks really bad and evil,” Gary commented on Ravana.



Later Gary asked if he could play out the story. As we have been doing talk for writing, we used actions to retell the story with Glen and Lisa helping. Gary asked for the material box and went through it to find red for Ravana, “That’s a baddie colour” and gold for Rama, “He is a king and he is a goody.” We talked about Rama being very special to Hindus as he is actually a god.



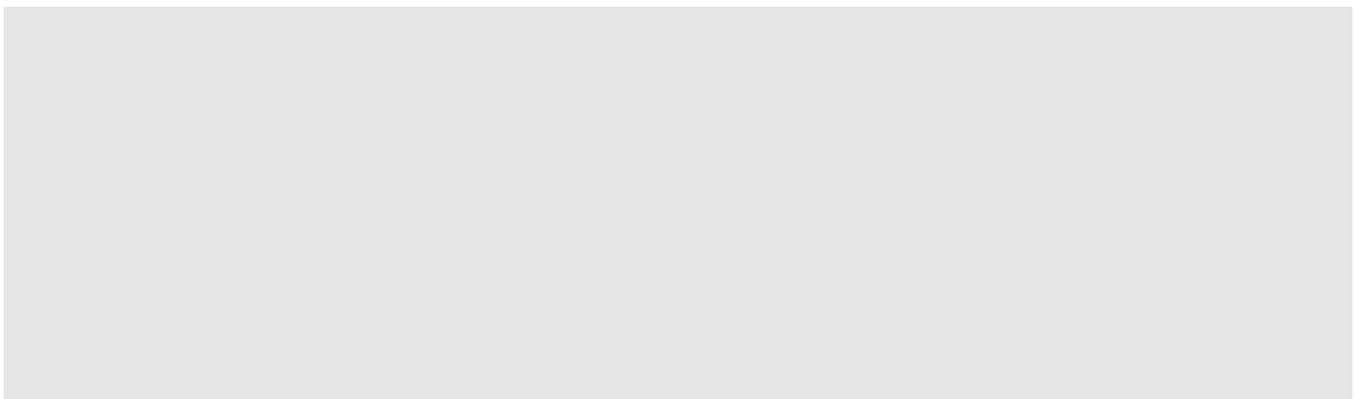
Rama coming to save the universe!

When Lisa asked if she could be Rama, Gary replied “No, I am Rama... but you can be Sita.” Lisa looked a bit put out at this stage but wrapped the pink material around herself. Glen was Ravana. Gary remembered the story really well and told his friends what to do as he went along. “Glen you have to try and catch me. Now it’s the bit when I get Sita back, Ravana has taken her and that’s not nice. It makes her sad and she misses Rama.” Gary used some great voices for Rama, especially when he said, “I am Rama and I am coming to save the universe!”

Trying on materials for ‘costumes’

The story changed half way through when Gary invented some new characters, Critch and Stretch, who were going to help Ravana as he went on to try to destroy the universe.

It was interesting to see the imaginary spaceships flying through the sky – **Go get them, Rama!**



Rama chasing the demons away from the universe