MEET ME AT ACM

Suitable for ages 5 to 8

MEET GARUDA

Garuda is often shown as a half-human and half-bird figure. Many stories are told of the Garuda fighting the Naga – the king of the serpents.

Many Hindu gods and goddesses have a "vehicle", a creature that helps them move around and perform their duties. We can read about Garuda's adventures with Vishnu, an important Hindu god, in many stories.

ARTY FACTS

GARUDA
Tibet, 15th century
Copper alloy

Garuda carries the Hindu god Vishnu on his travels. Creatures that accompany gods and goddesses are called their "vehicle" or "mount".

Buddhist art from Tibet and Nepal is known as Himalayan art because the mountain range of that same name is found in this area. The Garuda can be seen in many of the artworks here because local people see him as a guardian or protector.

In this sculpture, his outstretched arms would have held a snake.

SPY WITH YOUR LITTLE EYE
Garuda in the Ancient Religions Gallery.

Through these activities, your child/student will learn to:
- Compare, contrast, and classify
- Use body movements to express their ideas and feelings

LOOK closely at Garuda. Do you **SPOT** these details on him?
- Horns
- Sharp claws
- Mudras (symbolic hand gestures)

Which features of Garuda remind you of a human and which a bird?

(Wings, Arms, Beak, Claws, Belly)

HUMAN	BIRD

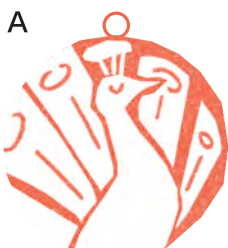**MATCH** the animal or vehicle to its correct god or goddess.

1. GODDESS DURGA'S VEHICLE: I am fierce. Hear me roar!	2. GODDESS GANGA'S VEHICLE: I live in the river Ganges and have a long trunk.	3. GODDESS LAKSHMI'S VEHICLE: Hoot hoot! People call me wise.	4. GOD KARTIKEYA'S VEHICLE: My beautiful blue and green feathers are the envy of all others.	5. GOD GANESHA'S VEHICLE: I am small but I am fast, and I will run like the wind when I see a cat.

A	B	C	D	E
PEACOCK	MOUSE	LION	MAKARA	OWL

1: C, 2: D, 3: E, 4: A, 5: B