Coloring Page: Lord Shiva

Instructions: This page has been formatted for coloring on either the computer (using software such as Microsoft Paint) or on paper (just click "Print" on the top menu of this screen). If you get stuck, there are examples of colored pages on the website! Try to learn the story of each picture as you go along.

Lord Shiva is called the Destroyer in the Holy Trinity (comprised of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva). Lord Shiva lives on Mount Kailash with his wife, Goddess Parvati, and sons, Lord Ganesh and Lord Murugan. Shiva is usually depicted sitting on a tiger skin, holding a trident in his arm, and has a crescent moon in his hair. The Ganges is said to flow from the head of Lord Shiva, which is why he is also called *Gangadhara*. The flow of the Ganges from Shiva's hair represents the nectar of immortality. Shiva is also called *Neelakantha*, which means "blue throat." This is because Shiva once saved the world from harm by drinking poison churned from the ocean and keeping it in his throat.