

Ancient Egypt: Gods

The ancient Egyptians worshipped 2000 different gods! We know what they looked like because people made small statues and amulets of them. Amulets are protective charms worn as jewellery to keep you safe. Can you find these gods in the gallery?

Kephri - scarab beetle - god of creation, movement & the sun

Bes - dwarf sticking his tongue out - protected the family, especially children

Horus - little boy - god of the sky and protector and ruler of Egypt

Sehmet - woman's body & head of lion - goddess of war

Osiris - mummified pharaoh - god of the dead & ruler of the underworld

Apis - bull - symbolised a king's courage, strength & spirit

Who am I?

Look at my brave lioness paws
and fearsome hippo jaws
You can't miss my round tummy:
Soon I'm going to be a mummy!



Ancient Egypt: the Afterlife

The ancient Egyptians believed that if you were a good person on earth the gods would grant you a happy afterlife when you died. Many people would be buried with small human figures called shabtis, meaning 'answerers'. If called on, these figures had to say 'here I am!' and do work for their owners to make sure their afterlife was even happier!

What are some of the shabti in this gallery holding in their hands?

What jobs would you most want your shabtis to do for you?

Which is your favourite shabti?
Draw and label it here.

How many shabtis
would you take
with you to the
afterlife?

