



Unit of work:

Why is community and equality important to Sikhs?

Year group:

5

Prior learning:

This is the first of two half term units on Sikhism that children will learn about in primary school.

RE Skills to develop

- I can explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions.
- I can clearly and coherently explain the religions and worldviews I encounter.
- I can explore and make personal informed responses to ultimate questions.
- I can demonstrate an understanding of different views.

Knowledge/skills

What do Sikhs believe?

- There is only one God
- God is without form, or gender
- Everyone has direct access to God
- Everyone is equal before God
- A good life is lived as part of a community, by living honestly and caring for others
- Empty religious rituals and superstitions

Sikhs focus their lives around their relationship with God, and being a part of the Sikh community. The Sikh ideal combines action and belief. To live a good life a person should do good deeds as well as meditating on God.

Sikhs believe that human beings spend their time in a cycle of birth, life, and rebirth. They share this belief with followers of other Indian religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism.

The quality of each particular life depends on the law of Karma. Karma sets the quality of a life according to how well or badly a person behaved in their previous life. The only way out of this cycle, which all faiths regard as painful, is to achieve a total knowledge of and union with God.

Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
5 Fingers	Sikhism, Sikh, Guru Granth Sahib, Punjabi, Gurmukhi, Gurdwara
Guru Nanak	Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikhism and is the first of the ten Sikh Gurus.
Guru Granth Sahib	Guru Granth Sahib is the holy book of Sikhism.
Gurmukhi	Sikh scripts- this is the language the the Guru Granth Sahib is written in.
Panth and Khalsa	Khalsa refers to both a community that considers Sikhism as its faith, as well as a special group of initiated Sikhs. The Khalsa tradition was initiated in 1699 by the last living Guru of Sikhism, Guru Gobind Singh. Panth is the terms used for several religious traditions in India. They are founded by a Guru or an Acharya.
5Ks	The 5Ks, are five items that Guru Gobind Singh commanded Khalsa Sikhs to wear at all times. They are: Kesh (uncut hair), Kangha (a wooden comb for the hair), Kara (an iron bracelet), Kachera (100% cotton tieable undergarment) and Kirpan (an iron dagger large enough to defend oneself).
Gurdwara	A Gurdwara is the place where Sikhs come together for worship.
Guru	Teacher

Key Stories



The Formation of The Khalsa



The crocodile and the priest

Artefacts and symbols

5ks



Guru Granth Sahib

Gurdwara