

Sikhism

About the topic

In this topic pupils will learn about their Sikh sisters and brothers, how they live as a family and how they worship

Key words

welcome, Sikh, share, joining in, preparing, sharing

Where this topic fits in

This topic will be taught discretely but will follow two of the *CHURCH* topics: domestic ↔ family, and either local ↔ community or universal ↔ world

Learning outcomes

	Look	Learn	Understand & Respect
One	Welcome and sharing are important	Sikhs make people welcome. They worship in a Gurdwara	Sikhs welcome everyone
Two	(a) Special place of worship	Inside the Gurdwara	Worship in the Gurdwara
Two	(b) Important things we believe	Parents bring up their children in the Sikh faith. Three dimensions: 1 remember God 2 earn your living 3 share with the poor	Aspects of the Sikh faith
Three	(a) Faith changes your life	The story of Guru Nanak, his call; journeys; teaching stories; keeping God in mind constantly; prayer that changes daily living and outlook	Implications of God's call for Sikhs
Three	(b) Commitment in life	Integrating God's own attributes into one's life; earn your living, a moral duty and duty to God; service in bringing up a family; sharing – even giving up one's own needs; practical and spiritual commitment	Implications of faith commitment for Sikhs
Four	(a) Some symbols and their meanings	The Khalsa and the 5Ks; story of the founding of Kalsa. Meaning of the symbols; New Year	Outward signs demonstrate inward belief and commitment
Four	(b) Special places	The Gurdwara – designed to symbolise the oneness/wholeness of God. Amritsar – golden temple. Community at worship and individual prayer	Special places of worship for Sikhs

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<i>Learning intentions</i>	<i>Possible teaching activities</i>
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Look

Welcome and sharing are important

How do you make people feel welcome? (tell a story of welcome) – welcome involves sharing, caring, people speak to you, show you around, make you feel at ease, show you where to sit.

Learn

Sikhs make people welcome. They worship in a Gurdwara

Sikh people like to welcome everyone to their place of worship (it is called a Gurdwara). Everyone sits on the floor and everyone can sit where they like; there are no special places. People bring offerings of money and food, which they share. After worship everyone shares in a meal together, which is free. Suggested activities

Look at pictures, video, or visit a Gurdwara, what do you notice? We could all sit on the floor together to show we are all the same – everyone could bring some food to share.

Understand & Respect

Sikhs welcome everyone

Sikhs like to share.

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<i>Learning intentions</i>	<i>Possible teaching activities</i>
<p>Look Welcoming and sharing</p>	<p>Remember what we learnt about sharing a meal after worship Who prepares the meals in your house? How do you help? Does everyone have a job – who washes up?</p>
<p>Learn Sikhs make people welcome. They worship in a Gurdwara</p>	<p>Jit and Pavan enjoy helping prepare the meal that everyone shares after the worship. Jit said, “We all eat together in a large dining room, like one big family. We rush around making sure everything is clean and everyone has enough to eat. My favourite job is handing round napkins because I can talk to everyone. It gives me a good feeling watching people enjoy their food. My dad told me it was because I was doing something for nothing!” (This meal is called a Langar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think of all the jobs that Jit and Pavan do to help with the meal – draw and write about this.
<p>Understand & Respect Sikhs welcome everyone</p>	<p>Sikhs learn best by joining in – they copy what their parents do.</p>

Key words: sharing, Sikh

Learning intentions **Possible teaching activities**

Look

Welcome and sharing are important

Remember the last lesson about welcome and sharing – Who do you share with – is it only your friends or do you share with others? e.g. In school the pupils bring in sweets to share on their birthday.

Learn

Sikhs make people welcome. They worship in a Gurdwara

Here is a Sikh story about sharing. Many years ago during a fierce battle between the Sikhs and some other Indians, one of the Indians got wounded and needed some water. Bhai Kanahya who was a Sikh saw his enemy was wounded and gave him some water. The other Sikhs were cross with Bhai and said, "You should not have given water to the enemy," and they took him to the Guru (the leader) to be punished. He said to the Guru, "I don't see friends or enemies, only human beings." "Good," said the Guru, "you have done well," and blessed Bhai.

- What do you think about Bhai?
- Can we help people like he did?
- Act the story

Understand & Respect

Sikhs welcome everyone

Sikhs share with everyone.