

RE Knowledge Organiser : Year 5 – Sikhism : Belief and Moral Values

Key Question

Are Sikh stories important today?

Key Vocabulary

share	to divide food, money, goods etc
Guru Granth Sahib	the Sikh holy book
Gurdwara	Sikh place of worship
injustice	lack of fairness
Karah Prashad	A kind of special pudding served to the congregation at the end of a service
Guru Hargobind	The sixth Guru
Nishan Sahib	The orange flag outside of a Gurdwara

Links with other Religions

- Jesus' Teachings (Christianity). Jesus taught that Christians should be kind to others.
- Holy Communion (Christianity). In communion, many Christians eat bread and drink wine together in memory of how Jesus died on the cross. They remember Jesus' last meal which he shared with his disciples before he died.
- Lots of religions celebrate festivals by the giving and receiving of gifts, for example: Christmas (Christianity), Chanukah (Judaism), Diwali and Pancha Ganapati (Hinduism), and Eid (Islam).
- Zakat (Islam). Zakat is the third Pillar of Islam. Muslims share their money with others by donating 2.5% of their earnings to charity.
- Tzedakah (Judaism). Tzedakah means 'charity.' Giving Tzedakah is one of the most important commandments for Jews. Many Jews keep a tzedakah box in their homes where they collect money for a charity.

Key Facts and Beliefs

- Sharing is an important part of the Sikh faith.
- The Guru Granth Sahib gives three rules to live by.
- One of these is share with the needy whatever you can spare.
- These rules are important, as God gave them the rules and they will be pleasing/respecting God by doing these things.
- Vaisakhi Festival This festival remembers the beginning of the Khalsa. Sikh communities celebrate festivals by holding public processions and sharing their joy with other communities. The Nishan Sahib is taken down and replaced with a new flag, the flagpole is taken down and washed in milk and yoghurt, and then water to symbolise cleanliness and purity. They share in community activities such as processing through their local town, singing hymns and serving langar.
- The example set by the Gurus in the two festivals inspires Sikhs to take part in SEWA – selfless service.
- Sikhs believe they have a responsibility to live a good life and challenge injustice like the Gurus did.
- The Langar The Langar is a shared meal offered free to anyone after each service of worship at the Gurdwara. It is provided for by the community who take it in turns to prepare and serve people. Everyone is seen as equal through the sharing of Karah Parshad and the Langar.

