

Exploring the Sikh Faith with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the core values of Sikhism, the significance of the Gurdwara, and the practice of Seva.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of the Sikh faith to provide thoughtful, well-reasoned answers. Ellie the Elephant is looking forward to seeing how you connect these concepts to your own life.

In the Sikh faith, followers believe in one God and the importance of equality for all people. The Gurdwara is the place of worship where the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture, is treated with great respect. A central part of Sikh life is Seva, which means selfless service to others. This is often put into practice through the Langar, a free community kitchen that provides nutritious meals to anyone who visits, regardless of their background or beliefs.

Word bank: Gurdwara · Seva · Langar · Guru Granth Sahib · Equality · Community · Service

1. Explain why the concept of Seva is considered a fundamental pillar of the Sikh way of life. (2 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the role of a Gurdwara with other places of worship you have studied. What makes the Langar unique? (3 marks)

3. Justify why Sikhs show such high levels of respect to the Guru Granth Sahib. (2 marks)

4. What might happen if the practice of the Langar was removed from the Sikh community? How would this affect the message of equality? (3 marks)

5. Identify two ways in which the values of the Sikh faith could be applied in your own classroom to make it a more inclusive environment. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene inside a Gurdwara, focusing on the atmosphere of the Langar. Include details that show people from all walks of life sitting together to share a meal.



Extension challenge: Design a 'Community Charter' for your school based on the Sikh value of selfless service. Write three promises that you and your classmates could make to help others without expecting anything in return. Explain the positive impact your actions would have on the wider community.