

Exploring the Sikh Faith with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the core beliefs, practices, and significance of the Gurdwara in the Sikh religion.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Sikhism to provide detailed answers. Remember to use the word bank to help you with key terminology.

Pip the caterpillar and Ellie the elephant have been learning about the Sikh faith. They have discovered that Sikhs believe in one God and the importance of equality, hard work, and helping others. They are now visiting a local community space to learn more about how Sikhs worship and serve their community.

Word bank: Guru Nanak · Gurdwara · Langar · Seva · Guru Granth Sahib · Khanda · Five Ks

1. Who was the founder of the Sikh faith, and why is he a significant figure in Sikh history? (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the Sikh place of worship, and what is the most important object kept inside it? (2 marks)

3. Explain the concept of 'Langar'. Why is the tradition of eating together on the floor significant to Sikh beliefs about equality? (3 marks)

4. What does the term 'Seva' mean, and how might a Sikh person show this in their daily life? (2 marks)

5. Identify two of the 'Five Ks' and explain the spiritual meaning or purpose behind one of them. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Khanda, the symbol of the Sikh faith. Around the edge of your drawing, illustrate three ways that a person could perform 'Seva' (selfless service) in their community, such as helping at a food bank or cleaning up a local park.



Extension challenge: Research why Sikhs wear a turban. Write a short paragraph explaining the significance of the Dastar (turban) and how it relates to the Sikh identity and their commitment to their faith.