A Visit to the Gurdwara with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To learn about the Gurdwara as a special place of worship for Sikhs and understand the importance of community and sharing.

Ellie the Elephant is visiting a Gurdwara and needs your help to organise her day! Look at the list of things Ellie sees and does. Sort them into two groups: 'Things we see in the Gurdwara' and 'Things we do in the Gurdwara'. Draw a line from each item to the correct group.

Word bank: Nishan Sahib (flag) · Guru Granth Sahib (holy book) · Langar (free meal) · Removing shoes · Sitting on the floor · Washing hands

1. Why do people take their shoes off before entering the prayer hall? Think about why we want to keep the space clean. (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the special kitchen where everyone is welcome to eat a free meal together? (1 mark)

3. How does it make you feel when you share your toys or food with your friends at school? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think everyone sits on the floor together instead of on chairs? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one thing that shows the Gurdwara is a place of peace? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the Elephant sharing a yummy meal with her friends in the Langar hall. Remember to draw everyone sitting together on the floor!

Extension challenge: Talk to a partner about a time you helped someone else. Why is helping others an important part of being a good friend, just like the Sikh value of Seva (selfless service)?