

A Visit to the Gurdwara with Ellie

Learning objective: To recognize and draw key features of a Gurdwara and understand the concept of community service (Seva) in Sikhism.

Follow Ellie the elephant on her visit to a special place of worship. Read the labels in the word bank and draw the things you might see inside or outside a Gurdwara.

Draw: Draw a large, welcoming building with a dome on top. In the front, draw a tall flagpole with a bright orange flag. Inside the building, draw people sitting on a carpeted floor eating together. Include a small corner showing a kitchen where people are stirring a big pot. Use bright, warm colors to show that the Gurdwara is a friendly place for everyone.



Label words: Nishan Sahib · Langar Hall · Head covering · Kitchen

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a tall flag pole outside the building called the Nishan Sahib. What color is the cloth?
2. Step 2: Draw a picture of a yummy meal being served in the Langar Hall. Why do people eat together here?
3. Step 3: Label the head covering on the person you drew. Why do people wear these inside the Gurdwara?
4. Step 4: Draw a plate of food. If you were helping in the kitchen, what healthy food would you serve?
5. Step 5: How does helping others (Seva) make you feel? Draw a smiley face next to your kitchen drawing.