



Religion /Worldview: SIKHISM		Enquiry Question: What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?		Summer 1	
In this enquiry, the children talk about everything they have learned about how Sikhs show commitment to God from the Sikhism enquiries that they have studied.					
Learning Objectives: We are learning to understand how Sikhs show their commitment to God and to evaluate if there is a 'best' way.					
BAS: Worship		Beliefs and Questions		Inspirational People	
		Beliefs in Action		Religion, family and the community.	
				Places of worship	
Core Knowledge			Link to other aspects of belief		
<p>Sikh core beliefs include the need to treat people as equals and share with others</p> <p>Sewa Sewa is the belief in selfless service to the community and is an important part of worship. Examples of Sewa include helping in the Langar or looking after the gurdwara (the Sikh place of worship) and giving money or other kinds of help to people in need.</p> <p>Joining the Khalsa/Amrit Ceremony The Amrit ceremony involves the drinking of Amrit in the presence of 5 Khalsa Sikhs as well as the Guru Granth Sahib. Promises are made including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You shall never remove any hair from any part of thy body You shall not use tobacco, alcohol or any other intoxicants You shall not eat the meat of an animal slaughtered the Muslim way You shall not commit adultery. <p>The novice is required to wear the physical symbols of a Khalsa at all times (the 5K's)</p> <p>It is an important part of Sikh teaching that everyone is equal. God's love is for everyone, so no one is better than anyone else. Men and women and people from different backgrounds should always be treated in the same way</p>			<p>Worship in the Gurdwara</p> <p>Respecting the Guru Granth Sahib</p> <p>The Langar meal</p> <p>Vand Chakna – sharing with others</p> <p>Sikh charitable organisations e.g. Khalsa aid</p>		
Vocabulary			History/Context		Impact on believer/daily life
<p>Sewa – service to others</p> <p>Amrit Ceremony – joining the Khalsa</p> <p>Amrit (sugar water stirred with a dagger)</p> <p>Guru Granth Sahib – Holy book</p>			<p>Practices like the Khalsa date back to the formation of Sikhism and are still significant today – Sikhs remember the sacrifices made by the Gurus and other Sikhs followed them – they are a</p>		<p>Commitment is a key word to Sikhs – everyday life will reflect the moral code laid out in the example of the Gurus and in the Guru Granth Sahib</p>
Other RE Curriculum links					



<p>Gurdwara – Sikh place of worship 5Ks: Kangha - comb, Kirpan - sword, Kara - bracelet, Kachera - shorts, Kesh - uncut hair. Langar: The community kitchen in a Gurdwara where a free meal is served to all the visitors, without distinction of religion, gender, economic status or ethnicity.</p>	<p>living example of the Gurus wishes. Sikhs look for ways of helping in their local community as well as nationally and globally</p>	<p>Service to others and sharing are daily considerations for Sikhs not just on special occasions</p>	
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Possible Homework links	Other Curriculum Links	Personal connection / resonance
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<p>What commitments do we have at home? How do we all play a part in helping each other and showing each other respect?</p>		<p>Am I committed to anything in the same way that Sikhs are? How might I benefit from putting in more effort? How might I show commitment now and in the future?</p>
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Prior Knowledge

This enquiry ties together the previous learning on Sikhism, so referring back to prior learning (including Yr 3 if Sikhism was studied then) is vital so to enable learners to reach a justified conclusion.

Suggested Activities	Questions to support greater depth
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<p>Focus on the Gurdwara (meaning 'door to the Guru') – How does the Gurdwara show commitment? Use photos of Gurdwara inside and out. Ensure the photos include things like the shoe racks, carpeted prayer room, Guru Granth Sahib's 'bedroom', langar, khanda symbol, - children to focus in small groups on one of the main symbols mentioned and consider its design, purpose and significance – how does it show commitment (i.e. the Guru Granth Sahib bedroom shows dedication to the words about Waheguru – it is treated as a living guru) etc Create a list of five items which show belonging to your family Debate equality issues. Visit a Gudwara</p>	<p>What is commitment? What does it look like? Can you explain if you think it is possible to show the same level of commitment to everything we do? If not, why not? What are you committed to? What is one of the main Sikh beliefs? How might they show this belief in action? Can you think of other ways that Sikhs may put their beliefs into action? There are many ways a Sikh shows their commitment to God. Which way(s) do you think is the best? Is it possible to rank them or not? How is looking after the Guru Granth Sahib showing God respect and commitment?</p>
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British values



MUTUAL RESPECT
TOLERANCE of those of different faiths and beliefs
RULE OF LAW (Guru Granth Sahib)

End Point Expectations

I can show an understanding of why people show commitment in different ways.
I can describe how different practices enable Sikhs to show their commitment to God and understand that some of these will be more significant to some Sikhs than others.
I can start to express what I think about the best way a Sikh could show commitment to God.

SEND core skills

Visit a Gudwara - Nanak Darbar North London 136 High Rd, Arnos Grove, London N11 1PG

Assessment Opportunity

Personal resonance/reflection

I can explain how the concept / belief e.g. forgiveness resonates in my own life and can also see this might be different for other people because of their religion/beliefs

I can express my own thoughts etc having reflected on them in relation to other people's.

Knowledge and Understanding

I can recall facts about religions and explain differences in practice and interpretation within and between religions / belief systems.

Skills of evaluation & Critical thinking

I can weigh up evidence and different arguments / aspects relevant to the enquiry question and express my answer, supported with evidence / rationale.