

Summer 2 Year 5 Sikhism Knowledge Organiser

How are Christianity (Church of England) and Sikhism similar and different?

Subject specific Vocabulary		Images/Diagrams/Maps	Important Knowledge
Sikhism	A religion that teaches there is one God and everyone should live with love, equality, and service.	  	Sikhism teaches there is one God and everyone is equal, no matter their background.
Guru	A spiritual teacher who guides Sikhs to live good and honest lives.		Sikhs show their beliefs through prayer, singing hymns, and visiting the gurdwara.
Guru Granth Sahib	The holy book of Sikhism, which Sikhs treat with great respect.		
Gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship where people pray, sing hymns, and share meals.		
Khalsa	A group of committed Sikhs who follow the teachings of the Gurus and live by high moral standards.		The Guru Granth Sahib is the holy book and is treated with great respect in Sikh worship.
Langar	A free community meal served in gurdwaras, showing equality and service.		Langar and Sewa are important practices that teach Sikhs to help others and show equality.
Amrit Ceremony	A special ceremony where Sikhs are welcomed into the Khalsa, similar in purpose to baptism.		
Sewa	Selfless service to help others, which is an important part of Sikh life.		Sikhs celebrate festivals like Vaisakhi to remember important events in their faith and community life.
Khanda	A symbol of Sikhism with a double-edged sword and two circles, representing God and unity.		
Vaisakhi	A festival celebrating the founding of the Khalsa and the start of the harvest season.		
		Writing/Provision/Enrichment opportunities	
		Visit a Gurdwara	
		Key Questions: How does Sikh belief in equality shape the langar? How do Christians show love and service? What can Christians learn from Sikh commitments?	

Presentation	Assessment		
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	☐ identify the Guru Granth Sahib or gurdwara. ☐ Give one simple similarity.	☐ Compare worship practices accurately. ☐ Explain Sikh beliefs about equality and service. ☐ Use correct vocabulary (Guru, Khalsa, langar).	☐ Explain the significance of Sikh teachings in daily life. ☐ Compare rituals with nuance (e.g., Amrit vs. Christian baptism). ☐ Evaluate ("Both religions teach service but express it through different traditions...").