

Topic: Sikhism

Key Question: Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs?

Summer 1 Year 3

**Vocabulary you will learn:**

<b>Guru</b>	A teacher or leader who guides others in how to live a good life.
<b>Sikh</b>	A follower of Sikhism. Guru Nanak
<b>Guru Nanak</b>	The first Guru and founder of Sikhism

**Vocabulary you will hear...**

Guru Granth Sahib, Gurdwara, Commitment, Guru Gobind Singh, Vaisakhi, equality, role model.

**Key facts about Sikhism:**

**Holy book:** Guru Granth Sahib



**Place of Worship:** Gurdwara



**Belief:** That only one God exists and that God is simultaneously within everything and is all encompassing.

**Special Day:** Guru Nanak Gurburab, Vaisakhi, Holi and Maghi.

**The First Vaisakhi**

One day, many Sikhs gathered to celebrate a special festival called Vaisakhi. They came to listen to Guru Gobind Singh, their leader.

Guru Gobind Singh stood up and asked the crowd, "Who is brave and willing to stand up for what is right?" At first, people were quiet, but then one person stepped forward. Soon, four more followed.

Guru Gobind Singh called them the "Panj Pyare," which means the Five Beloved Ones. He gave them a special drink called Amrit and welcomed them into a new group called the Khalsa.

The Five Beloved Ones promised to be kind, brave, and to treat everyone equally. They were not afraid anymore. They went out to help others and share their beliefs.

Sikhs remember Vaisakhi as the time when the Khalsa began and when people showed courage, faith, and commitment.

**What I will know at the end of the unit.**

1	How Sikh Gurus guide people and why they are important role models.	
2	Sikh beliefs and values shown through the lives of the Gurus.	
3	How and why the Guru Granth Sahib is treated with great respect.	
4	How Sikhs show commitment to their faith in everyday life.	
5	How people are inspired by others and show commitment in different ways.	

