

Sikhism



What should I already know?

In Year 2 I learned that the **Guru Granth Sahib** is the Sikh holy book. It is regarded by Sikh people as the 11th and final Sikh Guru, and a copy is kept in a high place in every Gurdwara – a place of worship.



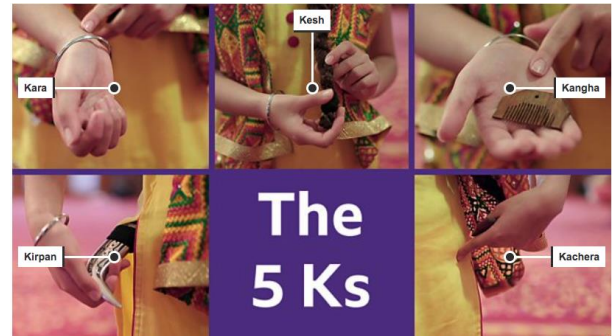
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The **Khanda** is the symbol of the Sikh faith. It consists of three different types of weapons:

- A double edged sword or **khanda** in the centre
- A round throwing weapon known as a **chakkar**
- Two single-edged swords called **kirpans**, crossed either side of the other weapons

When Sikhs undergo the **Amrit ceremony** today and join the Khalsa (community of Sikhs), they must promise to keep all the rules of the Sikh faith, and also to wear the Five Ks.



Vocabulary



Sikhism



Sikhism – religion founded in India in **1500** by Guru Nanak

Sikh



A person that follows the teachings of Sikhism

Guru

A religious leader or teacher

Gurdwara

Sikh place of worship

Guru Gobind Singh 1666 - 1708

The 10th & final human Guru, he created the Khalsa - **1699**

Vaisakhi



Celebrates the creation of the Khalsa at Anandpur Sahib in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh

Turban



a long length of material wound around the top of the head

Sewa



Voluntary service, such as teaching or cooking, performed at the Gurdwara

Quick Facts



Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism 1469 - 1539

Name: Nanak means '*the unique one*'

Guru Nanak's teachings

- There is only one God to pray and worship
- Everyone is equal in God's eyes
- You should be honest, kind, fear nothing, pray for everyone, work hard and live simply
- Live by common sense and reason

The Three Pillars of Sikhism

Naam Japo: meditation on God – reciting and chanting his name
Kirat Karo: work diligently and honestly
Vand Chhako: to share with others and help those in need

Five Ks

Kesh	Uncut hair = living in harmony with nature
Kara	Steel bangle = a strong bond with God (true friend)
Kanga	Comb used to keep hair tidy = cleaning one's heart
Kirpan	Dagger = compassion, fight to protect those in need
Kachera	Knee-length shorts = self-control