



Discovery RE - Year 3 challenge ideas - Sikhism

Enquiry	Religion	Suggested Activities	Questions to support greater depth
Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?	Sikhism	<p>Children to make a lift the flap book, showing each of the 5 k's with a description and the actual 'K' underneath the flap. How might these symbols help a Sikh feel that they belong or connect to their religion?</p> <p>Can you write a pretend 'e-mail' pretending you are a Sikh about to join the Khalsa. Can you explain your reasons and how you are feeling before this big commitment? Why are you making this commitment? What help might you need? How might it be difficult to stand out more? How might joining make you feel proud and connected to your faith and community?</p>	<p>Do you belong to something that you have had to join? Why do you think you had to 'join' and not just turn up as and when you felt like it? Why are ceremonies important? How do people feel afterwards? Is it important to a Sikh to have their sense of commitment to God recognised and on display or is it enough to know they have joined the Khalsa even if no-one else can see it? E.g. when some of the 5 k's are covered up.</p> <p>Why do some Sikhs decide to join the Khalsa and some not? Does this make them a better person/Sikh?</p>
Do Sikhs think it is important to share?	Sikhism	<p>Children to make an acrostic poem with the word 'share' making links with the Sikh beliefs. They could then make another one with emotions linked rather than facts e.g. Using LANGAR</p> <p>Children to capture times when the school community is sharing, e.g. in an assembly, or within the classroom. Children to make a poster of the importance of sharing within their setting. – could also plan for more way in which sharing could be highlighted – sometimes noticeably and also incidentally through daily life</p>	<p>What does it mean to share? How do you feel when you share or someone shares something with you? Is it always easy to share?</p> <p>Can you think of any examples that Sikhs practise that show how important the core belief of sharing is? Why is sharing so important to the Sikh faith? Do you think it is possible for everyone to be seen as 'equal'?</p>

<p>What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?</p>	<p>Sikhism</p>	<p>Children to have a traffic light each and on each coloured light think of something they are committed to and the level of commitment they show, e.g. green light something they practise daily and train towards, red for something they do but don't really practise and do because they have been asked to.</p> <p>Using different symbols around the room, ask the children 'how does this symbol help Sikhs to show their commitment to their faith? Children to write their ideas on post-it notes as they move around the room.</p> <p>Could design a symbol to reflect the 3 golden rules of Sikhism (see overview of lesson – similar to the way the Khanda is designed – 3 interlocking symbols)</p>	<p>What is commitment? What does it look like? Is it possible to show the same level of commitment to everything we do? If not, why not?</p> <p>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?</p>
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