

Unit Title How is God worshipped in the Gurdwara? Year 3/4 C Forms of expressing meaning F Values and Commitments	
Background Story/ Information The Gurdwara is the place where Sikhs meet to worship God and for community events. The word gurdwara means "the door of the Guru". It is the place where the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of the Sikhs is kept. The Guru Granth Sahib contains the teachings of the Ten Gurus	
Cross Curricular Links Art Thinking Skills literacy ICT	Key Vocabulary Gurdwara/temple Khanda Langhar Worship God Prayer Nishan Sahib
Skills Investigation Interpretation Analysis and Evaluation Communication	Attitudes Self-awareness Open-mindedness Appreciation and Wonder

Key Questions

Why is the Gurdwara a special place for Sikhs? When do they go there? How do Sikhs worship? Where experiences do I have of worship? What helps Sikhs to worship God? What is God like? Why is it hard to describe God? Where do our ideas about God come from? What are the best symbols for God?

Learning Objectives	Possible Teaching/Learning Activities	Learning Outcomes	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils should;identify why some symbols are important to themselves and others.Know some key Sikh symbols and their meaning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Present the children with some symbols and ask them to indicate what they might mean to people and or themselves i.e. a wedding ring, a teddy bear etc.☺ Look at some pictures of the flagpole and the flag- the Nishan Sahib. The Khanda symbol has a sword in the middle, which is sharp on both sides. The sword is a symbol of God's power. The circle is to show that God has no beginning and no end. There are two other swords, which remind Sikhs to serve God by being truthful and by fighting for truth and justice for all. Children could draw and identify symbols☺Give the children the opportunity to develop metaphors for God see suggestions in Symbols of Faith- If God was a flower/colour/tree etc. If you could chose an object to describe God , what would it be? ☺Introduce another Sikh symbol- the Ik Onkar	<p>I can identify the symbolic meaning of a number of objects.</p> <p>I can identify some Sikh symbols</p> <p>I can identify appropriate metaphors and a symbol to describe my idea of God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some objects that have symbolic meaningThe flag is made of saffron coloured cloth- the colour saffron symbolises that Sikhs are ready to give up their lives for God. It has the Sikh Khanda symbol in the centre.Symbols of Faith- Edited by Joyce Mackley- Developing Primary RE

<p>Know that metaphors and symbols are used to help describe what God is like</p> <p>Know two stories from the Sikh tradition and what they teach about God.</p>	<p>which means one God. Guru Nanak taught that there is one God, always present , everywhere. Guru Nanak wrote the Mool Mantra or basic teachings, which sum up Sikh beliefs about God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore some questions (see above) about what God is like. And record the children's ideas☺ • Listen to two Sikh stories that teach about God— see stories about God- Guru Nanak travelled to the Holy City of Makkah. He was very tired from his journey and fell asleep in a courtyard. When he was asleep his feet turned towards the Kabbah-(Believed by Muslims to be the first house built for the worship of the One True God) This upset some of those present who said it was an insult to point your feet towards such a holy place. They woke the Guru up and rebuked him. The Guru did not want to upset anyone and certainly did not want to be disrespectful towards God , but he said- "could you point my feet in a direction that will not be pointing at God?" Ask the children what the guru might have meant by that. 	<p>I can raise questions and suggest answers to what God might be like.</p> <p>I can describe what happens in two Sikh stories, say what they mean , make some links between them and compare those meanings with what I think.</p>	<p><i>There is one and only one God whose name is Truth.</i></p> <p><i>God the creator is without fear:</i></p> <p><i>Without hate, immortal, Without form and is beyond birth and death And is understood through God's grace.</i></p> <p>Stories about God Edited by Joyce Mackley- Developing Primary RE</p> <p>www.sin.org.uk/storyboard/16.htm5sikhstories</p>
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<p>Know about the significance of the Guru Granth Sahib in the Gurdwara and about how</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the story of Guru Nanak and his visit to the Ganges in India see page 30 in <i>Stories about God</i> and ask the children for their reactions.☺ <p>Play the game in pairs on page 31 about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • things that matter a lot, • things that matter a bit • things that don't matter e.g. Being respectful to god/Being respectful to others. Doing the right thing, not upsetting people/ challenging other people to do the right thing, talking to others about God/making fun of other people/making others agree with me/ not getting laughed at/ believing in life after death/ saying prayers and worshipping God☺ <p>Visit the Gurdwara, invite a visitor, or show a video/picture/photograph/ website. Look at some pictures of The Guru Granth Sahib and learn about how it is used, how it is kept covered in cloths (romallas) on a platform, how there is always someone in attendance and about the use of the chauri (whisk). Discuss how respect is shown to the holy book (the living Guru) and how it is taken out</p>		<p>Pictures/photographs/ videos of Gurdwara Kirtan on line www.gurbani.org/kirtan.htm www.siplweb.com/psp/asp/audio.asp www.gursikhi.org/keertanpage.htm</p>
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<p>it is handled /treated.</p> <p>Know how worship and teaching and care of others take place in the Gurdwara</p> <p>Know how Sikhs practise their values</p>	<p>and put away (to bed) ceremoniously at the beginning and end of the day. The whole of he Guru Granth Sahib is written in poetry. All the hymns (kirtan) are set to music so that they can be sung. The hymns praise God and tell us what God is like. Sometimes the Guru Granth Sahib is read from beginning to end continuously for 48 hours (The Akhand Path). Many Sikhs have their own copy of the Guru Granth Sahib at home and it is treated reverently there as well. Explore some of the wise words from The Guru Granth Sahib see page 31 in Words of Wisdom. Or listen to daily words of wisdom taken from the Guru Granth Sahib - www.Sikhs.org/hukam_listen.htm and suggest how these words might make a difference to a Sikh😊 and offer their own thoughts and ideas on some words from the Guru Granth Sahib😊 (children could collect their own words of wisdom for a "wisdom wall"</p> <p>Ask the children to imagine something that is highly significant to them and to describe how they might show special care/respect for this object and how they might encourage others to do so.😊</p> <p>Revisit teaching about the langhar- "free kitchen"</p>	<p>I can describe how the Guru Granth Sahib is treated in the Gurwara and why .</p> <p>I can identify ways in which Sikhs practise the beliefs of their faith</p> <p>I can identify how I</p>	<p>Words of Wisdom- edited by Joyce Mackley Developing Primary RE e.g. <i>Where there is forgiveness, there is God Himself/the best thing you can do is to try to help others/ those who beat you with fists do not treat in the same manner, but go to their home and kiss their feet.</i></p>
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<p>Know that commitment to the Sikh community is expressed in the amrit ceremony.</p> <p>Know the story of the Founding of the Khalsa and its links with practice and belief today.</p>	<p>introduced to give free food to poor people and to emphasise equality where all are seated together sharing the same food. Research places where free food is given to poor people today. Sikhs offer "sewa" in the langhar- identify ways in which others serve us and how we can serve others in our school.☺ Sikhs believe that they should serve others in humility. Write a short paragraph about what is important to Sikhs and how this affects the way they choose to live. -also what the children think is important in influencing them in the way they live. ☺ Read the story of Bhai Kanaya Learn about the amrit ceremony by which Sikhs show their commitment to the Sikh way of life- celebrated in the presence of the Guru Granth Sahib-5k's are worn when receiving amrit. Clean water and sugar crystals are put into a steel bowl. Five members of the Sikh community stir the amrit with a khanda while five prayers are said. Those taking amrit receive it in cupped hands and drink it five times. The amrit is also sprinkled on their hair and eyes.</p>	<p>serve others/others serve me and say why the idea of service is important to Sikhs</p> <p>. I can describe what happens at the amrit ceremony and suggest why it is important to Sikhs.</p> <p>I can identify some organisations that require a commitment from members and how this is expressed.</p> <p>I can make links between the story of the founding of the Khalsa and the amrit ceremony</p>	<p>Google search on "Soup Kitchen"</p> <p>Bhai Kanaya was a water carrier who served the army. He was seen giving water to the enemy and asked to explain his actions. He replied - "I saw no Muslims and no Sikhs, no friends and no enemies. I saw only God's people" Guru Gobind Singh blessed him for his answer and called him a true Sikh for his spirit of service.</p> <p>Sikh stories Anita Gianeri-0-237-52037-0</p>
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	<p>What organisations do the children belong to where they show their commitment in a ceremony? ☺Ask the children to create a flow diagram of what they/ their friends do when joining e.g. cubs.</p> <p>Read the story of the Founding of the Khalsa and use role play /drama to explore this story as an explanation of the amrit ceremony.☺</p>		
<p>Assessment Opportunities ☺</p> <p>Identify some Sikh symbols.</p> <p>Identify some symbols that have meaning for them</p> <p>Suggest some symbols /metaphors for God</p> <p>Make suggestions about what God might be like</p> <p>Suggest how some Sikh stories/words from the Guru Granth Sahib help Sikhs to understand what God is like and how to live</p> <p>Identify where and how where service is offered in the school/ how Sikhs seek to serve others.</p> <p>Retell the story of the Founding of the Khalsa and say why it is important for Sikhs today.</p> <p>Identify how commitment is shown with the Sikh community and in communities of which I am a part.</p>			