

Sikhism

Guru A Guru is a spiritual teacher. Sikhism has ten human gurus.

Guru Granth Sahib Guru Granth Sahib is the Sikh holy book

Khalsa A path that Sikhs who have been baptised and wear the five Ks follow. It was started by Guru Gobind Singh.

The Five Ks These are five symbols that Sikh people can wear. These are kesh, kangha, kara, kachera and kirpan.

Kesh Kesh means 'hair'. Members of the Khalsa promise not to cut their hair.

Kara Kara is a steel bracelet.

Kachera Kachera are short, white trousers worn under clothes

Kirpan The kirpan is a small dagger. It acts as a reminder that Sikhs should always fight for what is right.

Gurudwara A Gurudwara is the Sikh place of worship. Guru means teacher and dwara means door.

Langar A kitchen at the Gurudwara where all are welcome to eat is called a langar.

Turban A turban is a very long piece of material that some Sikhs wrap around their head. It is seen as a token of love and obedience of the wishes of Sikh gurus.

Granthi A person who leads services at a Gurudwara.

Nishan Sahib A triangular flag flown outside most Gurudwaras.

Diwali During this festival, Sikhs celebrate the release of the sixth guru, Guru Hargobind, and 52 other princes in 1619. It is also known as Bandi Chhor Divas (Day of Liberation)

Kangha Kangha is a comb used for keeping hair neat.



