

Vocabulary

Khanda : Is the Sikh symbol. It is made up of three weapons traditionally found in India 500 years ago. Each weapon is a symbol about God – his infinity, his power and justice and his mercy

Nishan Sahib: Is the orange and black flag that flies outside all Gurdwara's. It always has the Khanda on it

Kesh: Is uncut hair – so for all baptised Sikh men and women they cannot cut their hair anymore. It is a symbol of detachment from worldly fashions

Kangha: Is a wooden comb used to keep uncut hair in good order and clean. It shows that detachment from the world always needs to be balanced with social responsibility. If God has given us something we must look after it.

Kara: Is a steel bangle worn on the right hand. It symbolises that God is with you, he has no beginning and no end, and you should always be aware of his presence and make sure what you do is something that would please him.

Kachera: specially designed short, worn by baptized Sikhs. It is one of the five Sikh articles of faith called the Five Ks. They show modesty in dress and remind Sikhs to always be modest

Kirpan: a short sword or knife with a curved blade, worn (sometimes in miniature form) as one of the five distinguishing signs of the Sikh Khalsa

Key learning

- Investigate Sikh symbols and sayings
- Apply how Sikh and English sayings impact people's lives today
- Linking similar teachings from different religions

Symbols/Images/artefacts



Nishan Sahib



Khanda

Important people/places/artefacts



5 K's – uniform for all baptised Sikh men and women

Links to further learning

Compare and contrast Sikh symbols and symbols they like asking them to explain similarities and differences.

Research via www.reonline.org.uk the meaning behind the 5 K's

Compare Sikh saying to other saying from another religion of their choice