

<p>Guru Nanak's Birthday (15th April, but celebrated in November) Note : 2006 Guru Nanak's Birthday will be celebrated on November 5th. Gurdwaras often celebrate this festival with fireworks – which seems very appropriate considering the coincidence this year with Guy Fawkes.</p>	<p>Year Group: KS1</p>	<p>No. of lessons: 3</p>
<p>Learning objectives: To become aware that some people in Britain are Sikhs. To know about the stories and festivals associated with Guru Nanak as the key founder of Sikhism.</p>		
<p>Themes to discuss: special people, people we look up to, celebrating together, following good examples.</p>		
<p>Activities and experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about birthday parties. Look for photographs of the Golden Temple decorated with lights to celebrate Nanak's birthday (photos from 2004 celebrations on-line at http://www.worldphotos.org/in141474211.htm). See a painting of Guru Nanak (plenty on Google Images and all books on Sikhism). Share a story or two of Guru Nanak (see below). Understand Guru Nanak to be the first of the Sikh Gurus, whose teaching is followed today. Make cards for Guru Nanak's birthday. • Read together a simple illustrated guide to Sikhism such as "I am Sikh" in Franklin Watts "Talking about my faith" series (ISBN 0749659327) Alternatively try the on-line walk through / quiz devised by a Lincolnshire infant school which compares a church and gurwara http://www.leasininfants.ne-lincs.sch.uk/docs/pages/visitsvisitors/2003/placesofworship/placesofworship1.html • Understand how one way Sikhs follow Guru Nanak's teaching about the equality of all peoples is to share langar. Cook and taste kara parshad or Indian foods. Experience Indian music. • At the "birthday party" (above) share other stories of Guru Nanak and discuss why he is so special, and what kind of example he is for Sikhs. Consider what kind of messages we could learn from his teaching for ourselves. 		
<p>Websites and resources: Look for stories of Guru Nanak on-line: young Nanak feeds the poor http://www.sikhnet.com/sikhnet/register.nsf/p/Sakhi1 Three days in the river http://www.sikhnet.com/sikhnet/register.nsf/p/Story1 and http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/stories/s6.htm and http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/stories/si3.htm Kauda the cannibal http://www.sikhnet.com/sikhnet/register.nsf/p/Sakhi3 Malik Bhago and Bhai Lalo (the rich man and the poor man) http://www.sikhnet.com/sikhnet/register.nsf/p/Sakhi5 and http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/stories/si2.htm Sajjan the robber http://www.sikhnet.com/sikhnet/register.nsf/p/Sakhi7 Summary of life with several stories http://www.sikhs.org/guru1.htm Database of stories for you at http://allaboutsikhs.com/gurus/gurunanak.htm (adult language level)</p>		