

The Gurdwara – worship and the Guru Granth Sahib	Year Group: KS2	No. of lessons: 3
Learning objectives: To find out how and why Sikhs worship God. To recognise the main features of a gurdwara and their significance. To understand the central role of the Guru Granth Sahib in Sikh life and worship.		
Themes to discuss: devotion, respect, commitment, equality, sharing, belief		
Activities and experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally visit a gurdwara! Otherwise, together take one of the virtual tours on the web (see http://pow.reonline.org.uk/virtual_tours.php?s). Draw and label the view that a worshipper would have sitting in the gurdwara. • Hear / watch Sikhs at worship (video or website) • Discover the different things which are done to treat the Guru Granth Sahib with respect and hear about its role as a living Guru. Understand why Sikhs do not normally keep a copy of the whole Guru Granth Sahib at home. Divide into “family groups” of four, and write / role play discussions as to whether or not “your” Sikh family should have a Guru Granth Sahib at home. Share your reasoning in a plenary. • Discover what the opening verse of the Guru Granth Sahib (the Mool Mantar.) tells us Sikhs believe about God. (Hear it recited on line at http://allaboutsikhs.com/prayers/jupji/Japji1.htm) Create individual collages or powerpoints or photo storyboards which demonstrate these beliefs in a creative way. Incorporate the Ik Onkar into the design. • Visit the Golden Temple website to find out the hukam (verse for the day) from the Guru Granth Sahib - you may like to discuss its message if it is readily understandable. (You can even sign up to be e-mailed the hukam on a daily basis for the duration of this topic.) Take the on-line Golden Temple tour and discover some of its special features. Discuss how these features (e.g. the symbolism of the four doors, the space for langar) help us understand more about the beliefs and practices of Sikhism. 		
Websites and resources: Huakam for the day from: http://www.sgpc.net/hukumnama/index.asp Japji hymn (including the Mool Mantar) at http://www.sikhs.org/japji/jp1.htm and you can actually hear it at http://allaboutsikhs.com/prayers/jupji/Japji1.htm There is a virtual tour of Golden Temple at http://www.sikhs.org/golden/ and slides at http://allaboutsikhs.com/gurudwaras/gt01.htm I couldn't find any video clips on-line of worship underway, but you can find Sikh singing accompanying videos at http://www.sikhvideos.org/satgur-nanak-video.htm - just follow a link which includes the word “kirtan”. There are some good photographs of Sikh worship at http://www.worldreligions.co.uk/sikhism.html these can also be purchased as posters. There's a good outline of Sikh worship at http://www.pujas.com/Sikhismworship.html		