

Knowledge Organiser – Sikhism

Big Question: What Does It Mean To Be a Sikh?

The five Ks

Sikhs wear the five Ks as a symbol of their faith. The symbols remind them of their religious duties. They are called the five Ks because each one begins with 'K' in the Punjabi language.



	Sikh	Christianity
Founder	Guru Nanak, a man born in the 15th century	Jesus Christ
House of Worship	Gurdwara	Church
Holy book	Guru Granth	The Holy Bible
Symbol	A Sikh man wears five symbols of his faith: long hair, short pants worn under other clothing, a steel bracelet, a small sword, and a comb.	The cross is a Christian symbol. It symbolizes Christ's death on the cross, a sacrifice for the sins of mankind.
Beliefs about God	Sikhs believe in one god that is seen as more of a "force" than a person. They believe their god is not personal and does not love them. Sikhs believe that all religions really teach the same thing and that there are many ways of reaching their god.	Christians believe in the God of the Bible. God is a loving heavenly Father, and humans can have a relationship with Him. Christians do not believe that all religions are means to reaching God (John 14:6). Christians believe that it is only through Jesus Christ that we can know God.

Sikhism vs Christianity - similarities and differences

Key Vocabulary:

Sikh	Golak	Kesh
Langar	Chauri	Kanga
Sangat	Chakkar	Kara
Guru Nanak	Nishan Sahib	Kirpan
		Kachera



The Khanda - a double edged sword. This represents the belief in one God.



Sikh Gurdwara
Place of worship for Sikhs



Rumala
A piece of cloth that covers the Guru Granth Sahib –The Sikh Holy Book

Sikhism:

Sikhism was born in the Punjab area of South Asia, which now falls into the present day states of India and Pakistan.

The Sikh faith began around 1500 CE, when Guru Nanak began teaching a faith that was quite distinct from Hinduism and Islam, the main religions in the area at that time. Despite being so young (compared with other major religions), Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world with over 20 million followers!

Some of the Sikh beliefs

There is only one God.

Everyone is equal before God.

To live a good life, a person should do good deeds as well as praying to God.

Empty religious rituals and superstitions have no value.

Everyone has direct access to God.

A good life is lived as part of a community, by living honestly and caring for others.

