

Guru Arjan

Guru Arjan was the fifth Sikh Guru and the first Sikh martyr; he gave up his life for the Sikh people. Guru Arjan is celebrated because he laid the foundations for the Golden Temple (called the Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar (India). Guru Arjan had four doors put in the Golden temple, to make sure that all Sikhs know that their faith is for all people, of all races and creeds. He also said that all Sikhs should give a tenth of their income to charity. Celebrations for this Guru last for three days. Sikhs enjoy a special milkshake drink called Shabil, this is always drunk as part of the celebrations.



- ① Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- ② Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
What was your favourite part of the story?
Which part did you not like?
Have you got a place that is special to you? Can you talk about it?
Can you draw a picture of your special place?
- ③ Talk about sharing with the children. Ask the children what they share and who they share things with? Does sharing things they have with others make them happy or sad?

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**Guru Arjan was the 5th Guru.
The word guru means 'teacher'.**



He is remembered because he built a special place of worship for Sikhs in Amritsar (in India). It is called the Golden Temple or Harmandir Sahib.



**It is a special place
where Sikhs can come
to worship God.**



It is special because it has 4 entrances, one on each side so that Sikhs know that their faith is for all people of all races from whatever direction they come from. Put simply, everyone is welcome.



He will also be remembered for introducing the idea of giving money as a thanksgiving.

It is important to share what we have, especially with people that need help.