**Using talking tubs**

**Talking tubs:**

A talking tub is a collection of materials that are designed to stimulate talking and thinking about a concept. They can also be used to:

* assess prior knowledge and understanding;
* assess pupil knowledge and understanding part way through a teaching sequence or at the end of a unit of learning.

**Possible content of a talking tub to explore the question:** **How did the first five Sikh Gurus shape Sikhism?**

* Guru Nanak
* Guru Arjun Dev
* Guru Amar Das
* A picture of a Sikh naming ceremony
* A picture of the Guru Granth Sahib
* A picture of a langar kitchen
* A picture of a Sikh wedding

**How to use the talking tub:**

The activity works best when the photos/objects are presented in a box to create the element of mystery and exploration.

**Step 1:**

* Children are given the opportunity to talk about each object/photo in the box. What can they remember from the unit of learning? Children are encouraged throughout to use religious vocabulary in their talk and conversation.

**Step 2:**

* On strips of paper, children write down what they believe the key knowledge is for each item, using appropriate religious vocabulary.

**Step 3:**

* On a different coloured strip of paper, children write down any links/connections they can make/see between the items. Eg:What is the link between the Guru Granth Sahib and the naming ceremony? What is the link between the word equality, Guru Amar Das, and the langar kitchen? Is there a link between the word equality and marriage?

**Step 4:**

* On speech bubbles, children write down any questions they still have related to the big question?





A person with a long beard and turban

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[Sikh naming ceremony - Bing images](https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=atrz%2bQav&id=F60940207A138D3F31CEF0EA30FF238991A72E62&thid=OIP.atrz-QavE7CIRjYKtAyo1wHaEK&mediaurl=https%3a%2f%2fi.ytimg.com%2fvi%2f0ou-93cz7Lc%2fmaxresdefault.jpg&cdnurl=https%3a%2f%2fth.bing.com%2fth%2fid%2fR.6adaf3f906af13b08846360ab40ca8d7%3frik%3dYi6nkYkj%252fzDq8A%26pid%3dImgRaw%26r%3d0&exph=720&expw=1280&q=+Sikh+naming+ceremony+&simid=608052002563632901&FORM=IRPRST&ck=3DC1A348FEB93961609347812234DD75&selectedIndex=0&ajaxhist=0&ajaxserp=0) See for naming ceremony

[Naam Karan : The Sikh Naming Ceremony / Naming Rites - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ou-93cz7Lc)







A person making food on a large table

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Equality