

Grade: 1

Lesson Number: 10

Unit Name: Citizens of the Khālsā

Course: Virṣā

Title: "Sikh Pledge of Allegiance - IV"

Standards

Standard 7: Becoming Citizens of the Khālsā

- Students demonstrate the ability to recite the Sikh Pledge of Allegiance and its general meaning and to sing the Khālsā anthem.

Objectives

1. Students are introduced to the Sikh Pledge of Allegiance and practice reciting it.
2. Students continue work on illustrating the Khālsā anthem.

Prerequisites

- Previous completion of first two lesson plans on the Khālsā anthem.

Materials

- Oak tag for book sheets
- All materials that children requested for their Khālsā anthem books
- Poster of Sikh Pledge of Allegiance
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- Dry-erase board
- Markers

Advanced Preparation

- Poster of Sikh Pledge of Allegiance. (words attached)

Engagement (15-20 minutes)

- Ask children if they know what a pledge of allegiance is.
- To help them along, separate words.
 - What is a pledge? (promise, word of honor)
 - What is an allegiance? (loyalty)
 - What/who is the pledge made to?
 - What does it talk about/express?
- Then read the pledge.
- Go over each word, asking the children if they know what the words mean.
- Ask for any thoughts or comments on the entire pledge.

Exploration (15 minutes)

- Go over the words. Say it once first and then have the children repeat after you. Then ask children to pair up and practice with each other. Give them individual copies. Not all of them will be able to read, but it will help those who can.
- ~~At the end of the lesson~~ say it as a whole group.

- Right after that, sing the Khālsā anthem together. The majority of the children should know it by now. Ask them to sing it loud and clear.

Explanation/Extension (15-20 minutes)

- Ask children to get in their groups and begin working on their books.
- Give them the oak tag sheets for their book pages.
- Tell them to complete everything. They will need markers, crayons, colored pencils (anything that does not require too much cleaning up). In the next class they can use the paint, glue, etc... Some children may not want to use the markers, so give them the paints, glue. Encourage them to wait until tomorrow for those materials when everyone can use them.
- Play the national anthem in the background while children work on their pages.

Evaluation (On-going)

- Check for children's singing of Khālsā anthem and practice of Pledge.

Teacher Resources**Sikh Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the Nishān Sāhib,
and to the Kaum – the Sikh Nation – for which it stands.
With faith in the Akāl, Vāhigurū beyond Time and Death.
Allegiance to the Ten Gurūs,
And loyalty to the Gurū Granth and Gurū Panth.
Fidelity to the Khālsā through the Khande-dī-pāhul,
with commitment to Glory of Vāhigurū and Justice for all.

This is the Sikh Pledge of Allegiance that encompasses the definition of a Sikh based on the Sikh Rahit Marīādā.

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