Sikhism — Baisakhi
The Story of the Khalsa

Fill in the blanks to tell the story of the Khalsa

The _________ is the name for the Sikh community. The story of the founding of the Khalsa started with the martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur, the 9th Guru. He was publicly beheaded by Mughul rulers for protecting ___________ ___ ____________ for both Sikhs and Hindus.

The son of Guru Teg Bahadur, who was called Guru ____________ _________, became the next Guru. He stated that Sikhs should always be prepared to stand up for their beliefs, whatever the cost.

In ________, Sikhs from all over Punjab gathered together to celebrate the local harvest festival of Baisakhi. Guru Gobind Singh came out of a tent carrying a ________ and said that anyone prepared to give his _______ should come forward.

A young Sikh came forward and disappeared into the tent with the Guru. Then the Guru reappeared ________ with his sword covered in _________ and asked for another volunteer. This was repeated another four times until a total of ________ Sikhs had gone into the tent with him. Everyone present was very worried until eventually all five emerged from the tent alive, with Guru Gobind Singh, and wearing __________.

The five became known as the '_________ _________', or 'Beloved Five'. Guru Gobind Singh's wife mixed some _________ (holy water). The Guru said some prayers over the five and they were sprinkled with the Amrit. This is how the Amrit ceremony came into being and these five Sikhs became the first members of the Khalsa.