

# Sikhism — The Birthday of Guru Nanak



## The Life of Guru Nanak

Fill in the blanks to tell the life of Guru Nanak.

Guru Nanak was born in \_\_\_\_\_ in a village called Talwandi in the \_\_\_\_\_ region. This village is now called Nanakana Sahib (Nanak's village). Punjab is now split between India and \_\_\_\_\_.

Even when Nanak was young, he was a very spiritual person. He spent lots of time \_\_\_\_\_ and thinking about God. His father wanted him to work as a businessman, but Nanak preferred to meditate and to help the \_\_\_\_\_.

He saw that Muslims and Hindus in Punjab did not like or respect each other. Although he was brought up as a \_\_\_\_\_, Nanak also had Muslim friends, because he believed that all people were \_\_\_\_\_, no matter what their religion.

When he was 30, Nanak had an amazing experience. He was bathing in the river with friends when suddenly he disappeared. His friends thought he had drowned, and were very upset. But \_\_\_\_\_ days later, he came back. He said he had been with \_\_\_\_\_.

Nanak said: 'There is no Hindu, and no \_\_\_\_\_'. He meant that differences between religions were not important. Only worshipping God and living a \_\_\_\_\_ were important. He began to travel and preach his message to the people.

Nanak became known as a Guru, or spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. He was much loved. Before he died in 1539 he passed on the title of Guru to his follower, Bhai Lehna. His writings were collected and became the \_\_\_\_\_, the Sikh holy scriptures.

brothers and sisters  
Muslim 1469  
Pakistan poor

praying  
Punjab  
guide

Guru Granth Sahib  
three  
Hindu

good life  
God

