

Friends and Other Faiths



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For one of my Cub Scout adventures, I had to go somewhere that people worship or feel reverence. My family decided to go to the Sikh (pronounced SEEK) temple near our house. It was really cool because we've driven past it a lot of times. It's a building with a flag and gold trim around the top. We got to go inside. We got to see how they worship, and we got to eat some of the food that they have after they worship.

The people could speak a different language, and all the boys' middle names were the same: Singh. All the girls' middle names were Kaur. They treated us very nicely. We had to take off our shoes and put on a hat or a scarf to cover our hair. We did that so that we could show respect for the way they worship. The food that they fed us was really good. They gave us juice, candies, and some sweet fried dough.

I felt amazed after I met them, because the way they worship is a lot different than the way we worship. Instead of sitting on benches, they sit on the floor. But some people whose legs hurt sit on benches. They also have a special place for their sacred books.

We took a picture with the people we met, and then we got hugs from them. I felt happy that I got to know these people a bit. I would love to go back sometime. ●



The Sikh religion began hundreds of years ago in India and is still practiced today.