

KEY ELEMENTS OF TRADERS, KINGS AND PILGRIMS

Class: VI

Handout 4

Subject: SST


Objective:

Students will be able to understand,

- About the word Bhakti (importance)
- Importance of Hindu Holy Book (name)
- About Christianity (Jesus Christ)
- About their holy book (Bible)
- The values added in them (both the holly books)which can make ones life and the world a better place to live.

THE BEGINNING OF BHAKTI

- Bhakti is a person's devotion to his or her chosen deity. Anyone, rich or poor, high or low caste, man or woman, could follow the path of bhakti.
- Such devotion encouraged worship of certain deities like Shiva, Vishnu and Durga, who became central features of later Hinduism.
- Individual worship of deities were encouraged instead of elaborate sacrifices or yagnas.
- The idea of bhakti is also included in the Bhagavad Gita.



Content:

- The meaning and beginning of Bhakti
- A poem by a Bhakta (devotee)
- About Jesus Christ and Christianity
- Picture reading for better undersatnding

1. The beginning of Bhakti

- ✚ It is genrally understood as a persons devotion to his or her chosen deity.
- ✚ Anybody , whether rich or poor, belonging to the so called hih caste pr low caste , man or women could follow the path of Bhakti
- ✚ The main deities included Shiva, Vishnu and Durga

- ✚ Worship of Deities became central feature of later Hinduism
- ✚ The idea of Bhakti is present in the Bhagavad Gita , a sacred book of the Hindus
- ✚ According to Bhakti if a devotee worships the chosen deity with a pure heart , the deity will appear in the form in which he or she may desire.
- ✚ Artists made beautiful images of deities.

Meaning of Bhakti

- ✚ Comes from a Sanskrit term bhaj
- ✚ This suggests a very intimate relationship between – the devotee and the deity
- ✚ Deities were placed in special homes called temples
- ✚ The word Hindu was derived from river Indus.

2. Christianity

- ✚ Emerged in West Asia about 2000 years ago
- ✚ Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem
- ✚ Christ's teachings appealed to ordinary people.
- ✚ The Christians of Kerala, known as Syrian Christians are amongst the oldest Christian communities in the world.
- ✚ Their holy book is called as Bible
- ✚ It mentions all the teachings of Jesus and his disciples.

3. Picture reading time

