

RUSTY

GETS HELP





An old tractor named Rusty stood in a quaint village nestled amidst the lush green fields. Rusty was a Sikh and had faithfully served the farmers for years, ploughing fields and transporting goods.

However, time had taken its toll, and Rusty needed help to keep up with the demands of the farm. Its engine sputtered, and its wheels creaked with every turn.





One sunny morning, it suddenly stopped as Rusty trudged along the dirt path. Smoke billowed from its exhaust, and its engine let out a feeble cough before falling silent. Rusty was stranded in the middle of the field, unable to move an inch

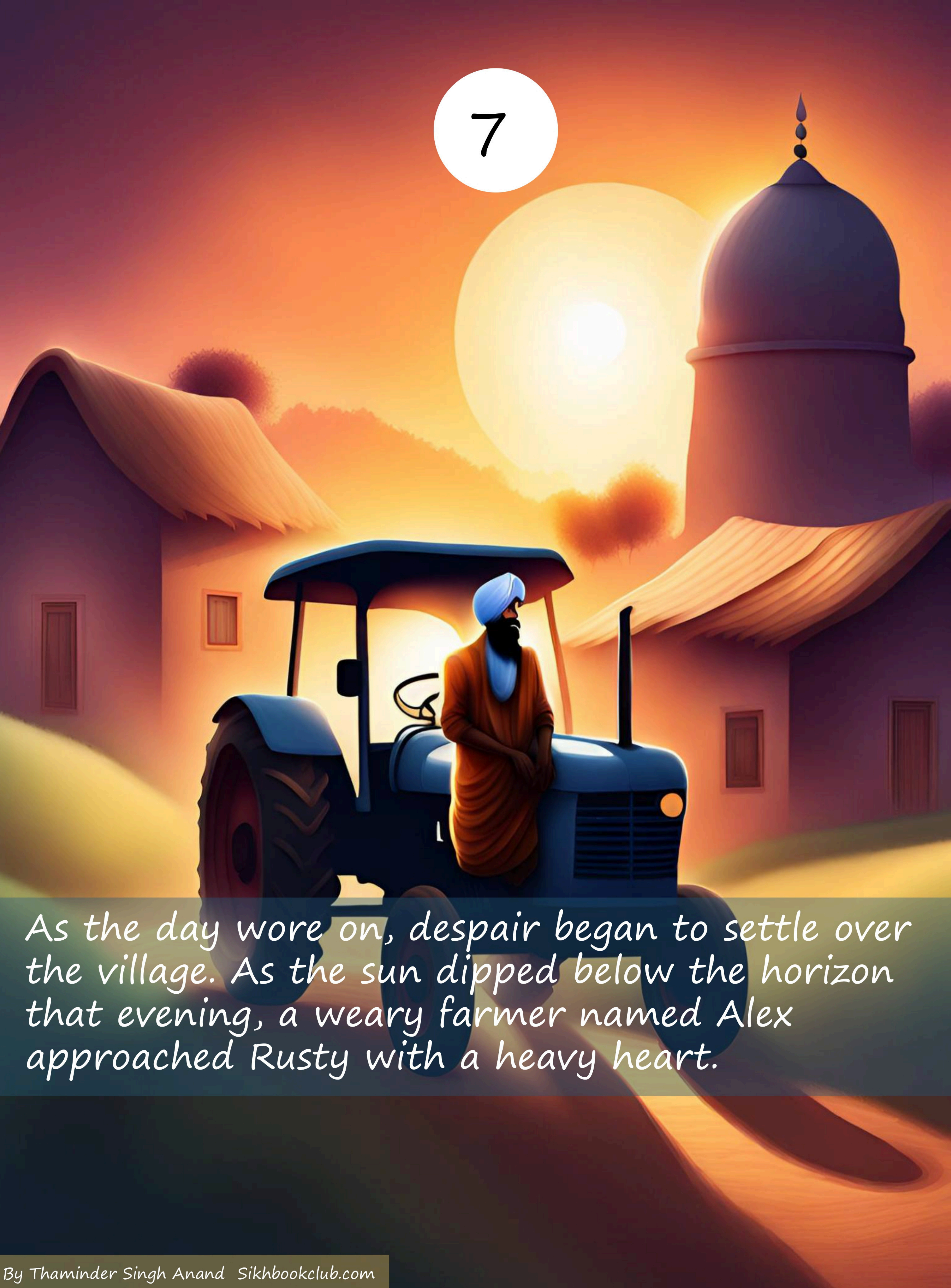


The farmers gathered around, scratching their heads in puzzlement. They knew Rusty was their lifeline; without it, their work would come to a standstill. They tried everything they could to revive the old tractor but to no avail.



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As the day wore on, despair began to settle over the village. As the sun dipped below the horizon that evening, a weary farmer named Alex approached Rusty with a heavy heart.



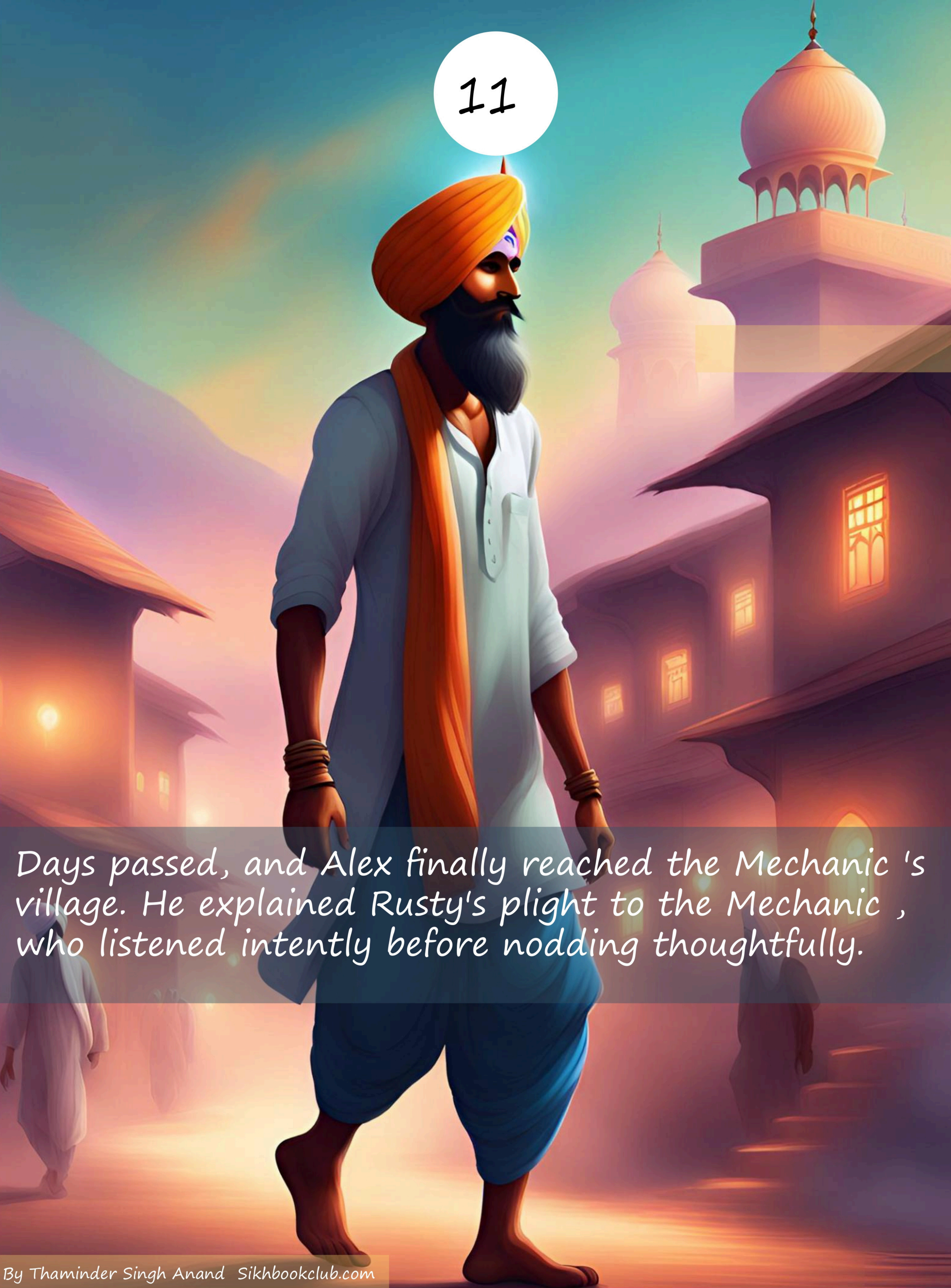
He had heard of a wise Mechanic who lived in a distant village known for his skill in fixing broken machinery.



With a glimmer of hope, Alex sought the Mechanic 's help. He set out on foot, determined to bring back Rusty's assistance.



Meanwhile, Rusty sat alone in the field, its metal frame reflecting the moonlight. In its solitude, Rusty contemplated its predicament. As a sikh he had always prided itself on its ability to serve the community, yet now it found itself helpless and needing assistance.

A man with a long grey beard and a bright orange turban is walking barefoot through a village street at sunset. He is wearing a white kurta and a blue dhoti, with an orange shawl draped over his shoulders. He is looking towards the right. In the background, there are traditional Indian houses with domes and arched windows, some of which are lit up. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. A white circle with the number 11 is at the top center.

Days passed, and Alex finally reached the Mechanic 's village. He explained Rusty's plight to the Mechanic , who listened intently before nodding thoughtfully.

A man with a long black beard and a blue turban is walking barefoot across a desert landscape. He is wearing a blue robe and a brown shawl. He carries a large wooden suitcase in his left hand and a shovel in his right hand. The background shows rolling sand dunes under a warm, orange sky.

"I will come with you," the Mechanic declared.
"Together, we will bring Rusty back to life."

With renewed determination, Alex and the Mechanic embarked on the journey back to the village. They shared stories and laughter along the way, forging a bond that transcended their differences.



When they finally reached Rusty, the sun was beginning to rise, casting a golden glow over the fields.





The villagers gathered around



As the Mechanic got to work, his skilled hands deftly repairing Rusty's engine and wheels



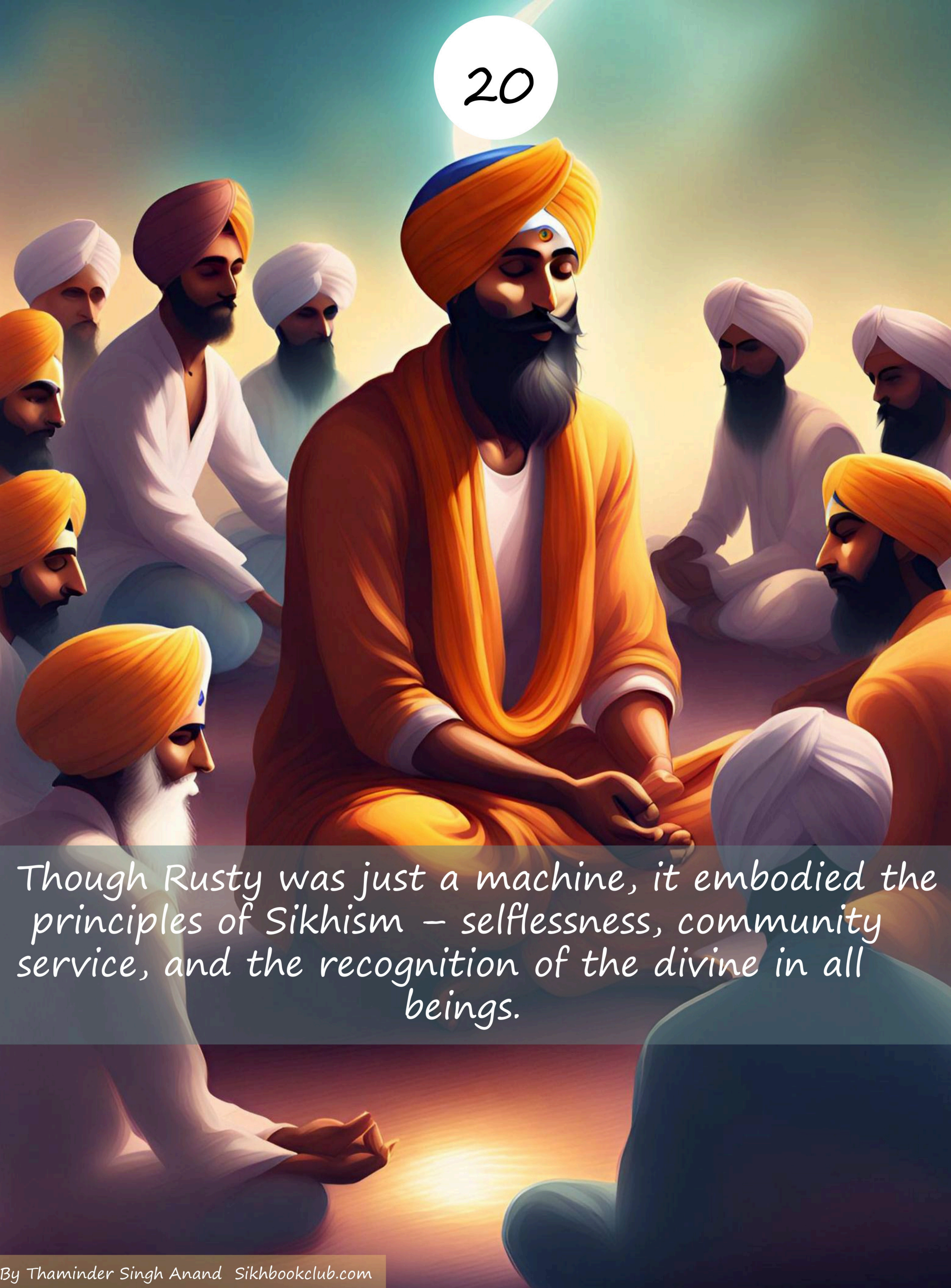
As the first rays of sunlight danced across the fields, Rusty roared back to life, its engine purring like a contented cat.



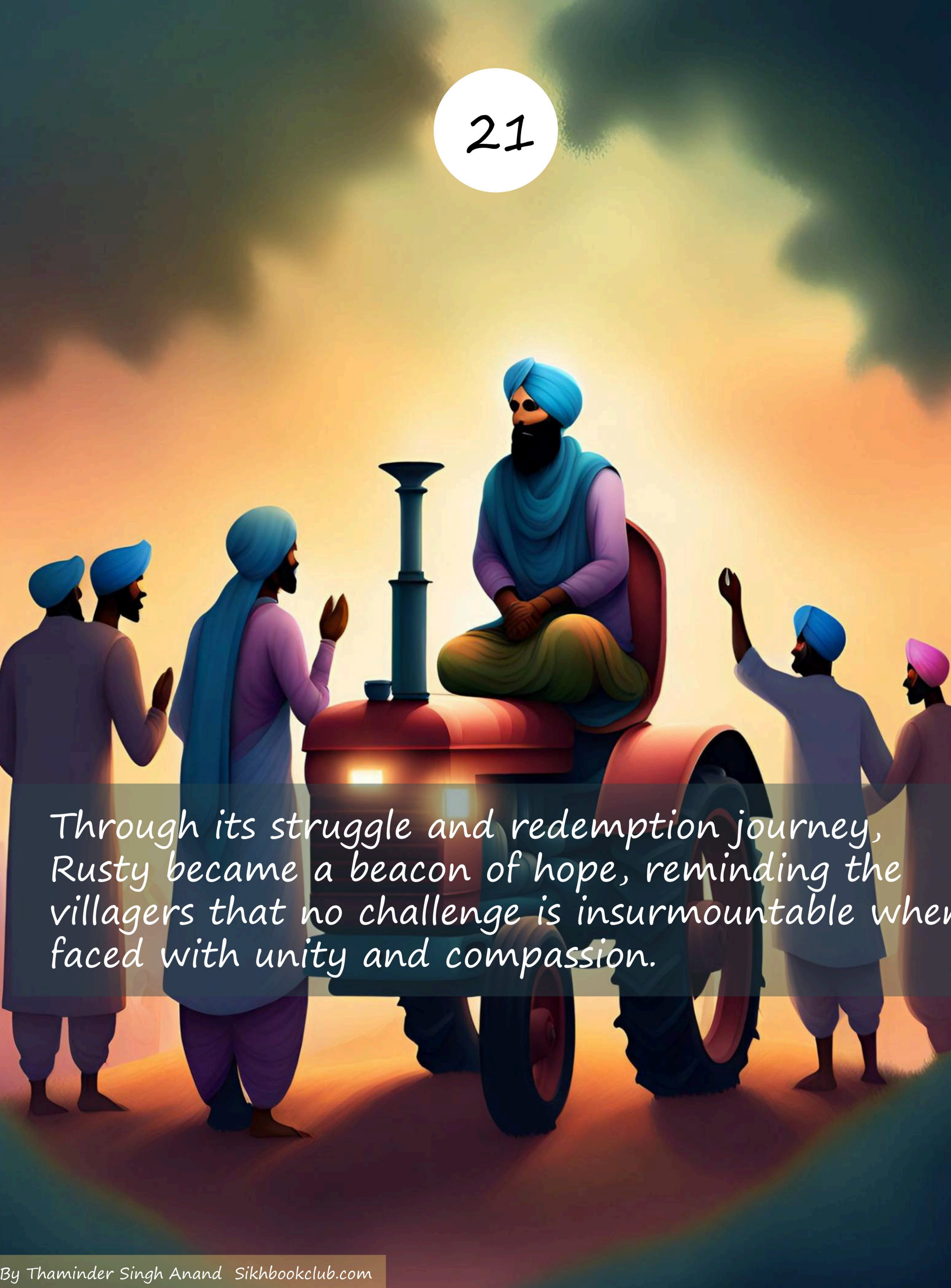
The villagers cheered with joy, grateful for the return of their beloved tractor.



In the following days, Rusty continued to serve the community with renewed vigour. But more than that, it had learned a valuable lesson – the importance of humility and the power of seeking help when needed.



Though Rusty was just a machine, it embodied the principles of Sikhism – selflessness, community service, and the recognition of the divine in all beings.



Through its struggle and redemption journey, Rusty became a beacon of hope, reminding the villagers that no challenge is insurmountable when faced with unity and compassion.

Five Minutes Task For Children

Encourage kids to recite the Mool Mantar for five minutes before meals. This practice aids in improving focus and instilling discipline in their daily activities. Alternatively, initiate a brief Naam recitation session before any task to center their young minds. By starting these practices early, children become grounded in Sikh values, shaping the future of the community.

LIST OF TEN SIKH GURU'S

1. Guru Nanak Dev ji
2. Guru Angad Dev ji
3. Guru AmarDass ji
4. Guru Ram Das ji
5. Guru Arjan dev ji
6. Guru Hargobind sahib ji
7. Guru Har Rai ji
8. Guru Har Krishan ji
9. Guru Teg Bahadur ji
10. Guru Gobind Singh ji

Guru Gobind Singh declared the Guru Granth Sahib to be the eternal Guru following the lineage of Sikh Gurus.

Mool Matra Paath

ੴ ਸਤਿ ਨਾਮੁ ਕਰਤਾ ਪੁਰਖੁ ਨਿਰਭਉ ਨਿਰਵੈਰੁ ਅਕਾਲ ਮੂਰਤਿ
ਅਜੂਨੀ ਸੈਭੰ ਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ॥

There is only one God whose Name is 'of Eternal Existence'. He is the creator of the universe, all-pervading, without fear, without enmity, independent of time, beyond the cycle of birth and death, self revealed and is realized by the Guru's grace.

॥ ਜਪੁ ॥

Name of the composition (means Chant)

ਆਦਿ ਸਚੁ ਜੁਗਾਦਿ ਸਚੁ ॥

God has existed from the beginning and existed throughout the ages.

ਹੈ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਹੋਸੀ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ॥੧॥

O' Nanak, He is true (exists) now and He will be true (exist) forever.

GURU SHABAD

ਪਉੜੀ ॥

Pauree:

ਜਾ ਤੂ ਮੇਰੈ ਵਲਿ ਹੈ ਤਾ ਕਿਆ ਮੁਹਛੰਦਾ ॥

O' God, when You are on my side, then why do I need to be dependent on anybody else?

ਤੁਧੁ ਸਭੁ ਕਿਛੁ ਮੈਨੇ ਸਉਪਿਆ ਜਾ ਤੇਰਾ ਬੰਦਾ ॥

Since the time I have become Your devotee, You have provided me with everything

ਲਖਮੀ ਤੇਟਿ ਨ ਆਵਈ ਖਾਇ ਖਰਚਿ ਰਹੰਦਾ ॥

Even after spending, sharing and amassing, I never fall short of the wealth of Naam.

ਲਖ ਚਉਰਾਸੀਹ ਮੇਦਨੀ ਸਭ ਸੇਵ ਕਰੰਦਾ ॥

It appears that millions of species of beings are serving me.

ਏਹ ਵੈਰੀ ਮਿਤ੍ਰ ਸਭਿ ਕੀਤਿਆ ਨਹ ਮੰਗਹਿ ਮੰਦਾ ॥

You have made all enemies as my friends, and none wishes ill of me.

ਲੇਖਾ ਕੋਇ ਨ ਪੁਛਈ ਜਾ ਹਰਿ ਬਖਸੰਦਾ ॥

O' God, since You are my forgiver, then no one asks me for the account of my past deeds.

ਅਨੰਦੁ ਭਇਆ ਸੁਖੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਮਿਲਿ ਗੁਰ ਗੋਵਿੰਦਾ ॥

After meeting with the Divine-Guru, I have become blissful, and I have received inner peace.

ਸਭੇ ਕਾਜ ਸਵਾਰਿਐ ਜਾ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੰਦਾ ॥੭॥

When it pleases You, all my tasks get accomplished. ||7||

GURU SHABAD

ਰਾਖਾ ਏਕੁ ਹਮਾਰਾ ਸੁਆਮੀ ॥

The Master-God is the only protector of us all,

ਸਗਲ ਘਟਾ ਕਾ ਅੰਤਰਜਾਮੀ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

and He is omniscient. ||1||Pausell

ਸੋਇ ਅਚਿੰਤਾ ਜਾਗਿ ਅਚਿੰਤਾ ॥

That person sleeps without any worry and wakes up
in a state of no worry,

ਜਹਾ ਕਹਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਭੁ ਤੂੰ ਵਰਤੰਤਾ ॥੨॥

who understands and says: O God! You alone are
pervading everywhere. ||2||

ਘਰਿ ਸੁਖਿ ਵਸਿਆ ਬਾਹਰਿ ਸੁਖੁਪਾਇਆ ॥

One lives peacefully in his house and enjoys inner
peace even while outside engaged in worldly chores,

ਕਹੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰਿ ਮੰਤ੍ਰੁ ਦ੍ਰਿੜਾਇਆ ॥੩॥੨॥

within whom the Guru has implanted the Mantra of
Naam, says Nanak. ||3||2||

GURU SHABAD

ਗਉੜੀ ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Raag Gauree, Fifth Guru:

ਥਿਰੁ ਘਰਿ ਬੈਸਹੁ ਹਰਿ ਜਨ ਪਿਆਰੇ ॥

O' beloved devotees of God, have firm faith in your heart,

ਸਤਿਗੁਰਿ ਤੁਮਰੇ ਕਾਜ ਸਵਾਰੇ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

that the true Guru accomplishes all your tasks. ||1||Pausell

ਦੁਸਟ ਦੂਤ ਪਰਮੇਸਰਿ ਮਾਰੇ ॥

The transcendent God has struck down the wicked enemies,

ਜਨ ਕੀ ਪੈਜ ਰਖੀ ਕਰਤਾਰੇ ॥੧॥

and the Creator has preserved the honor of His humble devotees. ||1||

ਬਾਦਿਸਾਹ ਸਾਹ ਸਭ ਵਸਿ ਕਰਿ ਦੀਨੇ ॥

God has brought all the kings and emperors under the command of His devotees,

ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਨਾਮ ਮਹਾ ਰਸ ਪੀਨੇ ॥੨॥

and they partake the most sublime ambrosial nectar of Naam. ||2||

ਨਿਰਭਉ ਹੋਇ ਭਜਹੁ ਭਗਵਾਨ ॥

Meditate fearlessly on God's Name,

ਸਾਧਸੰਗਤਿ ਮਿਲਿ ਕੀਨੇ ਦਾਨੁ ॥੩॥

which you have been blessed with in the congregation of saintly persons.
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ਸਰਣਿ ਪਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਅੰਤਰਜਾਮੀ ॥

O' the knower of hearts, I have sought Your refuge.

ਨਾਨਕ ਓਟ ਪਕਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਸੁਆਮੀ ॥੪॥੧੦੮॥

O' Nanak, say, "I have grasped onto the support of the Master-God".
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Important things to remember in a Gurdwara:

Take off your shoes: Gurdwaras have special rooms to leave your shoes. It's a sign of respect to keep the floors clean where people pray.

Cover your head: Everyone in a Gurdwara covers their head with a scarf or small turban. This shows respect for the holy book (the Guru Granth Sahib). Don't worry if you don't have one, they usually have extras!

Quiet Voices: Use your inside voice when you're in the main prayer hall. People might be meditating or listening to the Guru Granth Sahib being read.

Sit on the Floor: There aren't chairs in the Gurdwara. Everyone sits on the carpeted floor together. Try sitting cross-legged, it's fun!

Bowing: You might see people bowing to the Guru Granth Sahib, which is a way of showing extra respect !

Hukamnama : Guru's Message of the Day, Try to read it & understand it.

Langar Time: Gurdwaras have a special community kitchen called the Langar. Everyone sits together to share a delicious free meal. It doesn't matter who you are, you're always welcome.

Extra Cool Things:

Music: There might be people playing instruments and singing beautiful hymns. You can quietly listen or try singing along!

Helping Out: Gurdwaras are all about helping. See if you can find a way to lend a hand, even if it's something small!

Remember: The most important thing is to be respectful and open to learning about a new place and people!

Super Sikh Daily Checklist:

Morning Power-Up:

- Smile at Waheguru:** When you wake up, remember Waheguru loves you! Say a quick "Thank you!"
- Splash and Wash:** Get yourself clean! Feeling fresh is awesome.
- Comb Time:** Tidy hair makes you feel strong and ready to go.
- Say a Little Prayer:** If you know a short prayer, say it, it helps your heart feel happy.

Be a Sikh Superhero All Day:

- Big Heart Power:** Help others whenever you can, sharing feels good!
- Truth Shield:** Tell the truth. Being honest makes you strong inside.
- Super Focus:** Try your best at school! Learning makes you powerful.
- Calm Down Power:** If you get mad, take some big breaths, being calm is cool.

Evening Recharge:

- Quiet Time:** Listen to a prayer or read a story from the Guru Granth Sahib. It makes your mind feel peaceful.
- Waheguru Hug:** Before sleep, think about one good thing that happened. Say thank you to Waheguru for a great day!

Remember:

- You're learning:** It's okay not to do everything perfectly yet!
- Ask for Help:** Your parents are your Sikh teachers. Ask them questions!

Why You Should Wear Turban

- Superhero Symbol:** Think of a turban like a special superhero symbol! It was created by a wise Guru named Guru Gobind Singh, and it shows everyone you're part of the Sikh team that believes in helping others and doing what's right
- Everyone is Equal:** Long ago, only super-rich people wore special headwear. But the Guru wanted everyone to feel important and equal, so he made the turban a symbol for all Sikhs!
- Promises & Power:** A turban reminds Sikhs about their promises: to be kind, brave, and have self-control. Even tying it is like a mini-meditation, helping you focus.
- Practical Stuff:** Turbans were also handy! They helped protect heads and keep long hair (which is sacred to Sikhs) neat and clean.
- Royal Feeling:** Sikhs often think of their turban as a crown. Not the kind with jewels, but one inside your heart, reminding you that you're strong and have a special connection to your faith.
- Girls and Boys:** Both men and women can proudly wear turbans, showing that everyone can be strong and connected to their beliefs.
- Your Own Choice:** While turbans are special, each Sikh decides how they show their faith. Some might wear smaller ones or different head coverings.

The Sikh Story for Little Minds

A long time ago there lived a wise and kind man named Guru Nanak. From a young age, he was different from other children. He was thoughtful and caring, always thinking about the world and the people in it. Guru Nanak believed in one God, and he wanted everyone to understand that we are all equal, no matter where we come from or what we look like.

He traveled to many places to share his wisdom. He taught people to be kind, to help those in need, and to remember that God is always with us. His teachings became the foundation of Sikhism. Among his teachings are that all humans are equal, born from Same God. Respect women, they give birth to all including you. The Sikhs believe in three key principles called the "Three Pillars of Sikhism."

These are:

1. ****Naam Japna (Remembering God):**** Sikhs believe in remembering God in everything they do. They repeat God's name and try to live a life filled with goodness and love.
2. ****Kirat Karni (Earning a Honest Living):**** Sikhs are taught to work hard and honestly. They believe in earning their living through sincere efforts and not by cheating or hurting others.
3. ****Vand Chakna (Sharing with Others):**** Sikhs believe in sharing what they have with others. Whether it's food, love, or kindness, Sikhs are encouraged to share with those around them.

Guru Nanak's teachings were passed down to a line of Gurus who continued to guide the Sikhs. Each Guru shared important lessons about love, equality, and respect for all.

The last Guru Gobind Singh, gave Sikhs the final look. He mandated sikhs to have Long unshorn Hair, turban and wear saber to protect the oppressed. Guru Gobind Singh gave the Guruship to Guru Granth Sahib. This book is a treasure chest because it holds not only the hymns of the Gurus but also the wise words of saints from other religions, like Muslims and Hindus. By Reading Guru Granth Sahib it ensured that everyone, no matter their background, could find wisdom, love, and guidance in its pages.

As the Sikhs continued their journey, they faced challenges, but they always remembered their Gurus' teachings. They became a strong and loving community, helping each other and those in need.

In the heart of Sikhism lies the belief that everyone is equal, and love and kindness should guide our actions. So, whether you are six years old or sixty, the story of Sikhs teaches us to be good, kind, and always remember that love and equality make the world a better place.

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