

Start from the roots!

This first story starts from the external understanding of the identity that we are blessed with and to encourage the young audience in how they can develop themselves to be better people and ease lives with the fundamentals of Waheguru's teaching explained in a kid-friendly and engaging manner.

Story Number 1- External Identity- Turban

Scene- 2 siblings- an Elder sister and younger brother. Elder sister- Gurbani, Young brother- Saibhang. Gurbani spends a lot of her time with her Grandmother while Saibhang wastes his time in doing unproductive things and being distracted from studies and his purpose of life. Gurbani excels in studies and helps her family with chores while being connected to Guru Sahib and listening to Sakhis from her Grandmother to increase her knowledge of how the wondrous times of all the Gurus. On the other hand, Saibhang does tie a patka at home but to go outside, he tries to hide his identity but putting on a cap in the sake of social pressure.

Gurbani- seeing her parents trying to convince Saibhang to adorn a turban instead of wearing a cap.

Parents- Saibhang you are a Guru's Sikh, and this is the identity that he has blessed you with by putting on a cap you are disrespecting the sacrifices the Guru has made for you to obtain such a blessing.

Saibhang reply (angrily)- I don't care. It doesn't look nice- none of my friends put it on, and I need to look stylish to make friends. A cap is just fine.

Argument continues.

Gurbani thinks to herself- Do make parents love my brother more than me, do they think that Saibhang is Guru Sahib's child, and I am not- Is it because I am a girl.

She walks to her Grandmother and sits and asks her.

Gurbani- Nani Ji whom do you love more- Saibhang or Me?

Nani Ji- YOU both are my children I love you equally my child.

Gurbani- Then why is it Nani Ji that you all force Saibhang to adorn his turban but you let me leave my hair open and wear whatever I want.

Nani Ji (thinks for a while- but she can't find an answer to distract her, so she says honestly)- Beta Ji, it is the society that demands Sikh boys to cover their head with a turban, but with women, it is the need to look beautiful in a standardized manner.

Gurbani says- So, has my Guru set these standards

Nani Ji- Not at all my dear, instead the Guru has encouraged both men and women to

adorn the turban- and he has said this is an identity that you should carry to make sure that whenever somebody needs help, he or she knows exactly whom to come. Like Mai Bhago, you left all of the society if and butts aside to follow the Guru's path.

Gurbani- Ok, so nobody has the right stop me from what my Guru has told me to do.- From tomorrow I will adorn the dastar, and when my summer holidays finish, I will attend school in my dastar.

Next Morning

Gurbani- wakes up in the morning and watches a video to adorn her dastar- Nani Ji, Nani Ji how do I look

Nani Ji- You look beautiful, my dear. Just like a Guru's Sikh.

Gurbani- Yes, that what I wanted to hear.

Saibhang- sees Gurbani in a dastar and thinks to himself-(in a speech bubble) have my parents forced Gurbani to adorn a turban? Let me go and ask her. Good morning Didi

Gurbani- Good morning,

Saibhang- Didi- have mamma, papa forced you also to tie a turban

Gurbani- No my veer, it is a choice that I made to feel more conscious about my Guru and walk in the footsteps of my Guru by adoring the dastar.

Saibhang- Ohh, ok- but what will people say?

Gurbani- My dear- what will people say is irrelevant because they are not the ones who are going to stay with me all my life- they will even forget me after a while, but my Guru will stay with me all my life and guide me through all difficulties in life- even after this body leaves me.

Saibhang- I don't think so

Gurbani- Don't worry, you will find your way. I will help you find your way as we go along if you are willing to sort your life to ease it for yourself and help you find the essence in the beauty of life.

Saibhang- I am on it! Let's go.