

## INTRODUCTION

Children you would all be familiar with Kabirdas and his Dohas in your previous class.

To refresh your knowledge about Kabir let me tell you that Kabir was born in Kashi around 1398 and he was a disciple of Guru Ramanand. Sant Kabirdas was a weaver by profession and acted as teacher and a social reformer by the medium of his writings. Sant Kabir ke dohe are full of meaning and teachings. He believed God is one and people just worship him with different names. He was the first saint who taught the secret of the "Inner Sound" and "Light" in the language of the common people. He told the people that he was neither an enemy nor friend to anyone, but that he wanted the welfare of everyone. He taught the path of simple spiritual union with God. He said it was not necessary to practice austerity in the Himalayan caves. One could practice it at home by controlling his mind and senses.

His works are collected as Sakhi. Sakhi means real knowledge. Kabir gave importance to experience and not to knowledge from the books. He used to travel far and wide and whatever he used to learn from his experiences, he used to recite to his students. His dohas are in Avadhi, Rajasthani, Bhojpuri and Punjabi words. Hence his language is referred to as PACHMEL KHICHADI. His language is also called saghumakkadi.

