

Year 3 and 4 RE Knowledge Organiser: What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?

VOCABULARY

Christian
 Jew
 Humanist
 temptation
 right
 wrong
 commandments
 rules
 dilemma
 inspirational
 value
 forgiveness
 honesty
 generosity
 service

The Golden Rule:

There are many groups of people in the world and lots of them have a rule that is very important. Although each one uses different words, they all have the same or similar meaning.

Examples of the Golden Rule from different groups and religions:

Christianity: Love your neighbour as yourself.

Humanism: Treat other people as you would want to be treated in their situation; do not do things you wouldn't want to have done to you. *British Humanist Association, 1999*

Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour.

Jewish Beliefs and the Ten Commandments:

The Jewish religion follows the Holy Book the Torah. Jewish people believe that rules written by God can be found in the Torah. Many of these rules are also followed by those who are not Jewish, or may follow another religion/no religion.

The Ten Commandments- Exodus 20

1 No other gods besides God.	2 No idols, worship only God.
3 Always treat God's name with respect.	4 Have a day to rest and thank God every week.
5 Obey your parents.	6 Do not hurt others with words or actions.
7 Keep your promises to others and God.	8 Do not steal from others.
9 Always tell the truth.	10 Do not be jealous or envious of others.
The Greatest Commandment Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.	

Temptation:

Many religions share stories of temptation (for example: The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden) but they all show the message that all people can be tempted, but it is important to choose the right thing or action, even if you are tempted to do the wrong thing.

Blaming others is wrong thing and you must always say sorry.

Christians believe Jesus' words and actions show them how to live:

Christians believe that Jesus guides them by teaching that the only way to be happy is by:

- Loving God
- Loving other people
- Being gentle and kind
- Being fair, and working to make sure others are treated justly
- Forgiving when people hurt and upset us
- Being good peacemakers-helping people and nations make friends
- Standing up for what is right

(based on the Beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-15)

Humanists do not believe there is a God, but they still follow their Golden Rules:

Humanists do not believe that there is a Holy book to follow, they decide what is right and what is wrong based on a few things:

1. The Golden Rule – Treat others as you would wanted to be.
2. Using Reason – Making good choices based on whether their actions will cause good or harm to others, animals and the environment.
3. Their Conscience – Listening to their own moral sense of what is right and wrong.