

Year 6 - Autumn Term

How do we know what
is right or wrong?

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Margaret's, Hasbury

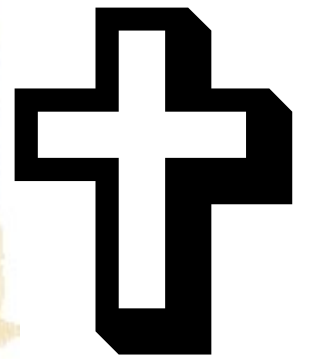
Name of religion: Christianity

Holy book: The Bible

Name of people who study religion: Christians

Founder of religion: Jesus

Place of worship: Church



Key knowledge for this unit

Ten commandments to lead a good Christian life:

- ✚ You shall have no other gods before me.
- ✚ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.
- ✚ You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- ✚ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
- ✚ Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- ✚ You shall not murder.
- ✚ You shall not commit adultery.
- ✚ You shall not steal.
- ✚ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- ✚ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.

Golden rule and other religions:

Buddhism: "Whatever is disagreeable to yourself, do not do unto others" (The Buddha, *Udana-Varga* 5:18 – 6th century BC).

Islam: "None of you will believe until you love for your brother what you love for yourself" (Hadith 13, The Forty Hadith of Imam Nawawi – 7th century).

Hinduism: "This is the sum of duty. Do not unto others that which would cause you pain if done to you" (*Mahabharata* 5, 1517 – 15th century BC).

Sikhism: "I am a stranger to no one, and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all" (*Guru Granth Sahib*, religious scripture of Sikhism, p. 1299 – 15th century).

Judaism: The Ten Commandments are a guide for Jews. Following the Ten Commandments is part of the covenant made at Mount Sinai, which applies to all Jews and Jews believe God will judge them based on how well they have observed these commandments.

The Golden Rule – 'treating others as you would like to be treated':

- ✚ Many of the Ten Commandments are linked to the Golden Rule such as you shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal.

The parable of the “Good Samaritan” (Luke 10:25-37),

- ✚ The Samaritan and the man he helped would normally consider the other to be an enemy.
- ✚ By stopping and helping and helping the man left by the roadside, the Samaritan put his own life in danger.
- ✚ The Samaritan had not expectations that the man would ever be kind or might help him in the future.

Christian’s belief in agape (love) was a significant part of Jesus’ teaching. There are two statements in the bible which show this:

- ✚ “This is my command that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12)
- ✚ “You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:28-31, Matthew 22:22-40)

The story of the “Man with the withered hand” (Mark 3:1-6)

Many Christians believe Jesus demonstrated his ‘commandment to love’ in his own actions, as can be seen in this story and many others.

What is right and wrong?

Many Christians believe that the ten commandments have great moral authority and that a good Christian must always obey them. However, other Christians believe that Jesus’ words of ‘treat others as you would want to be treated.’ (Luke 6:31) is their best guide to living a good Christian life. Many Christians believe that their conscience is the voice of God reminding them and urging them to do the right thing. Many Christians also believe that by teaching others about love and forgiving others, Jesus demonstrated values that they should possess, therefore love and kindness are more important than following a set of rules, laws or commandments. What are your thoughts on this?

Vocabulary you will use:

Word	Definition
agape	A Greek word often used in the New Testament that is often translated as ‘love’. This word does not mean romantic love, but rather love that is not concerned with the self but the greatest good of another person or persons.
conditional love	Kindness or help that is given only if certain conditions are met
unconditional love	Kindness or help that is freely given to another person or people no matter what

Questions we’ll ask you throughout the unit to check your knowledge and understanding.

How do Christians believe that Jesus demonstrated his ‘commandment to love’ in his own actions?

Discuss your thoughts on agape and Jesus’ “commandment to love”?

How do you decide what is right and wrong?

How might Christians link their thoughts on what is right and wrong to Jesus’ teachings?

How are the ten commandments comparable to the teachings in other world religions?