



# Religious Education

## Key Knowledge

- To know that there are Questions that Humans raise about the very existence of life. For example, why I am here? Is there a God? What is the point of life? Is there a purpose to life and how was the world created?
- How was the world created, for atheists it is through the big bang. The **big bang** is how astronomers explain the way the universe began. It is the idea that the universe began as just a single point, then expanded and stretched to grow as large as it is right now—and it is still stretching! Religious believers would argue that the world was created by God. They would use the William Paley argument. He took a watch and observed how complex it is, he argued that such an object could not be made by naturally. It must of has a designer and hence the world is so complicated it must have had a designer also.
- There are many creation stories that offer an alternative on how the world was created. Christians have the 7 day creation story. It explains that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Over 6 days God created plants, birds and fish, mammals and reptiles, and finally man to reign over all created before him. On the last day he rested.
- Is there a God? Some believers would argue that there is a God due to the fact the world could not have come into life by accident. Humans and the world is so complex it must have a designer. Also the belief in answered prayers and unexplainable miracles is proof for some Christians. The Bible is further evidence for Christians that there is a God. However Atheists could argue that there is little or no evidence of a God. That Science has all the answers.

- Is there a purpose to life? For a non believer or an atheist the very purpose of life might be to enjoy oneself, have a family, find a job that satisfies them or find a way that they can help their communities. A believer would argue that the purpose of life is to serve God and help others to their best of their ability. Another purpose it to serve God and be loyal in their convictions.
- It is important to know that the world is not equal. If the world was shrunk to 100 people here is what it would look like.

Christianity is the dominant religion – 31 people identify with the faith. But it's when the video turns to the level of global inequality that the figures start to look really shocking. More than 70% earned \$10 or less a day, while 15% make less than \$2 a day. One person earns more than \$90 a day. And this same person controls 50% of wealth. Basics such as education, shelter and clean water are unequally shared. More than one in 10 people are unable to read and write (14%), don't have access to clean water (13%) or shelter (23%), and are malnourished or starving (16%). Religion teaches it is important to fight for equality and help your fellow man.



# Year 7

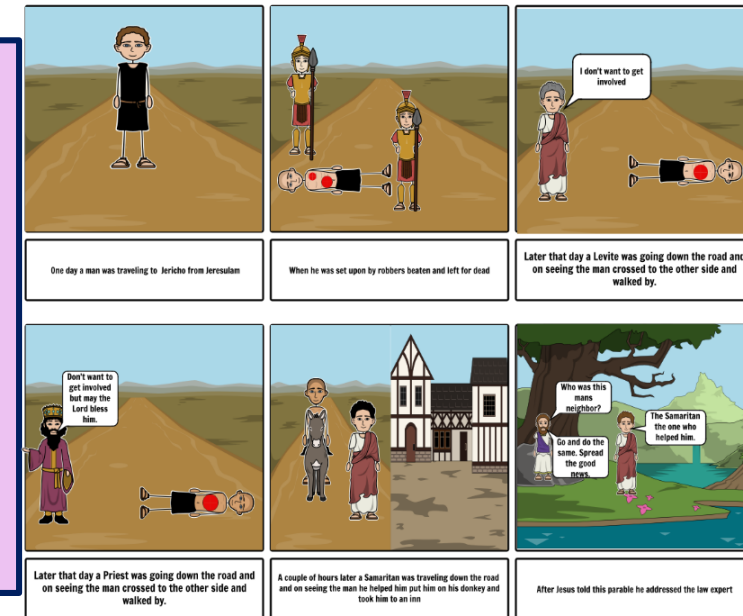
## Key Context

# Big Questions

Islam: Hadith of Bukhari.	Judaism and Christianity.	Christianity: Matthew 25:31-46	Hinduism: Rig Veda 10,191.4	Non-religious: The Humanist Outlook.	Sikhism: Guru Amardas.
"A man once asked the Prophet Muhammad what was the best thing Islam, and he replied, "It is to feed the hungry and to give the greeting of peace both to those you know and to those you do not know."	"Love the God with all your heart, all your soul and all your strength. Love your neighbour as you love yourself."	"Whenever you see someone hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and do not look after them, you do not look after me, said Jesus."	"Let your aims be common and your hearts united, and all your hearts united, and all of you be of one mind, so you may live well together."	"The only possible basis for a sound morality is mutual tolerance and respect: tolerance of one another's customs and opinions, respect for one another's right's and feelings; awareness of one another's needs.	"There is no greater penance than patience, no greater happiness than contentment, no greater evil than greed, no greater virtue than mercy, and no more weapon than forgiveness."

## Key Vocabulary

- Theist- someone who believes in God**
- Agnostic- a person who is unsure of their beliefs**
- Atheist- a person who does not believe in God**
- Design argument- if the world is so complicated it must have a designer**
- Big bang- scientific theory about how the world was created**
- Happiness- for some people the ultimate goal in life**
- Bible- the holy book for Christians**



## Key Terminology