

Etwall Primary School

What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong? Year 3/4



How can people decide what is right and wrong without God's help?

Christians and Jews believe God has given them guidance on how to live. Humanists do not think there is a God so they do not believe God teaches them how to live.

There are three things which are important to help them decide what is right and wrong:

1. The Golden Rule.
2. Using reason (trying to make good choices and think whether their actions will harm others).
3. Listening to their conscience

What do religious stories tell believers about temptation?

The story of Adam and Eve is told by Christians and Jewish people. It teaches them about how people behave. **When in the story are they tempted?**

Jesus' three temptations in the desert is another religious story. **Did Jesus give into temptation?**

Golden rule

There are similarities and differences between the Golden Rule in different religions.

Christianity: Love your neighbour as yourself.

Humanism: Treat other people as you'd want to be treated in their situation; don't do things you wouldn't want to have done to you.

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

Key Vocabulary

Ten Commandments – Rules that Jewish people believe are given to them by God.

Torah— Jewish holy book.

Beatitude—Sayings of Jesus in the Gospel Matthew.

Humanists—People who do not believe in God.

Temptation—the desire to do something.

The Ten Commandments

Many Jews believe the rules in the Torah were given by God. Some of these rules are known as 'The Ten Commandments'.

	1	Love God more than anything else.
	2	Don't make anything more important than God.
	3	Always say God's name with love and respect.
	4	Honor the Lord by resting on the seventh day of the week.
	5	Love and respect your mom and dad.
	6	Never hurt anyone.
	7	Always be faithful to your husband or wife.
	8	Don't take anything that isn't yours.
	9	Always tell the truth.
	10	Be happy with what you have. Don't wish for other people's things.