

## Hyde Park Junior School – Religious Education

**Topic: What matters most to Christians and Humanists?**

**Year: 6**

**Strand: Expressing**

### Key information

Over the course of this unit, we will describe what Christians mean about humans being made in the image of God and being 'fallen' as well as describe some Christian and Humanist values simply. Children will be able to express their own ideas about some big moral concepts, such as fairness, honesty etc., comparing them with the ideas of others they have studied. Building on this, children will suggest reasons why it might be helpful to follow a moral code and why it might be difficult, offering different points of view.

### Key Christian scripture

We will look at the Christian belief about humans being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:28) and also sinful (the 'Fall' in Genesis 3). We will also look at how Jesus expects his followers to behave through the use of the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) and Jesus' attitude on the cross (Luke 23:32–35).

### What do humanists believe?

Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion; Humans can be 'good without God'. They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are.

Humanists believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife. As a result they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. They also believe they have a duty to support others.

Humanists do not have a regular place of worship. They do, however, hold talks, lectures and discussion groups all around the country. Humanist also have ceremonies, celebrations or special occasions. Many Humanists hold naming ceremonies, non-religious weddings and funerals.

### Key Vocabulary

<b>justice</b>	fairness in the way that people are dealt with
<b>equality</b>	when each person is seen as equal
<b>fairness</b>	giving people what they need so that things are equal
<b>truth</b>	what is real
<b>honesty</b>	being truthful in what we say and do
<b>kindness</b>	the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate
<b>peace</b>	freedom from conflict
<b>commandments</b>	rules that God made
<b>valuable</b>	something that has worth
<b>sinful</b>	wicked or immoral
<b>code of living</b>	rules that individuals try to follow in order to live a good life
<b>freedom</b>	the power to act according to your own will

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Questions	Start of unit:	End of unit:
What are the Christian commandments?		
What are the Humanist values?		
Is peace more valuable than money?		
Is love more important than freedom?		
Is thinking bad thoughts as bad as acting upon them?		
What matters most to Christians?		
What matters most to Humanists?		