

Year 4: How and why do religious people care for others?

What will I know by the end of this unit?

- How Christians follow the commandment of Jesus and how they demonstrate love, charity and forgiveness.
- How Sikhs follow and live by Sikh moral codes and how these are shown by individuals and communities, e.g., **langar** meal, **vand chhakna** (sharing) and **sewa** (selfless service).
- How Jews show commitment by belonging to the faith community and caring for others, contributing to the work of the synagogue and helping others.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Treating everyone equally and celebrating similarities and differences.

Remember your British Values!

We need to show mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

We are all different, but we also have many similarities with each other. Everyone is equal and should be treated with respect.

Vocabulary

charity	Aid given to those in need.
Christian	A follower of Jesus.
Christianity	A religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus.
commandment	A divine rule.
commitment	To show dedication.
compassion	To show sympathy, pity and concern.
dhan, man and tan.	The 3 forms in which Sikhs care for others. Material, mental and physical.
forgiveness	To let go of resentment.
gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship.
Jew	A person who follows Judaism.
Judaism	The Jewish religion.
langar meal	A communal free kitchen.
mitzvah	A commandment by God.
moral codes	Principles that evaluate acts as right or wrong.
organisations	Organised groups of people.
parable	A story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
sewa	The selfless service of Sikhs to God's creation.
Sikh	A person who follows Sikhism.
Sikhism	An Indian religion.
synagogue	A Jewish house of worship.
Torah	The first five books in the Hebrew Bible.
van chhakna	To share with others.

How do Christians care for others?



Moral Development
We recognise the difference between right and wrong.



Christians believe that it is part of their duty to act in a moral way, and this involves helping others around them. Jesus commanded people to 'love God and love your neighbour as yourself'.

Love and charity is shown by the actions of the local churches. Love and charity is also shown by Christian organisations: e.g. The Salvation Army, Christian Aid and CAFORD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

How do Jews care for others?

Judaism teaches that everyone has a responsibility to help those suffering from poverty. Social justice is an important part of Jewish communities.

Tzedakah means charity. It refers to the Jewish obligation, or mitzvah, of giving to charity as well as supporting social justice. Giving tzedakah is one of the most important commandments for Jews. It is taught that Jews should give tzedakah because they want to, and not because they have to.



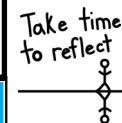
How do Sikhs care for others?



Service to others is a very important part of Sikh belief and practice. The Guru Granth Sahib states, "True worship consists in the meditation of God's name. There can be no worship without the performing of good deeds."

Sewa has 3 forms to cover all of the ways in which Sikhs can serve others:

- Tan (physical)** Examples of **tan** are preparing meals in the **langar**, cleaning the **Gurdwara**, helping to build the **Gurdwara**, looking after those who are ill or have a disability, and shopping or gardening for the elderly.
- Man (mental)** Examples of **man** are studying so that you understand about the teaching of **Sikhism**, teaching other people, and writing articles and books to help other people understand.
- Dhan (material)** Examples of **dhan** are giving your money or possessions to help those who are in need.



Take time to reflect

Who has helped you with 'good deeds'?
How have you helped others and how did it make you feel?

CRC Article 14: All children have the right to their own religion.

