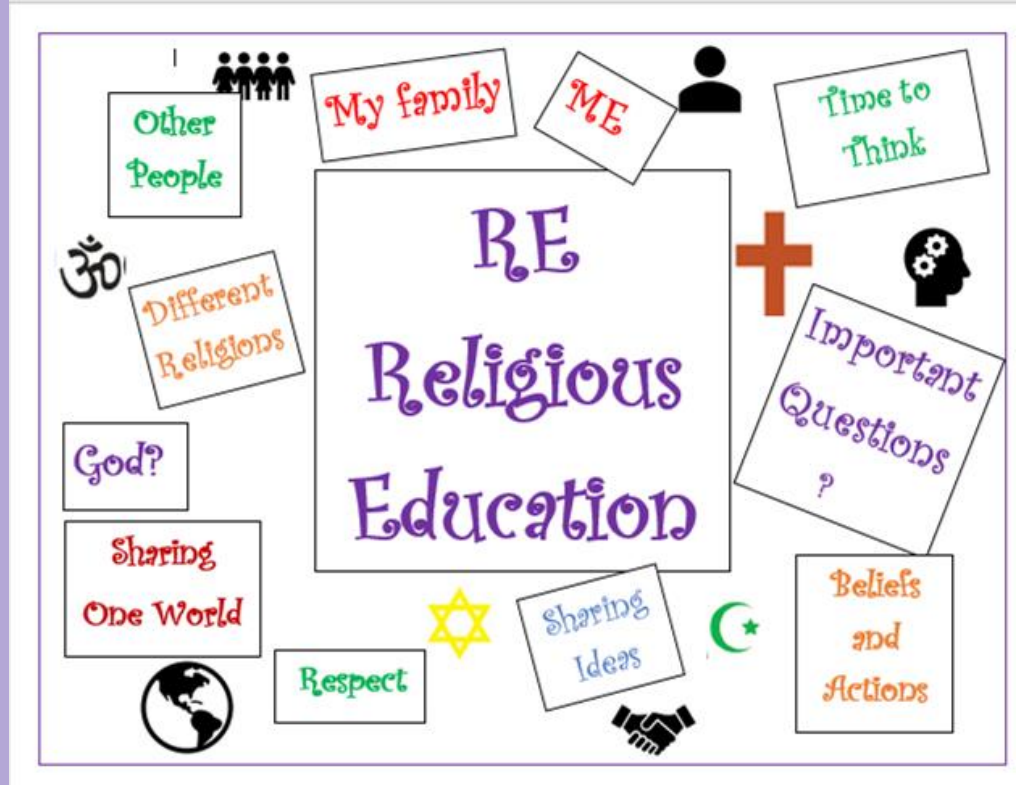




How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?

For today's lesson you will need to understand the the vocabulary below.

Valuable A thing that is of great worth.

Unique Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

Session 1

Christians believe that each person is **valuable and unique**.

People brought their small children to Jesus so that he could lay his hands on them to bless them. But the followers told the people to stop bringing their children to him. Jesus saw what happened. He did not like his followers telling the children not to come. So he said to them, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children.

Mark 10 v13-15

Other religions and those who don’t have religious beliefs also believe that all people are valuable and unique.

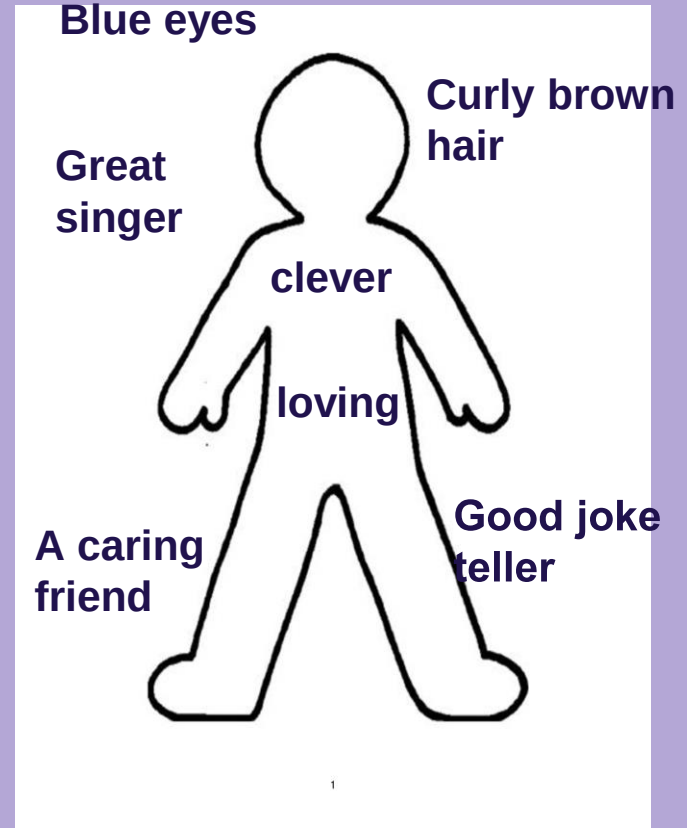
Task 1

What makes someone **valuable and unique?**

Draw an outline of a person and label the picture with characteristics that make someone unique.

You could do this task about yourself or about another member of your family.

Look at the example on the right. Try to include examples of both internal and external characteristics.



How does it feel when someone is nasty to us?

It might make
us feel...



sad



angry



cross

What are the
opposites of these
words?

Task 2

Look at the scenario in the picture below. This little girl is being left out. Her friends are whispering behind her back and making her feel sad.



Discussion

What would you do to help this little girl feel the opposite of sad?

You can discuss your ideas with someone at home or write your ideas down.

A world without caring would be a sad place.

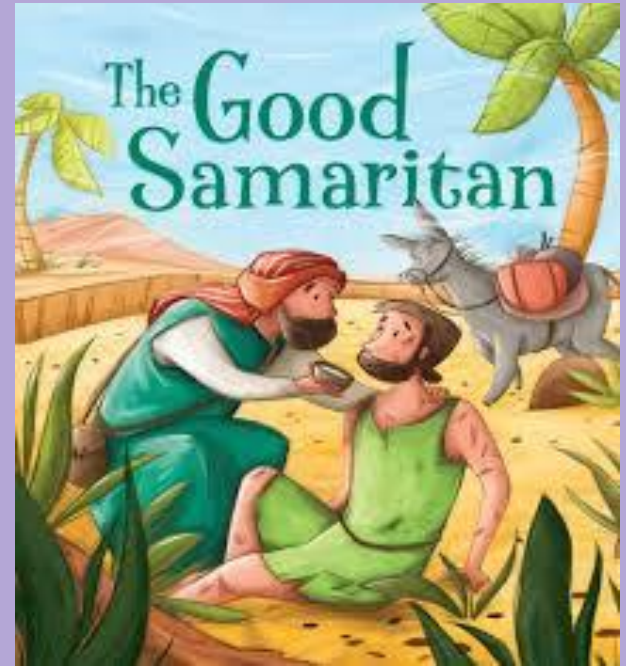


This is why it is so important to look after one another and be kind to each other!

Session 2

Today we are going to find out about what Christians believe about caring for people.

To help us find out more, we are going to read one of Jesus' parables. You might have heard it before!



One day, a Jewish man went out for a stroll along the road between Jerusalem and Jericho.



Along the way, two bandits jumped onto the road and stole all of the man's belongings.



Bandit = a robber

The bandits stole his clothes, beat him and left him for dead at the side of the road.



After a short while, a priest walked by and saw the man lying on the ground.



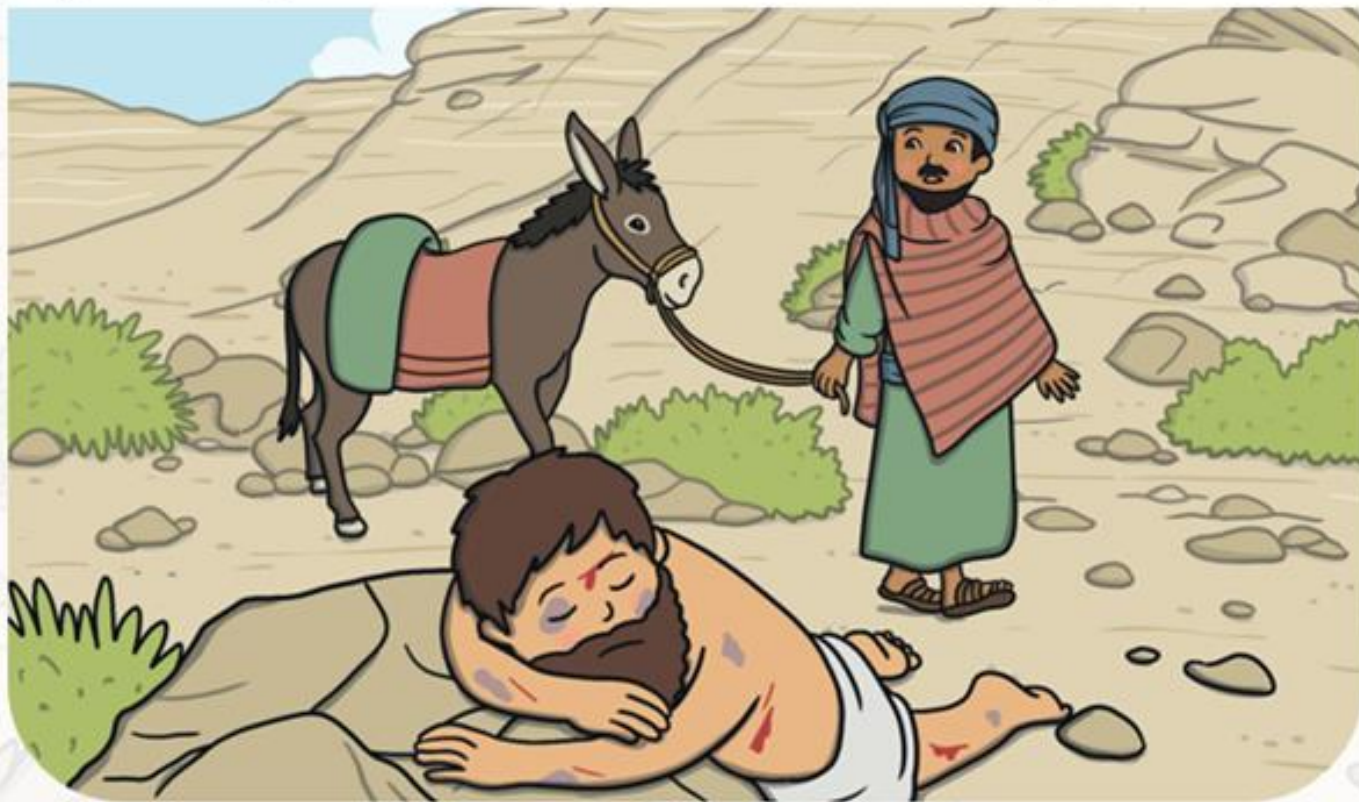
Did the Priest help? No, he walked away.

The next traveller to walk by was a Levite. The Levite's job was to help with the duties at the temple in Jerusalem.

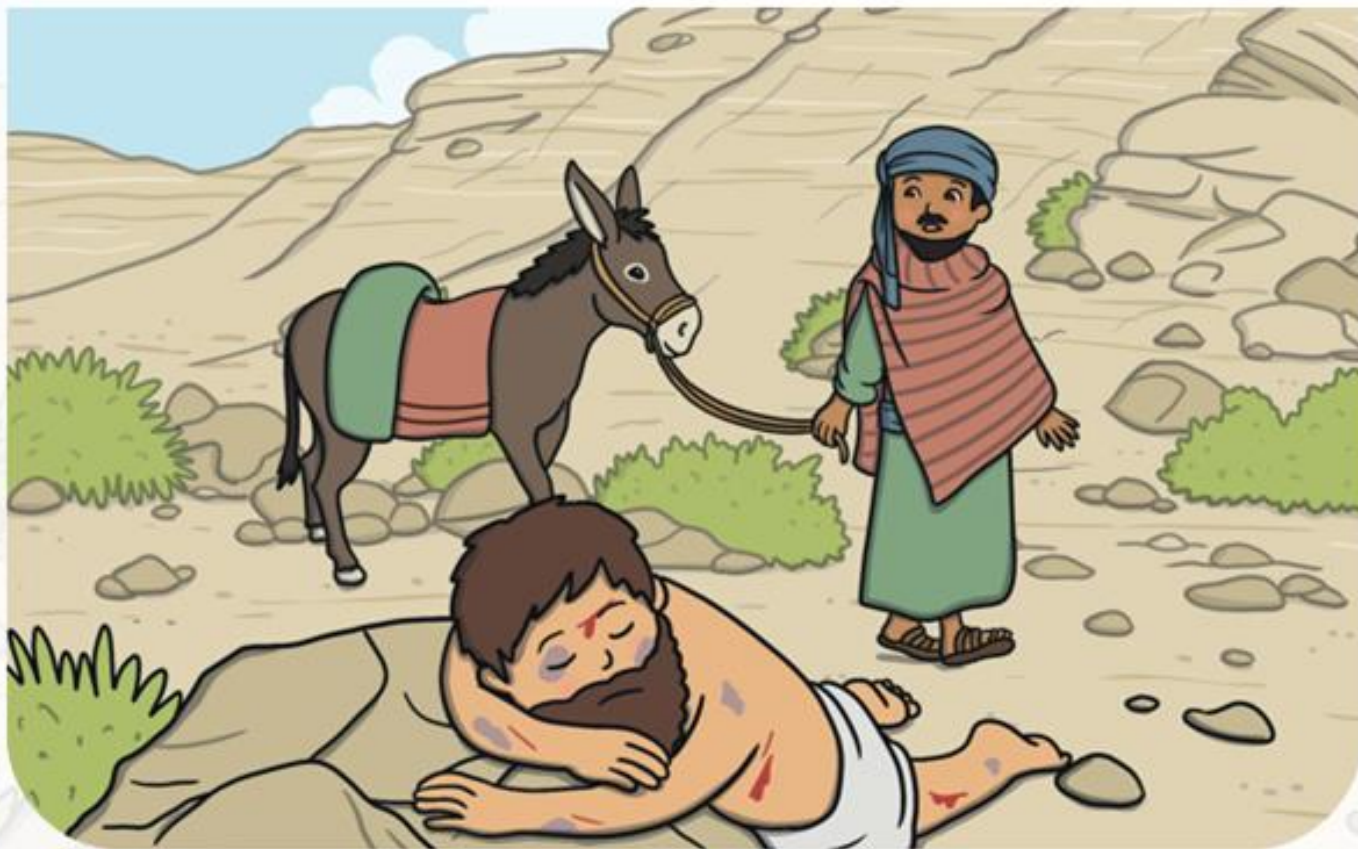


Did the Levite help? No, he walked away.

Soon, a Samaritan came along and saw the Jew lying on the ground. Samaritans and Jews usually didn't get along at all. They had very different beliefs, which made them treat each other badly.



Did the Samaritan help? Yes! The Samaritan couldn't leave the Jewish man to die.



The Samaritan covered the dying man with his cloak.



He put the man on his donkey and took him to a nearby inn.



He bought expensive medicine, wine, oil, and bandages to help heal the man.



Even though the Samaritans and Jews didn't often get along, the Samaritan showed the man kindness. He was a true neighbour to this stranger.



Discuss the questions with an adult and then have a go at writing your answers.

1. How did the samaritan show he cared?
2. Why did the samaritan care?
3. Who in the story only cared for themselves?
4. What do you think Jesus wanted to teach Christians by telling this story?



The Samaritan was described as a ‘true neighbour.’

This might be a bit confusing because they don’t live next door to one another. The word ‘neighbour’ is sometimes used to describe anyone you might have come in contact with.

In the Bible it says...

‘Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’

[Matthew 22:39](#)

Discussion

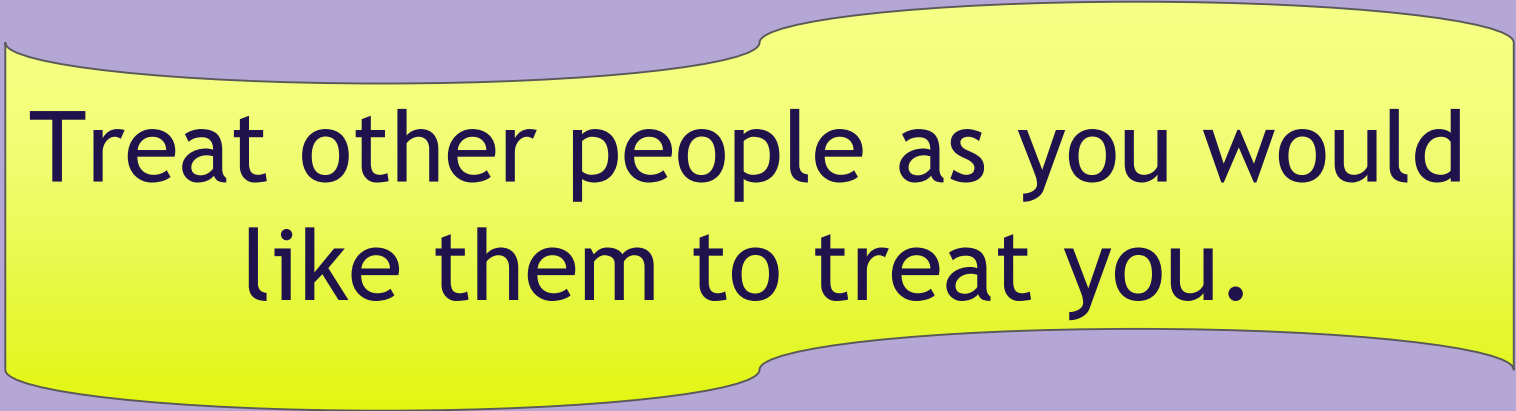
What do you think Jesus meant by ‘love thy neighbour’?

What does it take to be a good neighbour?

The Golden Rule

This rule is important for both religious and non-religious people. Some people say it is the most important rule to follow if we want to live in a peaceful, caring world!

The golden rule is...



Treat other people as you would
like them to treat you.

in 2014, there was an art competition, where children had to show their understanding of the Golden Rule through pictures. The next few slides show some of their competition entries.



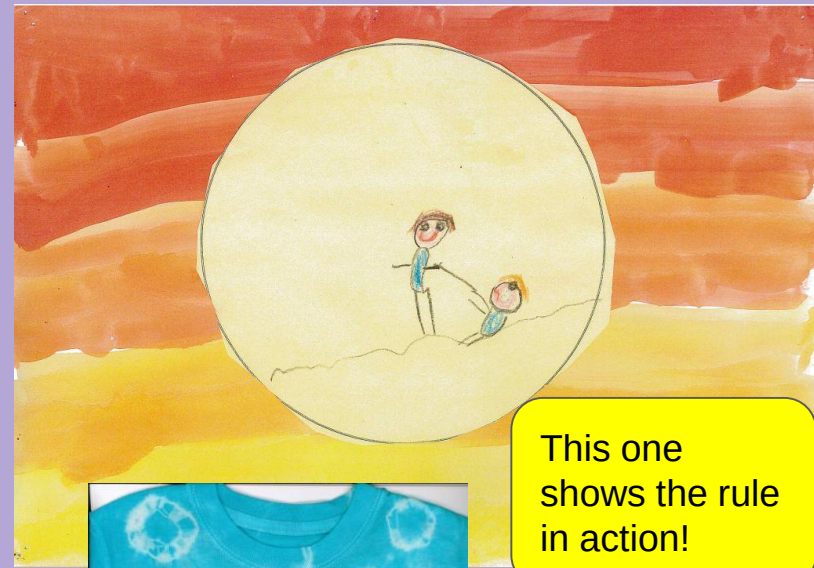
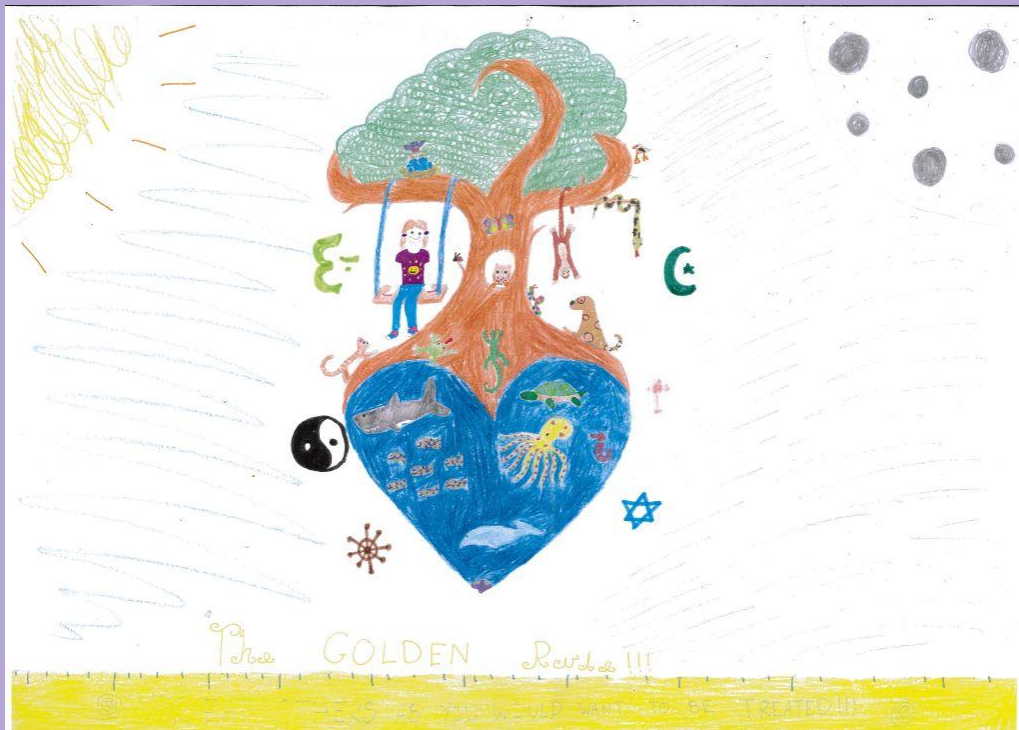
"My picture is showing The Golden Rule.

I have drawn a tree because a tree to me stands up pointing to the sky and God is in the sky. The Golden Rule is at the top of the tree because it is so important to God and to ourselves. The tree is standing tall and firm like The Golden Rule helps us to stand up and live our lives doing the right thing. I wrote 'trust' up the sides of the tree because we have to trust ourselves to do the right thing. The red flower shows love. The Golden Rule is 'Treat other people how you want to be treated', so the people under the tree are holding hands to show care, friendship and support."



Destiny (7)

The hand in my painting represents the golden rule of being friends with one another. The girl is praying to God for a kind friend because the others weren't being nice to her. I wrote friendship because it is always important to stay friends.



Here are some more pictures showing the importance of the golden rule.

Task

Can you create a picture that shows the Golden Rule being followed and either write or explain what your picture is about?



It might help to think about some of our school values which are important if we are all following the Golden Rule.

Friendship

Respect

Love

Trust

Forgiveness