

Aspirational Vocabulary

Term	Definition
Morality	Principles and values about what is right and wrong behaviour.
Ethics	A branch of philosophy dealing with questions about right and wrong.
Golden Rule	The teaching of Jesus: 'Treat others as you would like to be treated'.
Parable	A simple story used by Jesus to teach moral or spiritual lessons.
Judgement	In Christianity, the belief that God will judge people's actions and decisions.
Compassion	Sympathy and concern for the suffering or well-being of others.
Justice	Treating people fairly and doing what is morally right.
Selfishness	Focusing only on oneself, often at the expense of others.
Moral Dilemma	A situation where a person must choose between two or more actions, each with moral consequences.
Conscience	An inner sense of right and wrong that guides a person's actions.

Right and wrong

- Different people and religions have different ideas about what is right and wrong.
- Right actions are often seen as kind, fair, and respectful; wrong actions can cause harm or suffering.
- Christians often turn to the Bible and the example of Jesus to help guide moral decisions.

- Moral decision-making often involves thinking about the consequences and trying to act with love and fairness.

Big Questions

- 1) How do we know what is right and wrong?
- 2) Why is the Golden Rule important in Christianity and other religions?
- 3) What does the parable of the Sheep and the Goats teach about judgement and kindness?
- 4) How can we make good moral decisions in difficult situations?

The Golden Rule

- Jesus taught, 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' (Luke 6:31).
- This rule is found in many world religions and is a guide to treating others with kindness and respect.
- The Golden Rule encourages empathy by thinking about how your actions affect others.

The Sheep and the Goats

- This is a parable told by Jesus in Matthew 25:31–46.
- It teaches that people will be judged by how they treated others, especially the poor and vulnerable.
- Those who helped others are like the 'sheep' and are welcomed by God; those who ignored others are like the 'goats' and are turned away.

How do we make moral decisions?

- People use a range of influences: religion, conscience, family, society, and personal experience.
- Christians may use prayer, the Bible, and the example of Jesus to help them decide what to do.

