

RE: Do you have to believe in God to be good? KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Overview and Prior Learning

Within society, there are many different views about religion and God. There are also many different reasons why people hold certain religious or non-religious beliefs. For Christians, God is the Creator, God is good and God is ultimately love. (the concept of three in one—The Trinity). The Bible teaches that God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit who wants the best for his children and to help them live a life of love. For some, believing in God helps them to make sense of things, giving meaning and purpose to their lives. They believe that the design of the world and the things within it are so complicated that they could have only been created by God and for some they will have been bought up in a religious household, experienced religion and continued that belief. Believing in God helps them shape their lives and live a life that reflects how God wants them to live. However, not everyone shares a religious view and for some, the idea that God exists doesn't hold true. For them, their beliefs come from shared human values such as respect, working together, community and treating others how you would like to be treated. Non religious views are held by groups of people known as humanists and atheists. These views can influence the way in which we view the world and how we respond to the dynamics of it. Issues such as social justice, fairness, wealth, poverty, opportunity and privilege. What does it mean to have a good life? What does it mean to be good?

Do you have to believe in God to be good? What should we know?	Which words should we understand and be able to use?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That "being good" means different things to different people. 	Humanist	a person having a strong interest in or concern for human welfare, values, and dignity. a person devoted to or versed in the humanities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Christians show goodness through following God's teachings and guidance. 	Atheist	a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That non-religious views are based on moral beliefs. 	Social justice	justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That issues linked to social justice effect people in different ways. 	Jew	a member of the people and cultural community whose traditional religion is Judaism and who trace their origins through the ancient Hebrew people of Israel to Abraham.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That people are motivated by their beliefs, for example: Christians helping Jews during the Holocaust in World War 2. 	Holocaust	the mass murder of Jews under the German Nazi regime during the period 1941–5. More than 6 million European Jews, as well as members of other persecuted groups, were murdered at concentration camps such as Auschwitz
Do you have to believe in God to be good? What should we be able to do?	Society	the community of people living in a particular country or region and having shared customs, laws, and organizations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify ways in which religious and non-religious people show and demonstrate goodness. 	Community	a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain reasons for beliefs. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain connections between views and beliefs. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest ways in which issues of social justice effect people and communities. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express our own ideas and opinions about social justice issues. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand that "being good" is open to interpretation. 		

