Question:

U2.8 What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace (the generosity of God), and Ummah (community)?

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Living

(Religious practices and ways of living; questions about values and commitments)

Questions in this thread:

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

International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Link

Inquirer: Learning about other religions from stories.

Knowledgeable: Developing an understanding of a range of religious and moral stories.

Thinkers: Use creative thinking skills to take responsible action with problems that may arise in stories they read.

Communicators: Sharing ideas and talking about religious stories that they have heard.

Principled: Show a strong sense of fairness when it comes to stories that they hear.

Open-minded: Appreciating the traditions of others.

Caring: Demonstrate empathy, compassion and respect when listening to a range of stories.

Risk-Takers: Show an ability to work independently and creatively to explore new ideas.

Balanced: Knowing the importance of balance and relating this to intellectual, physical and emotional aspects of our lives. **Reflective:** Understand our strengths and weaknesses in order

to support our learning.

Critical Learning

- Knowing about and understanding religions and worldviews
- Expressing and communicating ideas related to religions and worldviews
- Gaining and deploying the skills for studying religions and worldviews

Key Vocabulary

Hindu, Muslim, Christian, commitment, Ummah, Allah, God, grace, generosity, Ahimsa, community, prophet, Muhammad, Adam, Abraham, Jesus, Qu'ran, mosque, Zakat, Qurbani, Hajj, Kaaba, Gandhi, ahimsa, sewa, dharma, forgiveness, Eucharist,

New Skills

- Recognise that some people believe God created the world and so we should look after it (A2).
- Re-tell Bible stories and stories from another faith about caring for others and the world (A2).
- Talk about how religions teach that people are valuable, giving simple examples (B1).
- Identify ways that some people make a response to God by caring for others and the world (B1).
- Use creative ways to express their own ideas

New Skills

- Describe what Ahimsa, Grace or Ummah mean to religious people (A1).
- Make connections between beliefs and behaviour in different religions (A1).
- Make connections between belief in ahimsa, grace and Ummah, teachings and sources of wisdom in the three religions (A1).
- Outline the challenges of being a Hindu, Christian or Muslim in Britain today (B2).
- Respond sensitively to examples of religious practice with ideas of their own (B2).
- Consider similarities and differences between beliefs and behaviour in different faiths (B3).

Future Skills

- about the creation story and what it says about what God is like (C1).
- Talk about some texts from different religions that promote the 'Golden Rule', and think about what would happen if people followed this idea more (C2)
- Talk about issues of good and bad, right and wrong arising from the stories (C3).

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding

Emerging

You can...

Describe what Ahimsa

Describe what grace

means to Christian

Describe what the

Give examples of the

meanings of big ideas in

Describe links between

Gandhi's beliefs and the

way he chose to live his

Describe a Christian

inspirational person

exemplified the idea of

Respond sensitively to

examples of religious

practice with ideas of

Give some examples of

commitments make to

some people's lives.

• Describe 3 different

ways in which the Muslim

Ummah supports Muslim

people all over the world

what difference religious

Ummah means to Muslim

people.

people.

religion.

sacrifice.

their own.

means to Hindu people.

You can...

Make connections between

- Make connections between belief in ahimsa, grace and Ummah, teachings and sources of wisdom in the
- Describe the impact of some of Gandhi's principles and show how his words can be used to address
- between the work of Sewa UK to the Hindu concepts of sewa and ahimsa.
- beliefs and behaviour in Christian religion.
- Make connections between belief in the grace of God teachings and sources of wisdom in the three
- Outline the challenges of being a Hindu, Christian or
- Consider similarities and differences between beliefs and behaviour in different

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beliefs and behaviour in different religions.

- three religions.
- contemporary situations.
- Explain the connection
- Make connections between
- religions.
- Muslim in Britain today.
- faiths.

Exceeding

You can...

- Explain similarities in ways in which key beliefs make a difference to life in two or three religions.
- Explain the importance of the concepts of Ahimsa (to Hindus), Grace (to Christians) and the Ummah (to Muslims).
- Consider and evaluate the significance of the three key ideas studied, in relation to their own ideas.

- Describe some of the impacts of religious commitments on life.
- To debate and give reasons for decisions about a religious issue: what matters most in the worldwide Muslim community?
- Explain links between the stories of Jesus and the chosen leader using the concepts of grace, generosity and forgiveness.

Challenge for children working at great depth

Resources

(If appropriate)

Website/Apps

Quotes from Gandhi can be found on many quote websites including

<u>www.saidwhat.co.uk/quotes/favourite/mahatma</u> _gandhi

Sewa UK www.sewauk.org/ a Hindu charity. The story of Noel Chavasse can be found free and ready to use at

www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org/ww1REreso urcesforschools

Suggested Quality Texts

The Life Story of the Prophet
The Lost Son – Luke 15
The Last Super – Mark 14:12-26
John 13:1-17

Assessment ideas

Remind children about the work on Muslim, Hindu and Christian ideas about Ummah, Ahimsa and Grace. Ask them how people in these three religions show their beliefs and commitments. Who did they think showed their commitments, and how, and why?

• Give them a list, or set of word cards on the floor.

First, which are the top beliefs and commitments of Hindus, of Muslims, of Christians and which of two religions, or all three? Why? Which are hardest to classify?

- Second, what would a Hindu, Muslim or a Christian's top 4 beliefs and commitments be? How does it show? Why are these ones so important?
- Third, what would their own top 4 beliefs and commitments be? Why? How do these commitments show?

Writing Opportunities

Research the life of a Christian - Present their findings to a group or the class, orally or in writing. What did the person do that was difficult or unusual in the circumstances? What did they sacrifice? What helped them to maintain that commitment? What words/phrases describe their action or

qualities? In what ways is this person a good follower of Jesus? How did this person put Jesus' ideal of grace, or generosity into action? How did they live generously?

Cross Curricular Links

(These need to be linked with topics that are taught in the year group)