

# RE: Year 2 – How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?


## Key Vocabulary

The Golden Rule	A rule for religious and non-religious people to treat other people as you would like them to treat you.
parable	Stories from the Bible that have special meanings and help Christians learn.
Genesis	The first book of the Bible for Christians and the Torah for followers of the Jewish faith.
tikkun olam	A Jewish phrase that means to heal or mend the world.

## Objectives

- To explain what Jesus said about the importance of people.
- To identify how religious believers care for people and the world.
- To explain the Jewish practice of Tzedekah.
- To identify the links between the teaching in the Torah and caring.
- To give simple reasons why Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.
- To identify the 'Golden Rule', and what might happen if people followed this idea more.
- To explore creative ideas about what the creation story says about God.

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Tzedekah	Charitable giving for Jewish people.
Tu B'shevat	A Jewish festival – New Year of the Trees. Some people plant new trees, or donate money for trees to be planted in Israel. Other people will give money to charity to remind themselves of the importance of looking after our world.
Humanism 	Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without religion. They also believe they have a duty to support others.

## Significant People

### Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic Christian nun and missionary. She claimed to hear the calling of God, who told her to help the sick and needy. She cared for others in many ways and was good at helping others to care too. Her beliefs inspired others to do the things she did. In 1979, she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her charity work.



## Significant Texts

The creation account in Genesis is shared by followers of both the Christian and Jewish faiths. Some people believe this is an accurate description of how the world began but many Christian people see the story as a symbol or parable.



## Key Questions

- What is special about our world?
- What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?
- What do some religions say about caring for other people?
- What stories do Christians and Jewish people tell about the beginning of the world?
- Does religion help people to be good?