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# Nirvana - 21.9.23

**Alex** "I agree with Charlotte because I think you are allowed to do whatever you want to do in life. You have choices and you don't have to be a Buddhist or go to Nirvana."

**Leonardo** "I agree because you can enjoy life without going to Nirvana but I disagree with Charlotte because she says you should live life however you want. This means you could be extremely naughty."



**Tea** "I agree with Charlotte since you should live life well and I believe that you only have one life so you should try and enjoy your chance. On the other hand you should try and attempt to get to Nirvana since you would not have to suffer in pain."

**Bryan** "I disagree because if you are a Christian you would go to Heaven so Nirvana would not matter."

**Maggie** "I think that Charlotte is quite wrong but a bit right because sometimes you can't just live your life or you would never be good enough to reach Nirvana. This means that you could also be naughty."

**Edward** "I disagree because when you are enlightened you can relax for eternity and can always go back to earth whenever you want and can remember the past. You can choose to come back."

# Karma

## 05.10.23



Charlotte

I think Karma is selfish - you only do good things because you want good things to happen back to you.

Is Karma selfish - after our class debate, note down your own thoughts.

**Alex** "I agree with Charlotte because the world would be chaotic if everyone had what they wanted."

**Maria** "I disagree with Charlotte because normally when you do something good, you are thinking about making someone else happy, not about yourself."

**Maggie** "I disagree with Charlotte because once my sister lost her rocket and so I bought her a new one and I didn't think twice about Karma"

**Tom** "I neither agree or disagree. Charlotte has the wrong mindset - it could be like that but it's good to acknowledge that Karma could be used incorrectly like that."

**Joey** "I disagree with Charlotte because you should be happy if you see someone else happy."

**June** "If you do expect good things to come out of good things, they wouldn't happen because I believe that Buddhists shouldn't desire good things and therefore good Karma would not come if you desired good."

**Bryan** "I think Charlotte is wrong because if you do something good accidentally, and then you get something wrong in return, it's not selfish."



# Harvest Service

05.10.23

*On 5th October we went to Christ Church to have our Harvest Service. We enjoyed singing different songs and hearing the choir perform.*

"I enjoyed hearing Years 3 and 4 spell out the word 'harvest' in different ways." - Shivansh

"I really enjoyed that the songs were funny but helped you to understand harvest." - Genta



# Chums

# 10.23

*Just before October Half Term, we spent some time with our Chums, thinking about the iShare theme and doing an activity with them about Respect.*



"I enjoyed spending time with my chum. I like getting to know her better than I already did." - Maggie

"I enjoyed doing the activities with my chum and learning more about the iShare theme."



# Buddhist temple

7.11.23

We went to the Buddhist temple in Wimbledon as part of our Buddhism topic.

"It was really fun to see the different types of meditations and hear the answers to all the questions that we asked." - Celie

"I enjoyed it when the Monk came in and he told us all about how he lived. He told us his timetable and how he couldn't eat after 12pm" - Genta



"I enjoyed learning how to do the meditation - he said 'lifting, moving, standing' many times!" - Bryan

"I liked the park outside and all of the sculptures outside and the paintings on the walls" - Joey.



# Christmas in the Gospels - Comparison

24.11.23

"The main themes of **Matthew's** account is what Jesus' name means and how the angel came to Joseph." - Helena

"The main themes of **Luke's** account is the backstory of Jesus' birth - it shows more of what was before Jesus' birth" - Elsa

"The main themes of **John's** account is about God creating the earth and sent his son (Jesus) down." - Melody

On John's Gospel, why does the word 'Word' have a capital? - David

Why did Joseph trust an angel in his dream? Why did no-one in the inn let God's child's mother (Mary) in? - Eiru

'Why did God create the world?' - Helena

Why did they need to be registered? Why did God pick Mary and not any other person? - Melody

'What was the point of Joseph being there - if Jesus was the son of God and Joseph was also his Father - does that mean that Jesus had two fathers? - Maggie

## Similarities

'It's all about Jesus' - Shivansh

On Matthew's and Luke's Gospels the titles are all about the birth of Jesus - Inaya

They all talk about God and the Holy Spirit - Tom

## Differences

They look at different perspectives - Elsa

They all try to emphasise different things - Joshua



# Open the Book     30.11.2023



"I liked pretending to pick grapes because it helped set the scene of the story." - Emily



"I liked pretending to pick the grapes and then having to drop them on the floor - it was quite funny to act out!" - June



"I liked to learn about the story that we were acting." - Maria



## Year 6 Worship Leaders

"I like being a  
Worship Leader  
because I get to  
spread the word  
about Jesus." -  
Helena



"It's fun to plan and speak in  
front of a crowd." - Bryan

"I have learned all the iShare  
themes and how to work as a  
team." - Helena



# Christmas service



"I liked watching the Year 1's act out the Christmas story - it was really sweet!"  
- Helena

In our Christmas service, we enjoyed listening to Year 1 explain the Christmas story to us, as well as various members of our class performing in choir and solo songs.

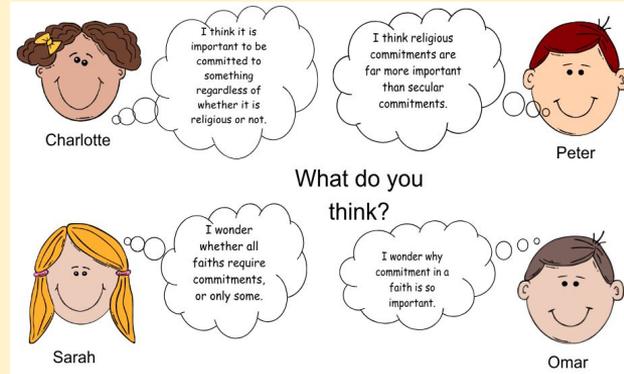
"I really liked watching my sister - she was Angel Gabriell!" - Emily

"Stephen did a talk all about Christmas - it was really interesting." - Genta

# Commitment in Islam - Debate and Concept Cartoon

09.01.2024

"I agree with Charlotte and Peter because everyone should have a commitment or there would be no point of life and religious commitments and more important because if you break a commitment, you might upset a god." - Reece



"I agree with Charlotte because religious commitments are important to some people with a faith but other commitments are really important too." - Erin

"I partly agree with Charlotte because you don't have to be committed to something. You may have not found the thing you enjoy and are willing to be committed to. I disagree with Peter because some people might like their secular commitment more than their religious commitment because they enjoy it more and might be more important. For example, being committed to looking after your ill parents is probably more important than your religion for that period of time." - Elise



## Chums

In our Chums session, we had great fun discussing our theme with our Chums and seeing if they could remember our iShare verse!

"I like how we do things together with other people of other ages." - Jean

"It's fun to play with our chums. We make things together to do with the iShare theme" - Taeyang

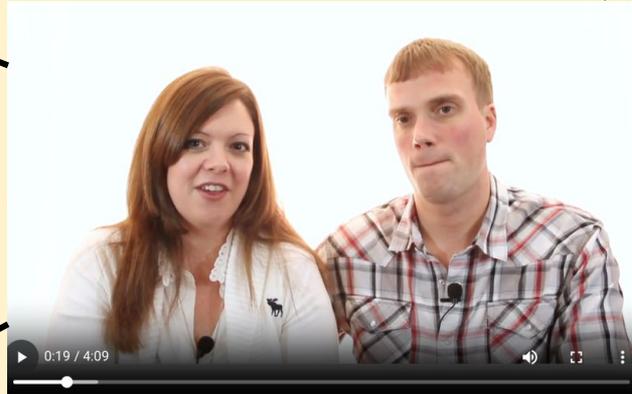
"I like talking to the chums and learning from them. It's nice to talk to them about themselves." - Emily

# Should every Christian go on a pilgrimage? 26.2.24

"I think the pilgrimage has made a difference in the lady's life because she said she had left the old things behind and step[ped] into a new life." - Dorothy

Can I reflect on whether the journey or the destination is more important when going on a pilgrimage?

<https://request.org.uk/resource/life/spirituality/pilgrimage/>



"I think the pilgrimage changed her life because she got baptised in Lake Galilee and she felt closer to God by going on a pilgrimage. It also changed her faith because the pilgrimage led her to see places in real life that she only read and heard from the Bible, not seen." - Jean

"I think the pilgrimage has made a difference in the lady's life because she had to take a pilgrimage to get baptised in Lake Galilee, which is also where Jesus got baptised and performed many other miracles." - Tea

What do you think?

# Can I explain how the Easter story relates to God's plan of salvation? 18.3.24

**"Some people say Jesus never died on the cross."**

"Maybe people from another religion would say this because they disagree with Christianity - Leonardo

"We looked at this question differently. I disagree because what if the people writing down the Bible wrote it down to be famous and get money. It was written so long ago that we just assume it is correct." - Emily

"To add to Emily's table's point, they do know that Jesus was alive because of the Government census but they don't know that he did all the miracles that the Bible said he did." - Joey

"I think that Jesus is real because there are statues of his disciples in Italy." - Jean

"What if Jesus actually faked his death, and the crucified the wrong person?" - Edward

"Maybe Jesus did actually commit a crime, but he persuaded his disciples to write down something good instead." - Max

"It's almost too bizarre to be true and too good-er story not to be true!" - Emily

**"Some people say 'Jesus never really rose from the dead - some people just stole his body.'"**

**What would a Christian say?**

"Nobody could steal his body because there were guards at the tomb." - Edward

**What would someone say who isn't a Christian?**

"A Christian would say 'he did die because he had to forgive everyone's sin.'" - Joey

"What if some people had a plan (maybe involving the guards) to get Jesus' body out." - Erin

"When Jesus died, angels told Mary that Jesus rose from the dead. If someone took his body, why would the angel say that Jesus rose from the dead." - Jean

"He did die, but he might have not forgiven sins because there were a lot of wars after." - Joey

"A Christian would believe that God was watching over Jesus the whole time. If someone did try to steal Jesus' body, God would make sure that didn't happen." - June

"Science tells us you can't live after dying, so I don't think he ever died." - Celie

"Jesus must have died because then everyone in the old testament was lying. Moses may not have split the Red Sea, it might have just been low tide!" - Joey

"How do we know that Jesus actually died in the first place?" - Emily

# Easter service 28.3.24



"We watched Year 5 act out the story of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the prodigal son. It was great!"  
- Bryan

"It was really fun getting to go up on the stage and read my prayer."  
- Nathan

"It made me smile to see everyone come together as a community. I was a song leader."  
- Maggie



# The Yellow Submarine

By Helena

The yellow submarine charity. What is it? What does it do?



## Courageous Advocacy

May 2024

This half term, Year 6 have been thinking about Courageous Advocacy. We have been exploring different faith based and secular charities that help others, and have considered how we can become Courageous Advocates.

The children in Lynx Class researched a charity in detail, before creating a powerpoint about their chosen charity, filming their presentation and sending it to another child in the school, in order to inspire others to become Courageous Advocates too.

Helena chose to research a charity called 'Yellow Submarine', which is based in Oxford. Have a look at her script [here](#), and a link to her powerpoint [above](#) (in yellow image).

Hello my name is Helena and I have prepared a slideshow about the yellow submarine charity for you. Let's start. The yellow submarine charity. What is it? What does it do? Well the yellow submarine helps people with learning difficulties and genetic disabilities such as down syndrome and autism get a job. They teach them life skills and help them flourish. Like these people.

What was the problem they wanted to solve? Well you see they noticed that many people with down syndrome found it harder to get a job and this made them sad. So they decided to help. They started a charity to help these people reach their full potential within their careers.

What is the impact? The impact of the yellow submarine is giving hundreds of people The impact is giving hundreds of thousands of people with Downs syndrome get a job and live a better life, like this person who got a job at a cafe.

Are they faith based? No. They support all people with learning disabilities, no matter their religion. They deserve to be helped, no matter what.

How can we help? We can donate to the charity and help by being a volunteer at the yellow submarine. The volunteers do lots of fun things like run races and run cafe's. Or you could donate some money to the charity.

# Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary

## Script

Slide 1:

Leonardo: Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, By Leonardo, Minwoo, Jean and Edward

Minwoo: We hope you will enjoy our Facts

Slide 2:

Jean: What does this Charity do? This Charity takes care of unwell donkeys, they train vets and they also educate current and Future donkey owners. They also give donkey assisted therapy to support children and adults with special educational needs or those suffering From illnesses

Slide 3:

Edward: What problem did this charity identify that they helped with? This sanctuary transforms the lives of donkeys in need worldwide by having greater understanding, collaboration, support and by promoting the lasting

Slide 4:

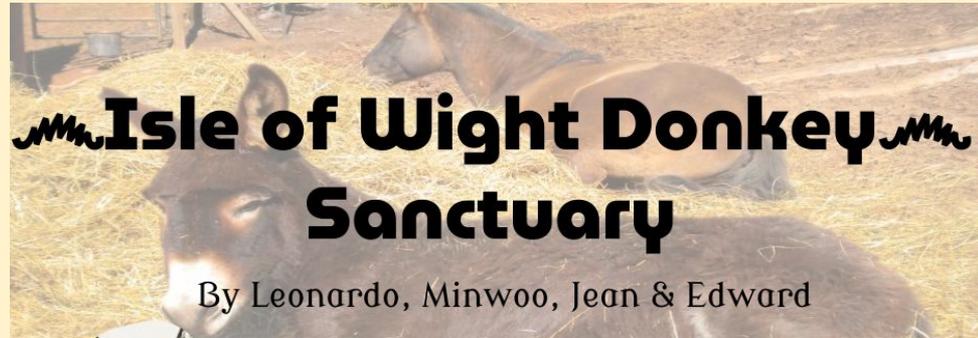
Leonardo: How do they encourage ordinary people to become courageous advocates too? People can be courageous advocates by donating money to the donkeys in need. Then the people that look after the donkeys can use the money to feed, provide clean water and to afford to be looked after For the donkeys. You never know, you could yourself wanting a donkey!

Slide 5:

Minwoo: What is the impact of their Courageous Advocacy on the people (or animals) they help? Our advocacy work is harnessed to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals, identified to alleviate global poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease. The role working donkeys play in strengthening livelihoods, accessing water, empowering women and enabling education cannot be overlooked.

Slide 6:

Jean: The Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary is a secular charity This charity takes all unwell donkeys they find and this charity has a secular purpose.



Leonardo, Minwoo, Jean and Edward chose to research and present information on the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. Have a look at their script here, and a link to their powerpoint above.

# Rules - Introduction discussion 6th June 2024

"If you don't realise you're breaking a rule, the punishment should happen, but be less severe." - Tom

"I think it is right to sometimes break a rule because some rules can make you feel uncomfortable or unsafe." - Maria

"If you don't know you are breaking a rule, and someone tell you, it can feel scary." - Aima

"Some rules are more important than others because some rules are universal which is more important than making rules in a game." - Alex

"A example of an unwritten rule is blasting music in public. It can make people uncomfortable." - Seb

Why are some rules needed?

Can you think of any unspoken rules in society?

Are some rules more important than others?

What is the difference between a rule and a law?

Is it okay for some people to break rules?

What if you don't realise you're breaking rule?

"Sometimes it's good when people break a rule because otherwise things won't change. If you don't have freedom of speech in a country and you decide to speak, something may change." - Celie

"Every family plays Uno differently - these are unspoken rules. If you go to somewhere new, you need to make sure you learn the rules of that place." - Joey