





**Steps to Success**

Date	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Subject/s	RE
Learning Objective 	To explore ideas about right and wrong

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Success Criteria 	I can share my ideas about right and wrong		
	I can show respect for the values and opinions of others		
	I understand the meaning of fairness, justice, forgiveness and free choice		
Support	Independent	Adult Support ( )	Group Work
<b>Key vocabulary for the lesson:</b> justice      fairness      forgiveness      free choice      consequences      dilemma			

What does the word 'good' mean?

# GOOD



Do not use the words 'good' or 'goodness' in your answer.

## Motivations

(Reasons people do things)



Reasons to do good things	Reasons not to do bad things
1) Rewards	1) Fear of punishment
2) Following rules and laws	2) Breaking rules and laws
3) It makes you feel good	3) It makes you feel bad / guilty
4) Making other people happy	4) Hurting other people
5) Would like it if others did the same to me	5) Wouldn't like it if someone did the same to me
6) The world would be a better place if everyone did the same	6) The world would be a worse place if everyone did the same

## Key beliefs of humanists

- Humanists believe **human beings are special** and human life is valuable
- Humanists **don't believe in a god**, or believe we can never know if there is a god
- Humanists don't believe there is any evidence for an afterlife: we should therefore **make the most of this life**
- Humanists believe human beings should **try to live full and happy lives** and help others do the same

## Why do humanists believe we should be good?

Humanists don't believe we will be rewarded or punished for our behavior after we die.

Humanists, like many people, think we should not just think about rewards and punishment when deciding what to do. If this were the only reason to be good, then we might not do the right thing if we saw no opportunity for reward, or danger of punishment.



They believe we should be motivated to do good things because:

- We should **treat others the way we would like to be treated**
- If everyone tries to do the right thing, we can **make the world a better place**; if everyone does the wrong thing, then everyone will be worse off
- Making other people happy can **make us happy**



## Reason and Empathy

**Reason:** thinking about the consequences of our actions.

**Empathy:** considering how others will feel.

**Reason and Empathy can help us understand why we should be good.**



Humanists believe we don't need to believe in a god to be good.

## Quotes on being good

'A humanist is someone who does the right thing even though she knows that no one is watching.'

Dick McMahon

'Being a Humanist means trying to behave decently without expectation of rewards or punishment after you are dead.'

Kurt Vonnegut

## Are reasons important?

Does it matter why we are good as long as we are good?

Are some reasons to be good simply selfish reasons?

Are some reasons to be good better than others?



## Task

Look at the moral dilemma below. Create a story board to show what happens – you can choose how it ends!

You are in a sweet shop with some friends. The owner of the shop is not looking. One of your friends tells you to steal some sweets.



