





Steps to Success

Date	Friday 15 th January
Subject/s	RE
Learning Objective 	To understand the idea that people can be 'good without God'

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Success Criteria 	I can explain the 4 principles of Humanism		
	I can discuss the importance of different rules		
	I can discuss how some rules are more difficult to follow		
Support	Independent	Adult Support ()	Group Work
Key vocabulary for the lesson:			
Humanist code for living principles atheist			



What is Humanism?

Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.

They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are.

Humanists believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife. As a result they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. They also believe they have a duty to support others.



Do humanists worship?

Humanists do not have a regular place of worship. They do, however, hold talks, lectures and discussion groups all around the country.

Humanists also have ceremonies, celebrations or special occasions. Many Humanists hold naming ceremonies, non-religious weddings and funerals.

In the box below, you can see the principles of Humanism – the things that Humanists believe in.

Task 1 – Which of the principles are more important?

Put the principles in order from most important to least important.

Task 2 – How do you feel about the Humanist principles? Do you think they would help someone to live a good life? How do you feel about the Humanist idea that people can be 'good without god'? Do you think that Christians share any of these principles?

The Principles of Humanism

Be Honest

Use your mind

Tell the truth

Do to other people what you would like them to do to you.