

What matters the most?

An exploration of values for
Humanists and faith members

In this unit, I will:

- Describe what Christians mean about humans being made in the image of God and being 'fallen', giving examples.
- Describe some Christian and Humanist values simply and recognise some examples of similarities and differences.
- Recognise some key beliefs and how these are seen in how milestones are celebrated.
- Express your own ideas about some big moral concepts, such as fairness or honesty.
- Compare these with the ideas of others you have learnt about.
- Suggest reasons why it might be helpful to follow a moral code and why it might be difficult; offer different points of view.
- Apply these ideas about what really matters in life for yourself, including ideas about freedom, truth, peace and reason.



Genesis 3



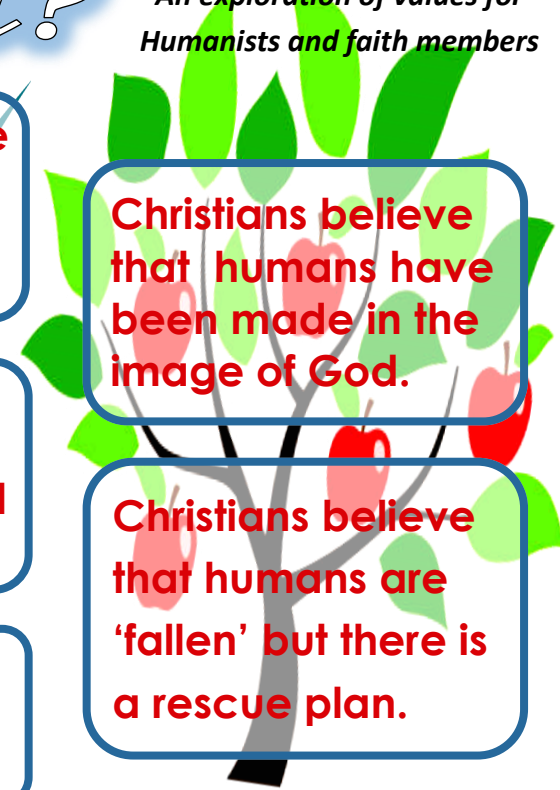
Humanists don't believe there is a God, or believe that we can't know if there is a God.

Humanists believe that science provides the best way to understand the world.

Humanists believe that we should make the most of life.

Christians believe that humans have been made in the image of God.

Christians believe that humans are 'fallen' but there is a rescue plan.



Glossary

Agnostic	They believe that it is not possible to know whether God exists or not.
Atheist	Person who believes that there's no God.
Empathy	This is the ability to share another person's feelings and emotions as if they were your own.
Humanism	This is the belief that people can achieve happiness without religion.
Humanist	A follower of Humanism
Milestone	An important stage or event in the development of something or someone (e.g., birth, death, marriage).
Reason	The reason for something is a fact or situation which explains why it happens or what causes it to happen.

The envelope contains
the ten Humanist
Commitments

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Matthew 22:36-40



ALTRUISM

I will help others in need without hoping for rewards.



CRITICAL THINKING

I will practice good judgement by asking questions and thinking for myself.



EMPATHY

I will consider other people's thoughts, feelings, and experiences.



ENVIRONMENTALISM

I will take care of the Earth and the life on it.



ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT

I will always focus on becoming a better person.



GLOBAL AWARENESS

I will be a good neighbour to the people who share the Earth with me and help make the world a better place for everyone.



HUMILITY

I will be aware of my strengths and weaknesses, and appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of others.



PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

I will help people solve problems and handle disagreements in ways that are fair for everyone.



RESPONSIBILITY

I will be a good person—even when no one is looking—and own the consequences of my actions.



SERVICE & PARTICIPATION

I will help my community in ways that let me get to know the people I'm helping.

