

Key Vocabulary...	
Christian	A person who has received Christian baptism or is a believer in Christianity
Belief	An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.
Value	Principles or standards of behaviour; one's judgement of what is important in life
Holy Spirit	The third person of the Trinity; God as spiritually active in the world.
Forgiveness	The action or process of forgiving or being forgiven.

## Forgiveness

Forgiveness is a key Christian value. It is a very subjective (based on individual opinion and feelings) topic. When you fall out with friend and they/you say 'sorry' then forgiveness is often given. However, for some people there are some situations which are difficult to forgive. Below are some reasons that argue FOR and AGAINST forgiveness. Can you work out which ones they are?

<p><u>"Forgive us this day our sins, as we forgive the sins of others"</u> Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:12, on why we must forgive others if we are to be forgiven ourselves</p>	<p><u>"I cannot harbour anger, as it was anger and hatred that killed my son"</u> Gee Walker on why she forgave her son's killers.</p>
<p><u>"I hope he is treated with the same brutality he showed his victims, and that his life is a living Hell"</u> - Sally Dowler explains how she hopes her daughter's killer is treated.</p>	<p><u>"Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth"</u> Deuteronomy 19:21 - The punishment must fit the crime.</p>
<p><u>"Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing"</u> Luke 23:34 - Jesus on the cross.</p>	<p><u>"Let you who is without sin cast the first stone"</u> John 8:7 - Jesus to a crowd about to stone a woman to death for adultery (cheating on her husband). The idea is that everyone commits sin and needs forgiveness.</p>

## Always Remember...



Christians believe in one God who is understood in three parts or persons: God the Father, Jesus the son and the Holy Spirit. This is called **The Trinity**.

## Sanctity of Life



**Sanctity of life:** The belief that life is sacred and belongs to God.

The Bible contains many passages that show that life is sacred:

Bible Verse:	Passage:
Psalms 139: 13 - 16	God has a plan for every human life
Genesis 1: 27	Life is God given
Luke 12: 6-7	Human life is precious
1 Corinthians 3: 16 - 17	Life should not be destroyed
Exodus 20: 13	All life deserves respect

## Natural v Moral Evil?



Natural evil - evil not caused by humans

Moral evil - evil caused by human activity



Stewardship - is when you look after the planet and respect everything on it to protect animals, plants and the future of humans. Key Christian beliefs about stewardship:

- God created the universe
- Everything created belongs to God, not us
- God gave human beings the responsibility to care for it
- When we meet God in the afterlife, we will be asked to account for how well we have looked after this gift.



When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me.  
-Erma Bombeck

Activity - Produce a leaflet about the importance of stewardship. This leaflet should be a guide on how people can be 'good stewards'. What should people do to protect the planet? What will happen if people are/are not good stewards?