

Living

Year: 6 Term: 4

Key question: What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help?

Everyone has an identity that is dependent on many factors. Race is one of those factors.

A race is a grouping of people who share some of the same physical features (such as skin colour) and non-physical features (such as culture, history, religious beliefs and language). Equality is when people are treated fairly. Everybody around the world should be treated as equals, no matter where they live, where they are from, the colour of their skin, the language they speak or their accent.

There are many stories about justice from different world religions. These help believers think about what is reasonable and what is fair. The ideas about justice sometimes vary from story to story.

Human behaviour can be ruled by the idea of 'treating others as you would like to be treated' - the Golden Rule.

Some expressions of the Golden Rule and related ideas from different religions and beliefs:

"Do to all people as you would wish to have done to you; and reject for others what you would reject for yourself."

Muslim, Hadith of Abu Dawud

"What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow human" Jewish, Talmud: Shabbat 31a

"I am a stranger to no one, and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all." Sikh, Guru Granth Sahib 1299

Vocabulary

racism	Racism is when people are treated unfairly because of their skin color or background. It is a kind of discrimination, and it causes great harm to people.
fairness	The quality of treating people equally or in a way that is right or reasonable.
ethnicity	An ethnicity is a social group that shares a common and distinctive culture, religion, or language.
prejudice	Hatred or unfair treatment toward a person or group without cause or reason.
anti-racist	A person who opposes racism and promotes racial equality.
community	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
respect	Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.
equality	Equality is about ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives and talents.
justice	Justice helps us decide what is fair, what is right and what is wrong. When justice is working, everyone feels like they are being treated fairly.

Key Questions:

- Racism: What is it and why is it unfair?
- What can we learn about racism from art?
- How did Saint Peter learn that 'God has no favourites'?
- What are the Golden rule and Silver rule and can they reduce racism?
- What can we learn from some people's examples?
- How can I express my own vision for justice and equality?



Saint Peter and Cornelius from Acts 10

The Golden Rule:
*Treat others the way
 You want to be treated.*

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