

KS2 Unit 1, Lesson 7: What am I worth?

Context: In this lesson, we are asking pupils to reflect on the value of human life.

Overview:

- What is the real value of a human life?
- What do Christian beliefs say about the value of a person? Are we less valuable if we have done something wrong?

Essential core: Christians believe that “God is love” (1 John 4.8) – compassionate, all knowing (omniscient), everywhere at once (omnipresent), all powerful (almighty), pure, set apart (holy). Christians believe that it matters what people do. When people treat others badly (sin) it makes God upset and angry. Christians believe the Bible talks about what God is like and his relationship with people who believed in Him.

Resources: <http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/11/23/the-lost-son/>
<http://request.org.uk/restart/2017/06/02/the-story-of-creation/>

INTRODUCTION: What am I worth? YOUR BODY IS MADE OF:

- 65% Oxygen
- 18% Carbon
- 10% Hydrogen
- 3% Nitrogen
- 1.5% Calcium
- 1% Phosphorous
- 0.35% Potassium
- 0.25% Sulphur
- 0.15% Sodium
- 0.15% Chlorine
- 0.05% Magnesium
- 0.0004% Iron
- 0.00004% Iodine

Your body contains trace amounts of other elements, such as silicon, manganese, fluorine, copper, zinc, arsenic and aluminium. These are worth about 76 pence. If it were sold as cowhide to make leather, your skin would be worth about £2.65. Total chemical value - £3.40!

On the other hand, you are unique, there is no one else on the planet exactly like you.
And, to your parents, you are priceless.

What do Christians believe that people are worth?

Tell the first part of the creation story from the Bible or watch it here. (Genesis Chapter 1)

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Christians and Jews both believe that they are made by God and ‘in the image of God.’ They believe that because of this, every person is very precious, unique and special.

Jesus taught his followers to call God Father - Daddy. Just as a father loves his own children, Jesus said that God loves and cares for everyone - even when they do wrong things. He told this story to show how much a person is worth to God.

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Plenary:

What do you believe people are worth? Is this reflected in the ways that we treat each other? Are we less valuable if we have done something wrong?