

RE Term 6 Knowledge Organiser – How and why do people try to make the world a better place?



Key objectives we will explore:

- To identify some beliefs about why the world is and is not always a good place.
- To understand what good and bad deeds are.
- To learn about the Jewish belief of tikkun olam (mending or repairing the world).
- To describe some examples of how charitable organisations can help make the world better.
- To describe how people can help make the world a better place.
- To think about what it means to make a better place and how we could achieve it.

Key Knowledge:

- "Good Deeds" typically refer to actions or acts of kindness, generosity, or helpfulness that benefit others or contribute positively to society, without expecting anything in return.
- "Bad deeds" refer to actions that cause harm or wrongdoing to others, intentionally (on purpose) or unintentionally (by accident).
- Christians believe God helps them through the Holy Spirit and Muslims believe people do good and bad deeds and need God's mercy. Religions suggest that people need help and guidance to live in the right way. e.g., the Ten Commandments.
- Mother Teresa chose to make vows to a life of chastity, poverty and obedience and it was at that time that, as a nun, she took on the Loreto nun's title of 'Mother'.
- Christian Aid, work around the world to help others. Some things they do include free eye surgery to destitute people, mobile medical clinic, create wells for easy access of water.
- Islamic Relief is an organisation who focus on providing relief around the world during crisis. They also try and ensure communities have access to water and food and education for children.

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Organisation	A group of people who work together.
Charity	The donation of something, like money, to a cause or person in need.
Golden Rule	Treating others as you want to be treated.
Ten Commandments	As set of principles set out in the bible.
Christian Aid	A charity dedicated to helping the poor
Islamic Relief	A charity dedicated to help refugees, Emergency response, food aid, helping orphans and children amongst other things.
Tu B'shevat	Jewish new year festival for trees.