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What does it mean to be a good citizen?



Learning Focus (Gwella Section 50)

- To develop greater awareness of Christian values and how they can impact positively on our behaviours and our relationships as ethically informed citizens.
- To make links between behaviours, actions and the Bible.



Encounter

As 'ethical, informed citizens' we are learning: to understand the impact of our actions, to respect the needs and rights of others, and to show our commitment to the sustainability of the planet.

Citizens of our schools, communities and the world

The creation stories we have learnt about help explain and make us think about our place in the world. Many of the creation stories teach us how important it is to live in harmony with the environment, treating the earth's resources with respect.

Christians often describe God as 'The Creator' and we are learning how God would like us to steward and care for creation. God's vision for the Earth is one where people respect the world and each other.

Is it still good?

We have a responsibility to the earth, to one another and to God. We are learning to be ethical, informed citizens of our school, our communities, and of the world.

What does this really mean?

We need to return to the vision God had at the beginning of the creation. The first book of the Bible, Genesis 1:31 explains that 'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good'. What do you think God saw that was 'very good'?

Create a 'Good News' report about the creation - what would be the headline?

What questions could you ask your God about his creation?

So how can we show we care?

The need to care for all the earth, to care for the most vulnerable people and to live within our means are some of the common principles and values shared by many faith traditions and cultures around our world.



Reflect

What does it mean to be a good citizen in:

- in your school
- in your community/your cynefin
- in the world

What was God's vision?

What would your vision for the future of our world be?

Consider how our behaviours impact upon our global neighbours.

Why are Christian Values important?



Additional Resources/WebsiteS

<https://youtu.be/g23rVbUKUishis> This short film explains very simply the importance of relationship to the planet.

<https://youtu.be/-qzS4L5BiTM> A beautiful and poignant film sharing the importance of how our behaviours impact on the earth.

A free downloadable list and description of the Christian Values for schools available from: <https://www.imaginer.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/SMSC-and-Values-Final.pdf>

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