

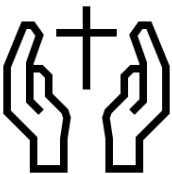





8.4 Environmental Ethics

Create a poster campaign fighting climate change and injustice.

<p>Wake up Call</p>  <p>Week One</p>	<p><i>What is the Assisi Declaration?</i></p>	<p>In 1986, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the World-Wide Fund for Nature, religious leaders from 5 world faiths met in Assisi. Each faith sent a leader to declare the religion's views about nature and contributions to a greener future.</p>
	<p><i>What are Jewish attitudes to tackling climate change?</i></p>	<p>"Now, when the whole world is in peril, when the environment is in danger of being poisoned and various species, both plant and animal, are becoming extinct, it is our (religious) responsibility to put the defence of the whole of nature at the very centre of our concern.</p>
<p>Problem of Greed</p>  <p>Week Two</p>	<p><i>What does Luke 12:16 – 21 say about greed?</i></p>	<p>This a parable of the rich fool, it gives us the realization that there is more to life than just seeking riches. The rich man in the parable was blessed by God as his harvest continuously flourished. But he used his riches for the wrong reasons which led to his downfall.</p>
	<p><i>What is stewardship?</i></p>	<p>The responsible use and protection of the natural environment. For Christians, God made humans the stewards of the world.</p>
	<p><i>How can Christians be stewards to the Earth?</i></p>	<p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Take part in Conservation projects; donate to environmental charities.</p>
<p>Christian Responses to Climate Change</p>  <p>Week Three</p>	<p><i>How can the Parable of the Good Samaritan link to the environment?</i></p>	<p>The parable teaches that we should 'love thy neighbour' – but some of our neighbours are facing droughts, floods and other negative experiences from climate change – this needs to change. How can we be loving towards everyone?</p>
	<p><i>Who are Climate Stewards and what do they do?</i></p>	<p>They are a Christian charity, who are a part of the A Rocha family of organisations helping to care for God's creation. They are passionate about helping people to live better on low carbon while supporting global neighbours to adapt to the impacts of climate change. EG: Tree planting.</p>
<p>Muslims Responses to Climate Change</p>  <p>Week Four</p>	<p><i>What is the responsibility of humans according to the Qu'ran?</i></p>	<p>'It is Allah who has appointed you Guardians in the Earth' (6:135). It suggests that Muslims should tackle the negative impacts of climate change on the lives of poor people and the lives of animals.</p>
	<p><i>How has the example of Prophet Muhammad influenced Muslims?</i></p>	<p>Prophet Muhammad was full of respect for living creatures and for the earth. He cared for ants, cats, camels and all that lives. Following his example, many Muslims believe it is their duty to care about biodiversity, work against pollution and contribute to a green future.</p>
<p>Hindu Responses to Climate Change</p>  <p>Week Five</p>	<p><i>What is Ahimsa?</i></p>	<p>In the Hindu, Buddhist, and Jainist tradition, it means respect for all living things and avoidance of violence towards others.</p>
	<p><i>Why might a Hindu decide to be a vegetarian?</i></p>	<p>Eating meat involves killing, so if you want to live without harm, then you must be vegetarian. India, the world's biggest Hindu population by far, is the 'most vegetarian' country on Earth. About 40% never eat meat, and many more eat meat only occasionally.</p>
<p>Activism or Apathy?</p>  <p>Week 6</p>	<p><i>What is activism?</i></p>	<p>The policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change.</p>
	<p><i>What is apathy?</i></p>	<p>Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.</p>