

Exploring Beliefs: Life After Death

Learning objective: To understand that different religions have diverse beliefs about what happens after life ends, and to reflect on the concepts of legacy and memory.

Join Leo the Lion as we explore big questions! Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below to test your understanding of how different people view the journey of life and beyond.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. Reincarnation, 5. C, 6. Heaven, 7. A, 8. True, 9. Memory/Legacy, 10. B. Note: These questions explore sensitive beliefs. In many religions, such as Christianity, Islam, and Sikhism, people believe in an afterlife where the soul finds peace. In Hinduism and Buddhism, many believe in reincarnation, where the soul is born into a new life. Humanists often focus on the 'legacy' we leave behind through our actions and the memories we create with others.

Word bank: Afterlife · Legacy · Reincarnation · Heaven · Soul · Belief · Peace · Memory

1. 1. Which term describes the belief that a soul is reborn into a new life after death? A) Reincarnation* B) Legacy C) Celebration D) Graduation (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Every religion in the world has the exact same belief about what happens after death. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Humanists often believe that a person's life continues through the positive impact and memories they leave behind. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the one-word name for the spiritual part of a human that many religions believe survives after the body dies? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these is a common theme found in many religious traditions regarding the afterlife? A) Buying new toys B) Ignoring the past C) Finding peace* D) Going to sleep forever (1 mark)

6. 6. Many Christians believe that the soul goes to _____ to be with God after life on Earth ends. (1 mark)

7. 7. Why is it important to respect people who have different beliefs about the afterlife? A) Because everyone has the right to their own views* B) Because there is only one correct answer C) Because it is a school rule D) Because it is easy to agree (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Learning about different beliefs helps us understand our friends and neighbours better. (1 mark)

9. 9. What do we call the 'mark' or influence someone leaves behind after they have passed away? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these is a thoughtful way to remember someone who has died? A) Ignoring them B) Sharing stories and photos* C) Forgetting their name D) Buying an expensive gift (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a 'Tree of Memories'. In the roots, draw things that represent a person's life, and on the leaves, draw symbols of the love and memories they leave behind for others.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why different cultures might have developed different ideas about life after death. 2. Compare and contrast the idea of 'reincarnation' with the idea of 'legacy'. 3. Justify why it is important for a society to have diverse beliefs. 4. What might happen if everyone in the world believed exactly the same thing about the afterlife? 5. Reflect on how someone's 'legacy' can change the world for future generations. 6. If you were writing a book about hope, how would you describe the transition from one stage of life to another?