

Year 4 RE: Exploring Choices and Consequences

Learning objective: To evaluate moral dilemmas, understand the concept of a 'conscience', and reflect on how values influence our actions.

Read each question carefully. For longer answers, use full sentences and explain your reasoning. Think about the views of others even if they differ from your own.

Max the monkey found a shiny gold coin worth £1 on the playground. He looked around and saw a younger student looking upset, searching the ground. Max knows that keeping the coin would allow him to buy a healthy snack, but he also knows the coin might belong to the student who is missing their lunch money. Leo the lion, known for his wisdom, watches to see what Max will decide to do.

Word bank: Conscience · Responsibility · Morality · Consequences · Integrity · Values · Dilemma · Empathy

1. Define the term 'conscience' in your own words. How might a person's conscience help them make a difficult decision? (2 marks)

2. Based on the passage, identify the moral dilemma Max is facing. What are the two main choices he has? (2 marks)

3. Explain why honesty is considered a key value in many communities. How does honesty affect our relationships with others? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the potential consequences of Max returning the coin versus Max keeping the coin. Which choice demonstrates stronger moral character? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Is it ever acceptable to keep something you find if you do not know who it belongs to? Why or why not? (4 marks)

6. Imagine a situation where you have to choose between being kind to a friend and being truthful about a mistake. Write a response (5 marks) explaining what you would do and why your choice is the most 'moral' path to take. (5 marks)

7. If Max decides to give the coin to the student, suggest one way this action might influence others in the school. What might happen if this became a habit? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Decision Tree'. At the trunk, draw the dilemma Max is facing. On one branch, draw a picture showing the result of a selfish choice, and on the other, draw the result of a kind, moral choice.



Extension challenge: Reflect on a time you faced a moral dilemma. Write a short paragraph explaining the 'Greater Depth' of the situation: What values were in conflict? How did you feel before and after your decision? Total: /25