

Ellie's Ethics: Understanding Christian Values

Learning objective: To analyse the significance of key Christian teachings and how they influence the daily lives and choices of believers.

Ellie the elephant is studying how Christian teachings, such as the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Golden Rule, guide actions. Read the scenarios below. For each one, identify the core value being demonstrated and explain how a Christian might apply their faith to resolve the situation. Use the word bank to help you.

Word bank: Compassion · Forgiveness · Stewardship · Justice · Humility · The Golden Rule · Integrity · Sacrifice

1. Scenario 1: You see a classmate who has been left out of a game and is sitting alone. Explain why a Christian might choose to include them, referencing 'The Golden Rule'. (3 marks)

2. Scenario 2: A friend accidentally breaks your favourite fountain pen. Discuss how the concept of 'Forgiveness' might change your reaction compared to someone who does not follow that teaching. (3 marks)

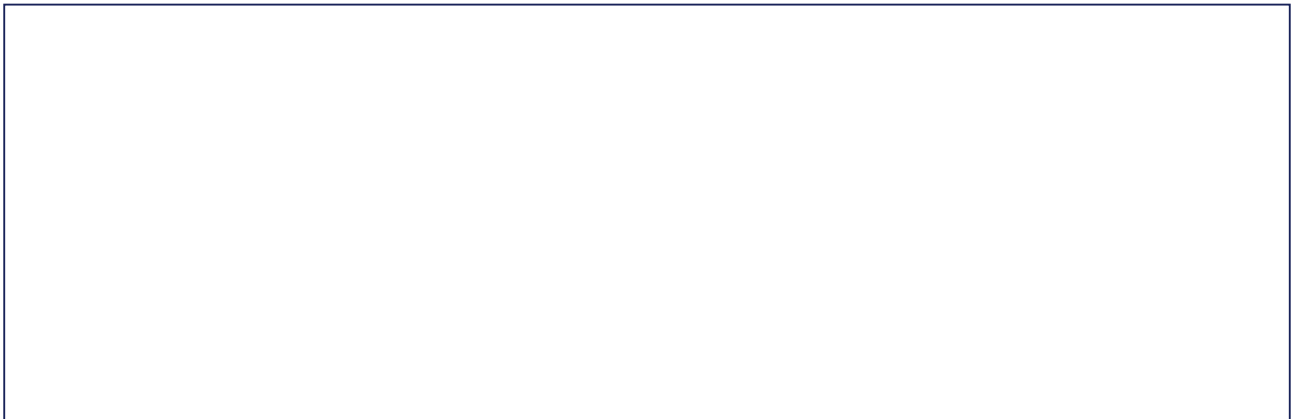
3. Scenario 3: Compare and contrast 'Stewardship' with simply owning possessions. Justify why Christians believe they have a responsibility to care for the environment. (3 marks)

4. Scenario 4: If a person has the chance to earn £50 by being dishonest, but chooses to be honest instead, which value are they demonstrating? Explain the importance of this value in a community. (3 marks)

5. Scenario 5: What might happen if a society completely ignored the teaching of 'Compassion'? Justify your reasoning using examples. (3 marks)

6. Scenario 6: Choose one of the values from the word bank. Create a modern-day scenario that demonstrates this value in action within your local school or neighbourhood. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbolic representation of 'Stewardship' that shows a balance between human activity and the protection of the natural world, as Ellie the elephant would imagine it.



Extension challenge: Write a short, reflective poem in the style of Leo the lion about how 'Justice' and 'Mercy' can work together to create a peaceful community. Consider the different perspectives of those involved in a disagreement.