

Year 5 RE Assessment: Navigating Moral Choices

Learning objective: To evaluate moral dilemmas, understand the concept of conscience, and explore how different perspectives influence ethical decision-making.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to support your explanations. Ensure your extended responses provide balanced arguments and justify your conclusions.

Max the monkey found a wallet on the school playground containing £20 and a library card. He was excited because he had been saving up for a new book, but then he noticed the library card belonged to a younger student in his year group. Max felt a tug in his heart; he knew that keeping the money would make his goal easier to reach, but he also thought about how the younger student might feel losing their pocket money.

Word bank: Conscience · Empathy · Consequence · Responsibility · Perspective · Integrity · Dilemma · Values

1. Define the term 'conscience' and explain how it might have influenced Max in the passage above. (2 marks)

2. Identify one potential positive consequence and one potential negative consequence of Max choosing to return the wallet. (2 marks)

3. Why is it important to consider another person's perspective when faced with a moral dilemma? Use the word 'empathy' in your answer. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the concepts of 'rules' and 'morals'. How do they differ in guiding our daily behaviour? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If Max decides to return the wallet, is he acting out of duty or out of kindness? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Imagine a situation where someone has to choose between being honest and being loyal to a friend. Write a short paragraph explaining the moral dilemma, the values involved, and the decision you believe is the most ethical. Support your argument with clear reasoning. (5 marks)

7. What might happen if everybody in a society chose to ignore their conscience? Predict the effect on the community. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Moral Compass' that includes four key values you think are essential for making good decisions. Label each section with a value from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Write a poem from the perspective of Max's conscience, describing the internal conflict he experienced before he made his final choice.