

Big Questions



'Let your light shine'
Matthew 5:16

Through teaching and worship, we create opportunities for children to consider questions about human life, its origins and purpose. We provide children with learning experiences, which offer an active and engaging approach to learning where children solve something, investigate reasons for things rather than be the mere recipients of knowledge.

'Life's Big Questions' are used within the teaching of RE and Christian values across the school and are promoted across all areas of the curriculum.

'Curiosity and questioning are not the opposite of faith; rather, they grow out of faith and feed faith by sending us in search of answers. Big questions can be asked not only from outside but also from within a relationship with God. Curiosity is not necessarily idle speculation, and questioning does not have to be doubt; they are part of being alive to God's world.'

Curiosity about life's big questions - "What if learning"

Big Questions linked to the class Christian values

Friendship	Creativity	Honesty/ truthfulness	Peace	Responsibility	Compassion	Justice	Perseverance
‘A good friend is a blessing from God.’ <u>Samuel 118.3</u>	‘God saw all that he had made, and it was very good’ <u>Genesis 1.3</u>	‘Your word is truth’ <u>John 17:17</u>	‘Blessed be the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God’ <u>Matthew 5:9</u>	‘Work hard and cheerfully at all you do’ <u>Colossians 3.23</u>	‘Clothe yourself with compassion’. <u>Colossians 3.12</u>	Let Justice roll on like a river <u>Amos 5:24</u>	Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial <u>James 1.2</u>
<i>What makes a good friend?</i>	What does it mean to be creative?	<i>Is telling the truth right?</i>	<i>What is peace? What does it look/sound like?</i>	What is does being responsible person behave/act like?	<i>How can we show compassion?</i>	Why is justice important?	<i>What does it mean to keep on going?</i>
<i>Is it good to have friends? Is it possible to have a bad friend?</i>	What inspires us?	<i>Is it ok to tell a secret?</i>	<i>What does it mean to live a good life?</i>	Why should we be responsible for our actions, good and bad?	<i>Can compassion occur between enemies?</i>	Is it ever ok to break a law or rule?	<i>What helps you not to give up? Who helps you keep on going?</i>
<i>Is it possible to have a bad friend?</i>	Is everyone and everything creative?	<i>Is it ok to tell a lie?</i>	<i>Why do people get angry? How can they control this feeling?</i>	What or who helps us to be responsible?	<i>Can kindness change the world?</i>	Is justice the same as being treated fairly?	<i>What is the hardest thing about sticking to a task?</i>
<i>Should you ever abandon you friends?</i>	Do you always need to make a something to be creative?	<i>Do you always have to tell the truth?</i>	<i>Do we have to be alone to feel peaceful/at peace?</i>	Can we take responsibility for others choices or decisions?	<i>Is being compassionate ever a bad thing?</i>	What can we gain from justice?	<i>How can I encourage others today to keep trying?</i>
<i>Would you rather have 100 friends or 5 really good friends?</i>	Can we get more or less creative over time?	<i>Is it ever ok to tell a ‘white lie’?</i>	<i>Do we need to be silent to show peace?</i>	Does your age make you more responsible?	<i>Is someone born with a caring personality or is it learned?</i>	Why do people need justice?	<i>What causes some to thrive while others fail in the face of a challenge?</i>
<i>If you are not a good friend to others, do you have any friends?</i>	Does everyone need to be creative?	<i>When should you tell the truth?</i>	<i>Why would God allow evil in our world?</i>	Martin Luther King said, "The time is always right to do what is right." Explain	<i>What makes some people give everything for other people?</i>	What does justice look like in our community?	<i>Can you persevere if there is nothing to aim for?</i>
<i>Do you have to be friends with everyone all of the time?</i>	What can stop us from being creative?	<i>How can we be sure about anything?</i>	<i>Can you achieve world Peace?</i>	What is does responsibility look like in our community?	<i>Do you have to share all of the time?</i>	Should we ever question justice?	<i>Is it more important to succeed but not try, or try your hardest and fail?</i>

Big Questions linked to Worship Cycle

Autumn One Creation	Autumn Two Justice	Spring One Courage	Spring Two Peace	Summer One Service	Summer Two Compassion
What does it mean to be creative?	Why is justice important?	<i>What is courage? What does courage look like?</i>	<i>How many ways can you show that you care?</i>	<i>How many ways can you show that you care?</i>	<i>How can we show compassion?</i>
What inspires us?	Is it ever ok to break a law or rule?	<i>What helps us take courage?</i>	<i>How will your hands show that you care?</i>	<i>How will your hands show that you care?</i>	<i>Can compassion occur between enemies</i>
Is everyone and everything creative?	Is justice the same as being treated fairly?	<i>Why do people do things that are dangerous?</i>	<i>Who relies on me to act responsibly?</i>	<i>Who relies on me to act responsibly?</i>	<i>Can kindness change the world?</i>
Do you always need to make a something to be creative?	What can we gain from justice?	<i>Can you be brave and scared at the same time?</i>	<i>Should giving to charity to be compulsory?</i>	<i>Should giving to charity to be compulsory?</i>	<i>Is being compassionate ever a bad thing?</i>
Can we get more or less creative?	Why do people need justice?	<i>Is it ok to be scared?</i>	<i>Do we only show service because we 'have to'?</i>	<i>Do we only show service because we 'have to'?</i>	<i>Is someone born with a caring personality or is it learned?</i>
Does everyone need to be creative?	What does justice look like in our community?	<i>Should you trust what you can't see?</i>	<i>Who is braver, someone who overcomes a fear or someone who does not fear?</i>	Do some charities/causes deserve more help than others?	<i>What makes some people give everything for other people?</i>
What can stop us from being creative?	Should we ever question justice?	<i>Do you have to trust everyone?</i>	<i>If you perceive yourself as courageous, how has image played a supportive role?</i>	Do famous people have a moral obligation to use their status to help others?	<i>Do you have to share all of the time?</i>

Life's Big Questions linked to Worship values

Respect and reverence	Hope	Forgiveness	Trust	Thankfulness	Generosity	Humility	Wisdom
What should respect look like?	What is hope?	What is forgiveness?	What does trust mean?	How do we show thanks?	What does it mean to be generous?	What does being humble mean?	How can I gain wisdom?
How might we show respect for each other?	Can hopes be divided into 'big ones' and 'little ones'?	How do people show they are sorry?	Can you trust someone you don't know?	What opportunities do I have that I am thankful for?	How does being generous make you feel?	What other character traits go together with humility?	Can we ever know everything?
Why is it important to look after our planet?	Do you think most children hope for the same things in life, or that there is a wide range of children's hope?	Can it be wrong to forgive people?	Can you trust your family?	Why should we be grateful people?	Do you have to be in a certain mood to be generous?	Should we talk less and listen more?	Can wisdom mean different things to different people?
Should we respect everyone?	Are you an optimist or a pessimist?	Why should we be sorry?	Is it ever acceptable to disobey order or instructions?	How can I be thankful for the challenges that I've experienced? What did I learn from them?	What makes us generous?	You can be right or you can be happy Explain	What makes us wise?
If you don't respect our planet, should you be punished?	Does it make any difference to how you feel about yourself, to how hopeful you are?	Do we think it is possible to always to forgive someone?	Can others count on you?	Do we only ever do something	Can you be too generous?	Is being humble a weakness?	Is wisdom facts or experiences?
Should you give respect to people who haven't earned it?	Is being hopeful always a good thing?	Why would God allow evil in our world?	Should we always forgive?	What opportunities do I have that I am thankful for?	Do we give to receive?	Humility, be like bamboo, the higher you grow, the deeper you bow. Explain	Is knowledge power?
Should we respect everyone all of the time?	Do you have to be optimistic all of the time?	Is world peace achievable?	Are the right punishments given for people's wrong actions?	What have others done that has benefitted by life—even if I don't know who those people are?	If everyone was generous in the world, there would be no more arguments	Is it difficult to respect people whose beliefs differ from your own?	Can we regret a wise decision?