

Multi-faith: Does religion encourage moral values?

Christianity: Parable of the Good Samaritan

A traveller is beaten up robbed, and left for dead along the road.

A priest comes by, but deliberately avoids the man.

A lawyer also comes by but he too avoids the injured.

Finally, a Samaritan comes by and he helps the injured man, in an act of mercy and compassion.

Moral: treat others as you would like to be treated.

Buddhism: Siddhartha, the swan and the Monkey King

Siddhartha (the Buddha) saw a swan, who had been hit by an arrow. He carried it to the palace to save its life.

He nursed it to health and released it to the Earth.

Moral: be kind to all living things.

The Monkey King picked all of the mangoes to hide them from the greedy human king. The humans found the monkeys and fired arrows at them.

The Monkey King stretched out his arms and legs to let the other monkeys escape even though he was in pain. He did not stop until everyone was safe.

Moral: it is our duty to care and protect.



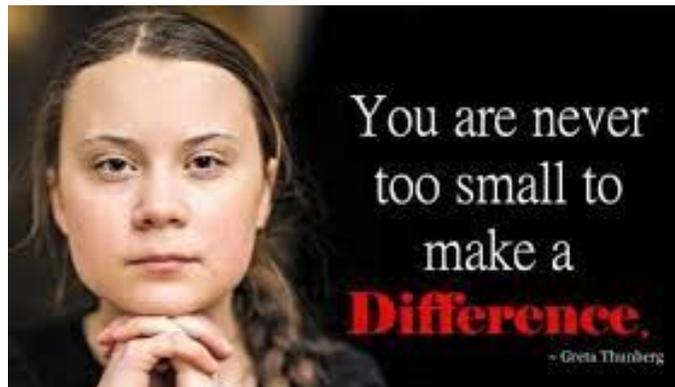
What is a moral?

A moral choice is when you know the difference between right and wrong and then make the correct choice.

We can learn different morals from stories, religions and our life experiences.

Different people have different morals.

When someone acts in an unkind way, making a choice that we think is wrong, their decision is called 'immoral'.



Key religious and non-religious figures

Martin Luther King Junior	He believed in a world where children would not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the moral choices they made. He focused on nonviolent protesting.
Malala Yousafzai	As a young girl, Malala refused to follow the Taliban and demanded that girls could go to school. After being shot and surviving, she won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.
Greta Thunberg	She started a worldwide protest where children would miss school on Friday to make adults protect the environment. She started on her own.
Rosa Parks	In 1955, when people were segregated, Rosa refused to give up her bus seat and stood up for black Americans.

Key Vocabulary

morality	Deciding if an action is right or wrong.
ethics	Ideas which control a person's choices.
behaviour	The way someone acts.
inspirational	Something which influences and encourages you to do better.
parable	A simple story used to show moral lessons.
Fundamental British Values	Five beliefs which our community follows: -democracy -rule of law -individual liberty -respect -tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

