



Tradition	Humanism
Denomination	n/a
Question answered:	What symbols are important to you? (KS1 Q 1)
Key Concepts, questions, and outcomes:	Symbol, Kindness and happiness Why do symbols and stories play important roles in human life? Does everyone believe the same things about humanity? Recognise and give simple accounts of the core beliefs.
Key teaching points:	Humanists believe people should be kind to one another and the world. People should be free to ask questions and make up their own mind about things.
Prior knowledge:	A range of symbols used in society and religions.

Core Vocabulary: none			

Summary of answers:
<p>All three speakers focus on the desire of humans to be happy and how the symbol of the Happy Human focuses on this aspect.</p> <p>The first speaker talks about helping others contributes to making the person doing the actions happier.</p> <p>All three speakers equate happiness with kindness to people, animals and the world, with two of them talking about the heart as an important symbol.</p> <p>The first speaker also talks about the question mark. She explains that asking questions and being curious is a good way to understand the world around us and that by asking the right questions we can help to make the world a better place.</p> <p>The second speaker references the newer symbol used by Humanists UK, which shows several stick men reaching for the sky. He talks about how humans should all have the chance to reach for kindness, health and happiness. He believes that everyone should be free to choose how to live as long as it doesn't hurt other people.</p> <p>The third speaker focuses more on the wonder of the human body, and how people can choose to use their hearts, mouths, hands and heads to live a good life.</p>

Next Steps:
<p>Look at a range of symbols from the Humanist UK and Understanding Humanism websites. What messages do these symbols communicate to the pupils?</p> <p>Look at other uses of the heart symbol or the symbol of the human body. If appropriate use the Catholic Sacred Heart symbol, as well as secular uses of the heart. How are they different?</p> <p>Create a list of questions that the pupils would like to know about the world. Would answering any of these questions help to make the world a better place?</p>