



Worldview	Humanist
Denomination	n/a
Question answered:	How do Humanist beliefs affect your daily life? (KS2 Q2)
Key concepts, questions, and outcomes:	The Golden Rule To what extent do religious beliefs influence and encourage 'good' behaviour?
Key teaching points:	The Golden Rule is the main principle that many humanists use to guide their behaviour
Prior knowledge:	Pupils should have explored how the golden rule, respect for others and compassion are explored in a range of worldviews.

Core Vocabulary:			
The Golden Rule	The rules expressed in many traditions as 'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'	Reciprocal Altruism	A social science definition of the Golden Rule

Summary of answers:
<p>All the speakers refer to the Golden Rule, acknowledging that this is shared by many religious worldviews as well as humanists.</p> <p>The first speaker first of all explores how her four values – empathy, compassion, reason and evidence help her to make decisions. She gives the example of the process of using reason and evidence to her decide whether to have a vaccination or not.</p> <p>Other speakers also talked about needing to make the most of the one life they have each been given. Believing that this one life is the only life encourages them to seek to be happy and to make others happy.</p> <p>The evidence for societies needing to use the 'Golden Rule' as a basis for social interaction is discussed by two of the speakers.</p> <p>The fourth speaker sees the empathetic version of the Golden Rule (not doing to others what you would not want them to do to you) as being preferable as that takes into account the fact that different people like different things.</p>

Next Steps:
<p>Find as many examples of the Golden Rule as possible and discuss whether the ways they are expressed makes a difference in practice.</p> <p>Discuss whether phrasing the Golden Rule positively or negatively makes a difference.</p> <p>Compare the values mentioned by the humanists to the school's values and to the values of other worldviews encountered s far. What do the differences suggest?</p> <p>Find out about what other worldviews believe about 'one life' or many lives and discuss the differences that might make.</p> <p>Explore some ways that people use reason and evidence to makes decisions.</p>