



Topic: What would Jesus do?

Year: 5

**Key Vocabulary**

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| Disciple  | Learner                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Rabbi     | Teacher                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ethics    | Ethics is a <b>system of moral principles</b> . They affect how people make decisions and lead their lives. Ethics is concerned with what is good for individuals and society and is also described as moral philosophy. |
| Sermon    | A talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given during a church service and based on a passage from the Bible.                                                                                              |
| Parable   | a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.                                                                                                                          |
| Narrative | A spoken or written account of connected events; a story.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Gospel    | The teaching or revelation of Christ.                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Key Information**

What would Jesus do (WWJD)? This question is seen by some as a touchstone of Christian ethics and discipleship.

A Christian is a disciple or follower of Jesus. 'Disciple' literally means 'learner'. For Christians, discipleship means becoming more like Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, for example by putting Jesus first, reading the Bible, loving God and other people. 'Copying' Jesus' ethics and his vision of life.

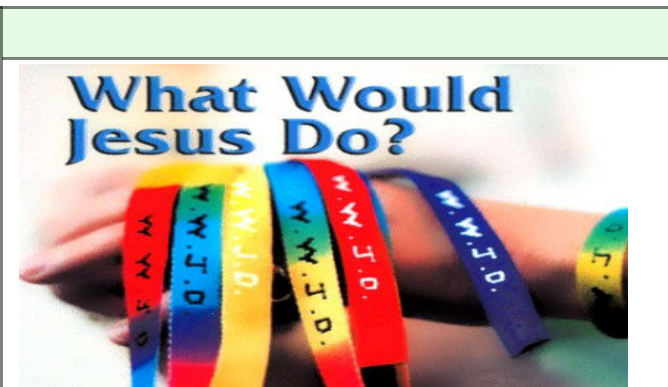
Christians believe they need the help of God's Spirit to enable them to do this — as well as God's forgiveness when they mess up!

The Christian story says humanity is a good thing (created by God), spoiled (fallen into sin), and that Jesus was God the Son, who came to Earth to turn things round. So Christians who follow Jesus always want to make the world a better place.

The good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin.

Christians see that Jesus' teachings and example cut across expectations — the Sermon on the Mount is an example of this, where Jesus' values favour serving the weak and vulnerable, not making people comfortable.

Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community.



**Enquiry Questions**

- ◇ What would Jesus do to his follower's foundations?
- ◇ What would Jesus do to help his follower?
- ◇ What would Jesus do with people who are ill?
- ◇ What would Jesus do about prayer?
- ◇ What would Jesus do with people who make wrong choices?
- ◇ What would Jesus do about the world?

**Retrieval Quiz**

1. What is the Gospel?
2. What does WWJD stand for?
3. What are Ethics?
4. What do Christians believe that the Holy Spirit does?
5. What is a sermon?
6. Where did Jesus give one of his famous sermons?
7. Does Jesus value making followers comfortable?
8. What does Jesus value?
9. What is a parable?
10. Should Christians just look after their neighbours?