R.E.: How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?

Big Ideas	Peace and Conflict	Religion can be a powerful motivator for conflict. But many wars are started because of non-religious causes. Explain what two religions believe about peace and conflict. Understand the relationship between peace and pacifism. Many people see war as a last resort and seek peace.
	Symbolism	Understand the origins of many symbols for peace

Three Key Questions

Why is peace so closely associated with conflict?	How and why is conflict associated with religion?	Are religious people always good or always bad?

Vocabulary

Conflict	To fight or disagree actively
Pacifism	Belief that war and violence are unjustifiable and should be settled peacefully
Peace	A freedom from disturbance; tranquillity ; A period in which there is no war
Self-defence	To defend yourself from attack
Justice	Fair and reasonable treatment or behaviour
Violence	Behaviour involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something
Jihad	To struggle in the way of Allah – devoted to carrying out the will of Allah
Harb al-Muqadis	A Holy War – fighting against evil can justify going to war
Ahimsa	Respect for all living things and avoidance of violence towards others

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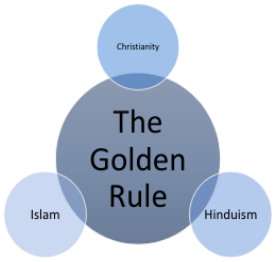
The Golden Rule



A message of **peace and love towards others** is at the heart of **<u>all</u>** of the major world religions

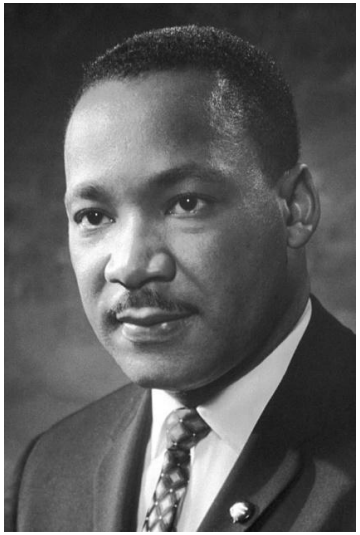
This is called ***The Golden Rule.***

It is the principle that **you should treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.**

It is found in one form or another in every major religion.

We Are Learning To...				
…research and review different religious beliefs of peace	…examine the connection between religion and conflict	…investigate the motives, actions and impact of activists promoting peace	…identify the different ways in which religious members express their desire for peace	…construct a balanced argument which examines both viewpoints and expresses a personal conclusion

Interesting Fact



Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King had his first experience of segregation at just six years old, when he was told he wasn't allowed to play with his white friend anymore – his friend's father wouldn't allow it!

Martin was a great believer in peaceful protest, inspired by the Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi. His protests used no-violent tactics, even when the protesters themselves were met with violence from the police.

In 1963, Martin gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, at a famous rally named 'March on Washington.' Over 250,000 people gathered in the country's capital to hear Martin and other activists speak about the importance of civil rights. It has become one of the most famous speeches in history and focuses on Martin's dream of a society where black people and white people live together in harmony.