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EBJ Knowledge Organiser RE Year 6

Spring 2

Why is there suffering?



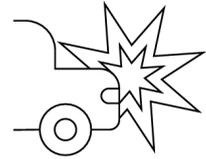
Curriculum Overview

In this unit, pupils explore the concept of suffering in relation to religious teachings, particularly focusing on the creation story in Genesis. They make links between the story and the existence of suffering in the world, and consider reasons why humans may make choices that cause suffering. Pupils discuss passages from Genesis that relate to free will, showing an understanding of context, and draw connections between different stories from scripture. They also examine why some people turn to prayer during times of suffering, and how teachings about Jesus influence the ways some Christians respond. Throughout the unit, pupils use scripture and personal reflection to support their understanding and develop thoughtful responses to challenging questions about suffering and human choices.

Causes of Suffering

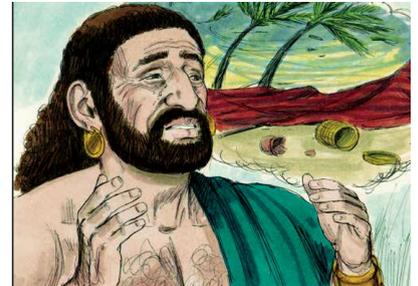
Causes of suffering

Suffering can be caused by humans, nature or both and people have different beliefs about God's role in this.



Learning from suffering

For some people, suffering is seen as a way to learn, improve character and develop a stronger relationship with God.



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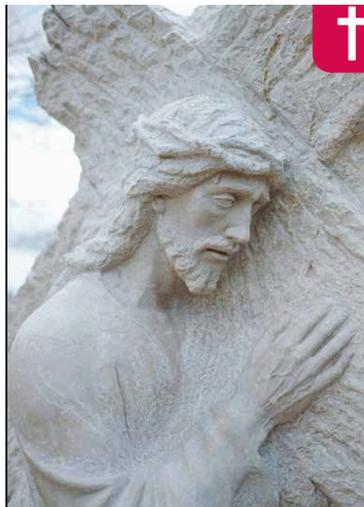
The Jewish, Christian and Muslim creation stories teach that God created a perfect world but human actions brought suffering, leading many to pray for help while others see suffering as evidence against God. Beliefs about God being all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving and all-present might influence how people pray.



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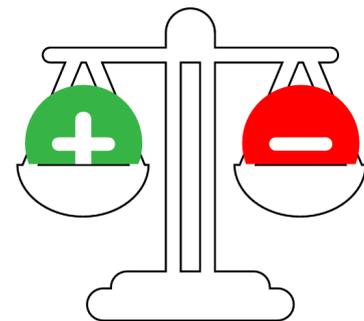
Christians generally believe Jesus experienced suffering through temptation and crucifixion and his resurrection gives hope that suffering is temporary before returning to God.



The Balance of Good and Evil

Balance of good and evil

Some Zoroastrians believe positive and negative forces influence human choices and teach that 'good thoughts, good words, good deeds' help bring more good than evil.



Key Vocabulary and Key Questions

contradictory*	The opposite opinion or fact to something else.
controversial*	Causing debate or disagreement by being a different or unusual idea.
Fall*	A Christian word referring to Adam and Eve disobeying God.
free will*	The ability to make choices independently, without being controlled by any external or supernatural influences.
hope	Believing that something good might happen in the future.
suffering*	Experiencing pain, distress or hardship.
temptation*	The desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise, often testing someone's ability to resist.

