

How do people make moral decisions?

Moral rules

- **Morality** is our understanding of right and wrong behaviour.
- Humans have tried to share ideas of morality by making rules.
- In the Old Testament, God gave the Jewish people a set of rules called the **10 commandments**. These are important in Christianity too.
- Believers might worry that, if they break the rules, God will not be happy.



Jesus' New Commandment



- In the New Testament, Jesus gave his followers a new commandment:

“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”



Humanism

- **Humanism** is a non-religious worldview, sometimes represented by the Happy Human symbol.
- Humanists try to live happy lives and make other people happy.
- Many humanists believe they should choose to be good without God's influence on their lives.



Key vocabulary

- **agnostic**: a person who is not sure if God exists or not.
- **atheist**: a person who does not believe God exists.
- **commandment**: a rule from God that must be followed.
- **consequence**: a result or effect of an action.
- **decision**: a conclusion reached after thinking.
- **intention**: aim or plan.
- **reasonable**: a fair and sensible judgement.
- **sin**: breaking God's rules.
- **theist**: a person who believes God exists.