

SUBJECT: Religious Education

UNIT: YEAR 10 – Peace and Conflict



Key Terms:

Justice	<i>individuals are to be treated in a manner that is equitable and fair</i>
Reconciliation	<i>the restoration of friendly relations</i>
Peace	<i>a state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended</i>
Conflict	<i>a serious disagreement or argument</i>

Christians believe that peace is achieved when people love and forgive others and try to live in harmony with everyone.

Muslims believe that justice can be achieved when they strive for it (Jihad) which means both inner religious struggle to be a better person and collective armed struggle to protect the common good.



What is the meaning of forgiveness & reconciliation?

Forgiveness: a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group.

Reconciliation: The restoration of friendly relations.

- Forgiveness impacts the lives of both Christians and Muslims by stating that both friends and enemies should always be forgiven.
- In the Bible it states that people should be “reconciled to God. Kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” In the Qur’an it states “Whoever is patient and forgives, verily, that is among the matters of steadfast determination.”

Terrorism: A much more severe form of violent protest is terrorism. This is where an individual or a group who share certain beliefs use terror as part of their campaign to further their cause.

A terrorist may associate their cause with a religion, including Christianity, but no religion promotes terrorism.

What is mean by violent protest?

Violent protest: Using actions that threaten or harm others in order to express disapproval.

1. Christians such as, Martin Luther King Jr encourage peaceful, non-violent Protests, such as marches and speeches.
2. Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Bible and did not show violence.
3. Allah encourages non-violent actions
4. The Lesser Jihad says Muslims should use violence to defend their religion.
5. The Bible demonstrates the use of violence particularly in Genesis.

Why do people go to war?

Religion

- If one country feels another isn't following their religion correctly (Bosnia, Kosovo)
- Areas are split in religion (India – Hindu, Kashmir – Muslim).



Economics

- The want for more resources (possible Iraq invasion from West for oil).
- Poverty in Zimbabwe led to mass migration.



Ideology & politics

- Two different political groups fighting in the same area (Republic of Congo). Wanting to force political beliefs such as, Communism.



Nationalism and ethnicity

- Civil wars to fight for independent state, (Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka.) Attempts to remove minority groups from a country can cause genocide.

