

What is Humanism?

RE Term 4 – Lesson 1

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What questions do you have about this week's learning question?

There is no right or wrong answer!

Hi! My name is Jayden,
and I am in year 2. This is
my Dad Toben.



Hi! My name is Taryn,
and I am in year 5.
This is my Mum
Sarah and my baby
sister Thandi.

Read this quote from Stephen Fry, who is a Humanist.

‘A humanist is someone who will never tell you what to believe. We will never tell you what is absolutely true. We will never make claims that cannot be proven and that you cannot find out for yourself. We believe life is an adventure and that nobody knows the answers or the destination.’

What things do you think are important to Humanists?



These statements are our beliefs as Humanists. Read them carefully.

- We believe science provides the best way to understand the world.
- We do not believe there is a god or believe we cannot know if there is a god.
- We do not believe in an afterlife, and therefore believe we should make the most of the one life we know we have, and respect different people's choices and ways of life.
- We believe we should use reason and empathy when deciding how to behave.
- We value humanity and celebrate human achievements. (scientific, artistic, social)

What questions do you have about these beliefs and values?

