

## Unit 1.9 How should we care for the world and others, and why does it matter?

## **Enquiry Questions**

- What do Christian, Jewish and non-religious people believe about caring for people?
- How do some religious and non-religious people show that they care for people?
- What stories do Christian and Jewish people tell about the beginning of the world and how to treat the world?

## What will I know by the end of the unit?

Christians believe that each person is valuable and unique. There are lots of stories in the Bible that show this. Jews believe that everyone in the world is special.

People of other religions and those who don't have religious beliefs also believe that all people are valuable and unique.

One way that people can show they care for others is by giving to charity. Tzedekah is the Jewish idea of charitable giving to those who need help. For Jewish people this is part of making the world a better place, fairer and more just. Many people believe the festival of Sukkot is a time to remember those who are poor by giving meals and shelter and donating money.

Christians and Jews have the same story about the creation of the world. Christians and Jewish people thank God for the earth and all its creatures and they believe that it is important to look after and take care of God's creation. Jewish teaching includes a phrase, tikkun olam which means to heal or mend the world. It is one of the duties of being Jewish.

## **Key Vocabulary**

Christianity, Christian, Judaism, Jew, belief, faith, religion, special, valuable, unique, care, charity, help, encourage, Tzedekah, creation, tikkun olam