

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 6 - Inspiration;
Christianity; Charity;
Tithing; Islam - Zakat**

Year 5

**What is best for our world?
Does religion help people
decide?**

Knowledge

Charities, both religious and non-religious aim to meet the needs of others.

Christians and Muslims often give to other people and help those in need.

Many Christians follow the examples of Jesus and the disciples – helping those who are sick, or suffering in some ways.

Many charities have been founded by Christians – Oxfam, Christian Aid, Tearfund and Traidcraft.

The Qur'an emphasizes feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, helping those who are in need, and the more one helps, the more God helps the person, and the more one gives, the more God gives the person.

Some people act from religious motives and some from personal values.

Vocabulary

- **Almsgiving** – the religious practice of giving money or food to poor people
- **Charity** – giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need
- **Tithe** – is traditionally 10% of your income given specifically to your local church
- **Zakat** – almsgiving or charity – is one of the 5 Pillars of Islam



Activities

- Explore some of the helpful things that the disciples did, focusing on the early stories in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Consider also the letters of Paul. Were they helpful? Why did they do them?
- Look at Bible Passages that encourage giving.
- Research a Muslim charity, such as the Red Crescent and link it to Islamic teaching.
- Research Christian Aid and how they set about helping people in Africa.
- Research Medecins Sans Frontiers or another non-religious organisation and what it has achieved, looking for the inspiration behind charities.
- Make a poster/leaflet giving the information about the charity you would most want to support or help.

Skills

- Describe some of the ways in which believers aim to meet the needs of the world
- Use the correct words to describe simply the work of a religiously based charity
- Ask questions about why religious believers aim to meet the needs of the world
- Make a link between Christian Aid and the teachings of Jesus and the Bible