



# What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help?

Key Vocabulary	
Diversity	The state or fact of being different. A variety.
Faith	Confidence or trust in a person or thing. Belief in a god.
Belief	Something believed even without proof; an opinion or conviction.
Respect	To show regard and consideration for. To give time to.
Community	A group which share common characteristics or interests.
Inclusive	To include and embrace everything.
Exclusive	To shut out others.
Racism	Discrimination on the basis of someone's race

## Some different religions:

**Religion: Islam**  
**Followers: Muslims**  
**Place of worship: Mosque**  
**Holy book: Qur'an**

**Religion: Buddhism**  
**Followers: Buddhists**  
**Place of worship: Buddhist temple**  
**Holy book: Tripitaka (or Pali Canon)**

**Religion: Christianity**  
**Followers: Christians**  
**Place of worship: Church**  
**Holy book: Bible**

**Religion: Judaism**  
**Followers: Jews**  
**Place of worship: Synagogue**  
**Holy book: Torah**

**Religions: Hinduism**  
**Followers: Hindus**  
**Place of worship: Mandir**

**Religions: Sikhism**  
**Followers: Sikhs**  
**Place of worship: Gurdwara**  
**Holy book: Guru Granth Sahib**

**Non-religious worldviews include Humanism and Atheism**

### Powerful knowledge

Many religious texts teach about fairness and equality  
 Lots of religions follow the golden rule: treat others as you would like to be treated and the silver rule: Do not do to others what you would not like them to do to you.  
 Edward Colston is a slave trader who had a statue torn down in Bristol. John Wesley is a Methodist minister who also had a statue made of him in Bristol.  
 There are many examples of people from different faiths who have lived (and died) for causes of equality.

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Do you think there's more that unites us than divides us?

**What I know already**  
 British values include tolerance and respect of others, which is also taught by all religions.  
 We live in a diverse society of many cultures.  
 Confronting racism can be challenging.  
 There are disagreements in our society and we can learn to respectfully disagree.

- What we'll be covering in this topic
1. Racism: what is it and why is it unfair?
  2. What can we learn from the stories of two statues in Bristol?
  3. The Golden Rule and the Silver Rule – can these rules reduce racism?
  4. Anti-racist people from different religions: what can we learn?
  5. How can I express my own vision for justice and equality? 'More unites us than divides us.'