

What is poverty?		Key vocabulary	
There are two levels of poverty.		Poverty	Not having enough material possessions or income (money) for a person's needs.
Relative Poverty	People in relative poverty do not have enough money to have a minimum standard of living.	Global Issues	Problems that are worldwide and affect the natural world and everything that lives in it .
Absolute Poverty	People in absolute poverty do not have enough money for food, clothing or housing.	Ideals	A standard or principle that a person, or group of people, try to achieve.
What is the Golden Rule?		Forgiveness	The act of a victim being able and willing to forgive the negative acts that a person or group have done.
The religions of the world have tried to summarise their teachings on what is good and right. It is called the Golden Rule.		Tithing	Giving a tenth of a person's income to a church or religious cause. Jesus taught that tithing must be done in conjunction with a deep concern for justice, mercy and faithfulness.
Christianity	In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. - Jesus, <i>Matthew 7:12</i>	Zakah	In Islam, giving money to charity as a religious duty. Muslims give 2.5% of their income and savings, but the poorest do not need to pay it.
Islam	Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself. - The Prophet Muhammad, <i>Hadith</i>	Sadaqah	Voluntary giving to charity in Islam.
Sikhism	I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all. - Guru Granth Sahib, p. 1299	Sewa	Meaning selfless service, it is the act of helping others without any reward.
How do religions care for their communities?		Caste	The hereditary classes of Hindu society, distinguished by relative degrees of ritual purity or pollution and of social status
Christianity	Jesus' teachings taught that Christians should look after the world, called stewardship, and look after other people (the Golden Rule). Christians often use charities such as Christians Against Poverty, The Salvation Army and Christian Aid.	Social Class	A division of a society based on social and economic status
Islam	The management committee of a mosque often meet and discuss problems facing their community: be it a person in need or to solve a dispute. It is also where Muslims collect zakah. Muslims will also give sadaqah to charities that help others around the world , such as : Red Crescent, Islamic Relief and Muslim Aid.		
Sikhism	Sikhs attend the gurdwara as an opportunity to do sewa and help others in their community. The gurdwara is also used for community service, health and education purposes. Sikh charities that help others around the world are Sewa International and Sikh Aid International.		