Key Facts

- Dualism is the idea that there are two Gods that work in opposition. One God is good and the other God is evil. Some religions believe one God works to create order and the other creates chaos.
- The 'Fall' tells the story of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God by eating the forbidden fruit. God's punishment to them was to face suffering in life.
- Some Christians believe all people inherited the tendency to sin from Adam and Eve. This is called Original Sin.
- In the religion Zoroastrianism, they believe in one God called Ahura Mazda (meaning Wise Lord), who is believed to have created the universe. Ahura lives in heaven.
- The opposite force of Ahura Mazda is Angra Mainyu (meaning destructive spirit). Angra is the originator of death and evil. Angra lives in hell.



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Where does good and bad come from?

Vocabulary

| Word | Definition |
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| Creation | Bringing the world into existence from nothing. |
| Dualism | Belief in two opposite powers or Gods. |
| Ignorance | Lack of knowledge or information. |
| Free-will | A person's own choice or decision to do something. |
| Sin | Doing something that breaks a religious law. |
| Temptation | Strong desire to do something wrong. |
| Suffering | Pain experienced during an injury or loss. |
| Moral | To do with what is right or wrong. |







Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- About the story of the Fall in Christianity
- How Free Will is connected to temptation.
- About the Zoroastrian belief in dualism between Asha (good) and Druj (evil).
- About stories of temptation in different religions.
- About the 6 realms of the mind in Buddhism

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- Investigate different reasons believers give for the existence of good and evil in the world.
- Evaluate different religious ideas about the origin of sin and suffering.
- Interpret different religious stories.

Key Questions

Can anyone be blamed for bringing sin into the world?

Why are some people tempted to do bad?

Is there anyone to blame for temptation?

Is all suffering in life caused by a battle between good and bad?

What would life be like without evil?

Key People

- Ahura Mazda
- Adam
- Eve
- Angra Mainyu