

# Values Education

## Eleven Values for responsible citizenship

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**Value 1: Care and compassion**

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**Value 8: Responsibility**

**Value 9: Understanding, tolerance, inclusion**

**Value 10: Thankfulness and appreciation**

**Value 11: Self-control**

## VALUE 1: CARE AND COMPASSION

Care for self and others

**Care for self:** Students can realize the importance of valuing themselves and understand that they are created in God's image, a piece of His workmanship and loved by the Creator.

**Care for others:** Students can be made aware of the abundance of healthy food available to us, and be encouraged to look for ways of helping those in countries affected by famine.

## DEFINITIONS

### Compassion is...

- doing my best to help when they are hurt
- giving up my own time to make someone feel better
- listening to someone's problems
- being sensitive to the needs of others
- trying to understand how people feel

### Generosity is...

- sharing my things with others
- giving my time and talents to help others
- giving to people in need
- giving cheerfully
- not being selfish
- not being greedy
- giving without expecting to receive something in return

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGE

Psalm 139 – We are wonderfully made. (Care for self)

Proverbs 22:9 – Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the poor. GNB (Care for others)

## RELATED RESOURCES

*Themes for Christian Studies* Level 1 Love; Level 4 Creator; Level 7 Provider

*Jesus First* – God is Love: Compassion; God is Provider: Generosity

## VALUE 2: DOING YOUR BEST

Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.

Doing your best means to strive for excellence in every respect, including self-discipline in fitness activities and food choices.

## DEFINITION

### Striving for excellence...

- doing something properly
- working hard
- not giving up (*perseverance*)

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGES

Philippians 3:12-14 – I run straight towards the goal to win the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 – Run in such a way as to win the prize.

## RELATED RESOURCES

*Jesus First* - God is Patient: Diligence

*Themes for Christian Studies* Level 4 Patience

### **VALUE 3: FAIR GO**

Pursue and protect the common good; treat all people fairly, for a just society.

#### **DEFINITION**

**Justice is:**

- being fair
- considering others
- doing the right thing towards others
- giving others what they deserve

#### **KEY BIBLE PASSAGES**

Proverbs 21:3 – To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Micah 6:8 – He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lords require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 20:1-16 – The parable of the workers in the vineyard.

#### **RELATED RESOURCES**

*Themes for Christian Studies* Level 6 Love (God’s justice requires punishment for sin, but Jesus paid the price.)

### **VALUE 4: FREEDOM**

Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.

#### **DEFINITION**

**Freedom is:**

- being able to act in the way you know is right
- being able to speak what you know is right
- not being bullied
- not being a slave

#### **KEY BIBLE PASSAGES**

2 Cor 17 – Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Gal 5:1 – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourself be burdened again by the yoke of slavery.

#### **RELATED RESOURCES**

Themes Level 7 – Wise (God at the centre of our lives brings personal freedom).

## **VALUE 5: HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS**

Be honest, sincere and seek the truth

As well as demonstrating the character traits of honesty and trustworthiness in our personal lives, we can also discern dishonesty in the world around us. This includes being aware of the tactics of the hidden persuaders of the advertising world, who encourage us to buy the things we don't need. "All that glitters is not gold." (Old proverb)

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Honesty is...**

- speaking the truth
- not cheating
- not stealing
- not exaggerating
- being trustworthy
- being yourself and not trying to be someone you are not

#### **Seeking the truth is...**

- knowing what is true and what is false.
- listening carefully and thinking carefully when we hear new ideas.
- being alert, and watching out for things that are not right.

### **KEY BIBLE PASSAGES**

Matthew 7:15-21 – Wolves in sheep's clothing  
Matthew 7:7 – Seek and you shall find

### **RELATED RESOURCES**

*Jesus First - God is Truth: Honesty; Discernment*  
*Themes for Christian Studies Levels 5 & Truth*

## **VALUE 6: INTEGRITY**

Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds.

Wisdom is: "knowing the right thing to do, and doing it." When we know the rules for healthy living, then we owe it to ourselves to live up to these standards.

## DEFINITION

### Integrity is...

- doing what we say we will do
- doing the right thing

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGES

1 Peter 1:14 – Be obedient to God  
Psalm 37: 18 – The Lord takes care of those who obey Him (GNB).  
James 1:22 – Be doers of the word, not just hearers.

## RELATED RESOURCES

Jesus First - God is Wise: Wisdom; Obedience  
Themes Level 1 – God is Wise

## VALUE 7: RESPECT

Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view

God expects us to consider our families, teachers and those in authority over us. Every individual should be appreciated and shown consideration.

## DEFINITION

### Respect is...

- obeying the people I am meant to obey
- treating people with care and consideration
- showing good manners
- honouring the rules of my family or my school

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGES

Colossians 3:20 – Children obey your parents in the Lord.  
Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.

## RELATED RESOURCES

*Jesus First* - God is Pure  
*Themes for Christian Studies* Level 1 Wise; Level 4 God is Creator (Everyone is precious to God and deserves respect).

## **VALUE 8: RESPONSIBILITY**

Be accountable for one's own actions.

When we know how to care for our bodies we have a responsibility to do our best to keep fit and healthy. We also have a responsibility to be an example to others.

### **DEFINITION**

#### **Responsibility is...**

- being reliable
- being accountable
- being dependable
- doing the things I should do
- being in charge of the way I act

### **KEY BIBLE PASSAGES**

Deuteronomy 6:18 Do that which is right and good.

Ephesians 5:8-11 Live as children of the light.

### **RELATED RESOURCES**

*Jesus First – God is Pure: Responsibility*

*Themes for Christian Studies 5 Pure*

## **VALUE 9: UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND INCLUSION**

Be aware of others and their cultures; accept diversity within a democratic society; aim to be included and include others.

Students can learn about and appreciate different cultural food traditions. God loves all the people of the world.

### **DEFINITION**

#### **Inclusion is:**

- being interested in others
- being friendly towards those of different cultural traditions
- allowing others to join in
- being kind

### **KEY BIBLE PASSAGE**

Mark 10:13-16 – Jesus, friend of children, (of every nationality).

Luke 10:25-38 – Love your neighbour as yourself. (Neighbour refers to people of other nationalities)

## RELATED RESOURCES

*Themes for Christian Studies Levels 3 & 5 Love*

## VALUE 10: THANKFULNESS AND APPRECIATION

Be thankful to God for all that He has given us; appreciate the food that He has given us through the creation. Also remember to thank those who do things for us or give to us.

## DEFINITION

### Thankfulness is...

- being grateful for what I have
- being content, and not wanting what others have
- saying 'thank you' to those who do things for us

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGES

Luke 17:11-19 – The leper who said “Thank you”.

Psalm 36:5-8 – The goodness of God

## RELATED RESOURCES

*Jesus First – God is Provider: Thankfulness; Generosity*

*Themes for Christian Studies Level 3 Creator & Provider*

## VALUE11: SELF-CONTROL

Self-control includes having control over our food choices.

### Self-control is...

- controlling *myself*
- being careful about what I do and say
- not doing the wrong thing when I *know* it is wrong
- being careful about the way I use my time
- not losing my temper
- not being greedy
- knowing when to stop
- saying 'no'
- being in charge of the things I do
- choosing to do the right thing

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGE

Galatians 5:22 The fruit of the Spirit

## RELATED RESOURCES

*Jesus First* – God is Patient: Self-control  
*Themes for Christian Studies* Level 5 Patient

### References:

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*Themes for Christian Studies* ([www.beaconmedia.com.au](http://www.beaconmedia.com.au) - Primary)

*Jesus First* – a guide to character development ([www.beaconmedia.com.au](http://www.beaconmedia.com.au) - Primary)