


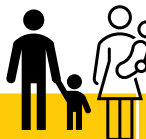



Year 9 Religious Studies – Term 3 Relationships and Families

 <p>Nuclear Family</p>	 <p>Extended Family</p>	 <p>Single Parent Family</p>	 <p>Step-Family</p>	 <p>Cohabitating</p>
<p>Two parents plus their children</p>	<p>The nuclear family plus other relatives (aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents)</p>	<p>When one parents takes responsibility for raising a child.</p>	<p>Two people, one or both of whom already have children, marry each other and create a new family</p>	<p>Two people living together who aren't married</p>

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT FAMILIES?

The Christian church has a number of rules about families:



1. Marriage is between a man and a woman
2. The purpose of a marriage is to have **Christian children** (No contraceptives)
3. No sex before marriage
4. Husbands and Wives should treat each other equally

The church also supports traditional gender roles:

1. Stereotypically men are seen as **the breadwinners** in the family. This means they go to work to earn money for their family. They take less of a role in looking after the home, or caring for children
- On the other hand, women are seen as taking **the expressive role** in the family. This means that they should complete jobs like cooking, cleaning and childcare
- For many Christians this is seen as the best type of family as it means children are taught the '**correct values**' from a young age



Debates about the family

	Religious believers argue	Atheists argue
<p>Divorce</p> 	<p>Marriage is a commitment made to God, therefore divorce should not be encouraged. Children should be raised in a married family</p>	<p>People should be free to end a relationship if they wish to. Especially in cases of abuse and cheating</p>
<p>Same Sex Marriage</p> 	<p>Some believers are against same sex relationships, they believe God made men and women to be together. Others believe God loves all people and wants them be happy and loved</p>	<p>People should be free to love whoever they wish to</p>
<p>Polygamy</p> 	<p>Most religions are against polygamy, they believe marriage should be between one man and one woman. Some religions support polygamy as an important part of their cultural tradition</p>	<p>Most atheists are opposed to polygamy. Some atheists support polygamy and argue that religious tradition is preventing people who love multiple people being together</p>
<p>Contraception</p> 	<p>Many religions oppose contraception, they argue that if God wants people to have children, it is not our decision to stop him</p>	<p>All atheists support the use of contraception</p>

Year 9 Religious Studies – Term 3 Check

Comprehension Questions

1. What is the traditional role of women within the family?
2. Why are Christians opposed to divorce?
3. Why do atheists support the use of contraception?
4. What is the difference between the instrumental and expressive role?
5. What are some examples of traditional Christian values?
6. What religions support Polygamy?
7. Why are some people opposed to Polygamy?

Research Task

Create a research poster on a country where Polygamy is legal.

You should find out:

Some basic information about the country

Which religion the country belongs to

Why polygamy is legal in that country

If there is a movement to end polygamy in that country

If polygamy is legal for both men and women to have multiple spouses

How many people practice polygamy in that country

Revision Task

Create a revision mind map of all the things we have learnt this term.

Remember to include keywords and their definitions.

Try to also include any case studies we have looked at

Exam Practice Question

Have a go at this exam practice question. Make sure to give it to your teacher so they can mark it for you.

‘The nuclear family is the best family for religious believers.’ Evaluate this statement

[12 Marks]