

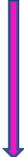


# GCSE – Theme A ‘Relationships and families’

## Knowledge organiser

- Topics covered:**
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| 1. Sexuality               | 4. Contraception         | 8. Purpose of family |
| 2. Homosexuality           | 5. Marriage/Cohabitation | 9. Polygamy          |
| 3. Sex outside of marriage | 6. Divorce/remarriage    | 10. Gender equality  |
|                            | 7. Nature of family      |                      |

Anything in pink is a repeat to content and knowledge taught in Theme F and/or Christian beliefs and teachings unit.

Key words	Explained:	Key words	Explained:
<p><b>Contraception</b></p> <p>The pill Condoms Coil Implant Injection</p> <p><b>Conception</b></p>  <p><b>Agape love</b></p> 	<p><b>Roman Catholics</b> believe that artificial contraception goes against natural law and God’s plan when he instructed Adam and Eve to <b>‘be fruitful and multiply’</b>. They say that all sex should be ‘open to creating new life.’</p> <p>However, Catholics are not against family planning, but think parents should use natural forms of contraception to regulate their family, e.g. sex at the ‘least fertile’ time of the month.</p> <p><b>Most other Christians</b> accept contraception, although some are opposed to the morning after pill as they see it as a form of murder and against the commandment <b>‘You shall not murder’</b>.</p> <p><b>Church of England</b> accept people should only have as many children as they are able to care for therefore would accept contraception, not to stop children completely but to regulate the number of children – this could be argued the ‘most loving’ thing to do – Jesus promoted ‘agape love’.</p>	<p><b>The roles of men and women</b></p>  <p><b>(same as theme F)</b></p> 	<p><b>Christians</b> believe that men and women are made in <b>“God’s image”</b> and are therefore equal. However traditional teachings state there are different roles:</p> <p><b>Catholics- “A man is head of the wife as Christ is head of the church”</b></p>  <p><b>Adam and Eve story</b> – Adam created first; Eve created as a helper and companion for Adam, Eve was weak and gave into temptation.</p> <p>Catholic church / Fundamental Christians will not accept female priests or vicars. <b>“Do not add or subtract to what God has commanded”</b></p> <p><b>Church of England / Liberal Christians accept female priest:</b></p>  <p>In March 1994, <b>Angela Berners-Wilson</b> was the first woman to be ordained as a priest in the Church of England. She was one of 32 women ordained that day and recalls her long fight to become a priest.</p> <p>Libby Lane was the first female bishop...</p>  <p>Appointed as a bishop by the Church of England, after its General Synod voted in July 2014 to allow women to become bishops. Her consecration took place on 26 January 2015 at York Minster.</p> <p>Bible <b>“There is no Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”</b></p>
<p><b>Sexual relationships before marriage</b></p> <p><b>Age of consent</b></p> <p><b>Cohabitation</b></p>	<p>The Church teaches the only valid place for a sexual relationship is in a marriage. Bible teaching <b>“A man leaves his mother and father and unites with his wife”</b> therefore...</p> <p><b>Most Christians</b> are opposed to sex before marriage as they believe it is God’s plan for a man and woman to have sex within a sexual relationship when they are <b>‘one flesh.’</b></p> <p><b>Modern / Church of England:</b> accept that although marriage is best, people may live together if they are in a loving and committed relationship.</p>		
<p><b>Homosexual relationships</b></p> 	<p><b>The Roman Catholic Church</b> teaches that homosexual sex is a sinful activity because the purpose of sex is to create children (<b>‘be fruitful and multiply’</b>) and also because it is written in the Bible <b>‘You shall not lie with a man as with a woman.’</b></p> <p><b>The Church of England</b> accepts homosexual relationships, but homosexuals cannot be married in a church.</p> <p><b>Modern changes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In 2004 same sex couples were allowed to register their union in a civil partnership</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gender prejudice and discrimination</b></p>	<p><b>Gender prejudice</b> is holding biased opinions about someone based on their gender. For example, thinking that men are better at politics while women are better at cleaning.</p> <p><b>Traditional</b> – Catholics Christians believe you should live your life exactly as the bible states as <b>“Every word of God is flawless”</b>. Although men and women are equal, they have different roles to play. They would refer to the ~Adam and Eve story to support this.</p> <p><b>Modern</b> – equality, liberal views could be linked to how they work in harmony with science (origins of the world/life) to show that changing from biblical teachings is acceptable. Also, in the bible Jesus promoted agape love. Mary Magdalene was</p>



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	<p>which gives them the same rights as married couples in the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Same-sex marriage became legal in the UK in 2014.</li> </ul>		 <p>a close friend of Jesus. She was the first to discover his resurrection at the tomb!</p>
<p><b>Adultery</b></p>	<p><b>Christians</b> are against adultery as it breaks the marriage vows and goes against the commandment <b>‘You shall not commit adultery.’</b></p>	<p><b>Divorce, including reasons for divorce, and remarrying</b></p>	<p><b>People get divorced</b> for a number of reasons including adultery, work and money pressures, domestic violence and addiction.</p>
<p><b>The nature and purpose of marriage</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cohabitation</li> <li>- Vows</li> <li>- Polygamy</li> <li>- Bigamy</li> </ul>	<p><b>Its purpose</b> is to provide a loving relationship in which to enjoy sex, provide safety and stability for children and to educate children in the Christian faith.</p> <p><b>Christians</b> believe that marriage is a part of God’s plan for humanity, that it takes place between a man and a woman and should be for life.</p>  <p>Wedding rings – visual sign of eternity <b>“Until death do us part”</b></p> <p>In a church <b>vows</b> (promises said in front of God, family and friends) and <b>rings</b> are exchanged (visual sign of the marriage to everyone). <b>“To love and to cherish, in sickness and in health, death do us part...”</b></p> <p><b>Polygamy</b> is where a man or a woman has more than one married partner.</p> <p>It is consented, the other party has to welcome the next husband or wife into the family. If it is done in secret this is <b>bigamy</b>.</p> <p>St Paul makes it clear that each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband to avoid sexual immorality (<b>1 Corinthians 7:2</b>).</p>  <p>The ideal marriage is one man and one woman for life, like it was created in the beginning (described in the Adam and Eve story – Genesis)</p>	 <p><b>Nature of the family</b></p> <p><b>Nuclear family</b></p> <p><b>Same sex families</b></p> 	<p><b>Roman Catholics</b> believe that marriage is a sacrament and that a man and wife are <b>‘one flesh’</b> until one of them dies. Catholics can separate but cannot remarry while their partner is alive.</p> <p><b>Other Christians</b> believe that divorce is the <b>lesser of two evils</b> and should sometimes be allowed out of love and compassion for a couple.</p> <p>All Christians place very high value on family life, as love is at the heart of all relationships and this is where children learn to love.</p> <p>Belief is influenced by the belief about marriage: Tradition Christian view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No sex before marriage</li> <li>✓ Get married and have children</li> </ul>  <p>This is a nuclear family. Parents married with Children. This is the tradition family the Church promotes.</p> <p>Christians believe it’s important to look after the elder generations of the family and to respect their parents because of the commandment <b>‘honour your mother and father’</b>. <b>Exodus 20:12</b></p> <p>The role of parents in a family is very important. It is their duty to bring the child up in a Christian faith and to know right from wrong.</p>  <p>When a homosexual couple raise children together. Some Christians do not approve of this as they believe that a child should have a mother and a father.</p> <p>Other Christians believe it is more important for them to have a safe and loving family, whatever the gender of the parents.</p>