

Caring for Animals from a Christian perspective



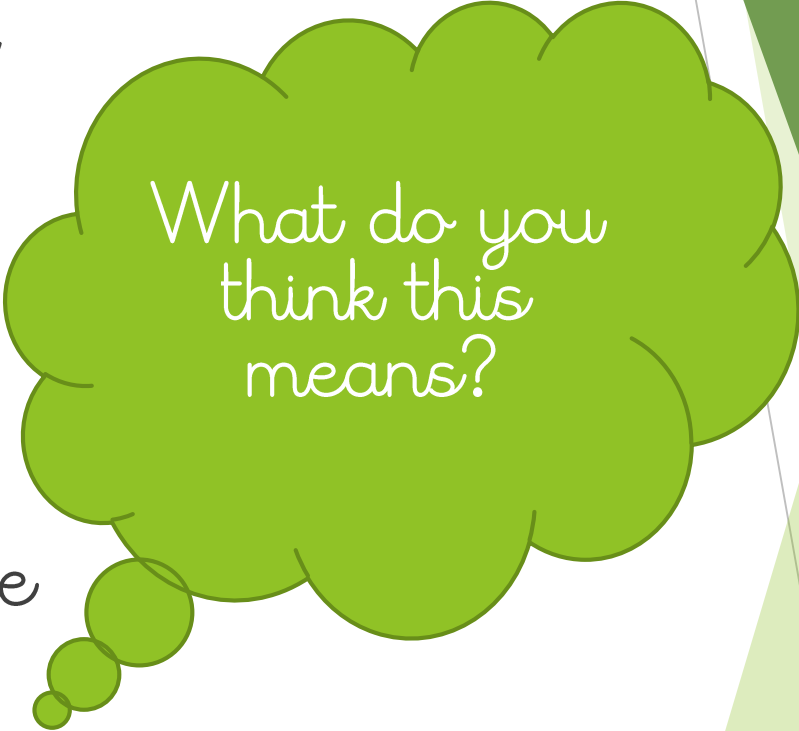
L.O: To establish how God wants believers to care for others?

Disposition: Caring for others, animals and the environment.

Prepare for learning

- ▶ In the bible - the Christian holy book, it says this:
- ▶ God blessed them and said to them,
- ▶ “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:28



What do you think this means?

Feedback

In this verse, mankind is given the responsibility to 'rule' over the animals. In the original language it is clear that the ruling is meant to be caring for and looking after.



Christians therefore have a duty to be kind and caring towards animals as they are also God's creation.



Lots of people have animals as pets.

When people have animals as pets they have a responsibility to care for them properly.

- What responsibilities do you think come with having a pet?



When you have a pet, these are some of the things you have to think about:

- ▶ Diet/food
- ▶ Play time
- ▶ Exercise
- ▶ Habitat



Task:

- ▶ You can read information about how to look after rabbits on the next slide.
- ▶ If you would prefer to read about other pets, click link below:
- ▶ https://www.youngvetsclub.com/looking-after-your-pet?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIytz8066i7AIVLO3tCh02qwQOEAAAYASAAEgK-jwD_BwE
- ▶ Then you are going to write instructions for how to look after one animal.

Caring for Rabbits:

- ▶ Here are some tips to help care for rabbits as best as possible.
- ▶ Unlike many other pets, rabbits are happy living outdoors almost all year round! Make sure you have a hutch that is the right size for your rabbit (the bigger the better) and an outdoor run where they can explore nature and munch on some grass. This should be a large and secure open space where they're safe to enjoy playing outdoors.
- ▶ It is also a good idea to provide a tunnel or safe hiding space where they can take cover when feeling a little scared, or to escape any bad weather. This will make your rabbit much happier!

Caring for Rabbits:

- ▶ Grass and hay are an essential part of a rabbit's diet, but alongside this, you can provide two meals of specialist nuggets or pellets which contain all the nutrients your rabbit needs! Just like humans pick out their favourite foods, rabbits do the same, so avoid muesli type foods.
- ▶ Fresh greens and some vegetables are also great food for rabbits or can be used as treats. Dandelion leaves, broccoli, carrot and cabbage are some of their favourites!
- ▶ Rabbits also need lots of fresh water every day, even in a heavy bowl or bottle. Bottles can be attached to their hutch and run so it is easy to use.
- ▶ Make sure your rabbit has lots of toys to keep it entertained such as balls, rattles or chew toys. Did you know a rabbit's front teeth can grow 3mm a week!! So make sure it has enough food and toys to help file them down! Take them to the vets regularly to make sure their teeth as well as their general health are in good order.

Writing a set
of instructions:



Do you know
what features
are important
when writing
instructions?

Feedback:

- ▶ Title:
- ▶ Include imperative verbs:
- ▶ Subheadings:
- ▶ Top tips:
- ▶ Diagrams:

If you need help with imperative verbs access this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zb7xprd>

Lets explore some examples for each of the features:

- ▶ Title:
e.g. How to care for rabbits
- ▶ Include imperative verbs:
e.g. You must give rabbits fresh water.
- ▶ Subheadings:
e.g. Habitat, Feeding, Play
- ▶ Top tips:
e.g. Rabbits enjoy living in groups or pairs at least.
- ▶ Diagrams: Draw an image to explain something you have written about.

You could set your work out like this.

How to care for a rabbit:

- ▶ Food:
- ▶ Habitat:
- ▶ Play time:
- ▶ Top tip:
- ▶ Diagram:

Let's wrap it up:
How does God want us to care for
others?

Before this lesson
did you know that it
is a religious
obligation for
Christians to be
caring towards
animals?

Take the time to
share this fact
with someone
who maybe does
not know this.