

RE: This term we are exploring the following

Umbrella Question: Does religion bring peace?

For this week's lesson, our Key Question is:

What does it mean to make a sacrifice?

What do you think it means? Write your thoughts down about this. If you have a dictionary, look up the meaning of the word 'sacrifice'.

The word **sacrifice** can be a verb (an action). If you sacrifice something that is valuable or important you give it up, usually to obtain (get) something else for yourself or other people. It can mean giving up a lot of your time or money to achieve something important. It can have a religious meaning or a non-religious meaning.

Examples of using the word sacrifice in a sentence:

I am willing to sacrifice a bit of time on the computer so that my sister gets a fair turn.

I am going to sacrifice my lie-in on a Sunday morning so that I can go to church more often.

I'm willing to sacrifice drinking fizzy drinks, and carry a water bottle instead.

I want to sacrifice playing on my games console every night and just play on it at the weekend.

She made many sacrifices to get Anita a good education.

He was willing to make any sacrifice for peace.

They sacrificed family life for their careers.

She sacrificed all for her first film.

Here are three examples of when a person might make a sacrifice for religious reasons:

Giving Something Up



I gave up chocolate for Lent last year. I did it to remind me that Jesus gave up food for forty days and forty nights in the wilderness.



I gave up eating pork when I converted to Islam because it is not allowed, according to my holy book.



When I decided to try and become a better Sikh, I gave up cutting my hair. This is what Guru Gobindh Singh commanded Sikhs to do.

Giving Something Up



Lots of religious people give up things as a **commitment** to their faith.

The things they give up might be for a short time or forever.

They make a **sacrifice** as a sign of their commitment to their faith.

Sacrifice:
To give up something which is valuable to you. A sacrifice is made for your own good or the good of someone else.



Now that we have considered what the word sacrifice means, answer the following questions:

Are sacrifices important? Why?

Have you ever made a sacrifice? (Made a commitment to give something up in order to benefit yourself or others in some way) What was it and why did you do it?

Have you or anyone you know made a sacrifice (given up something) for religious reasons? What was it and why did you or they do it?

Do you think sacrifice is important in the world? Can you think of any sacrifices people could make or do make to make the world a better place to live in?