

# A) State 2 ways that a person may show commitment

- Saying vows
- Making promises
- Giving a ring
- Cohabiting
- Having a child
- Marriage



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Which religion should the children be raised in.

For example in Christianity it says 'Train a child in the way he should go' whereas a muslim may want a child to be a part of their ummah.

Which festivals the family should celebrate.

For example in Islam their main festival is Ramadan but in Christianity it is Easter and Christmas.

How religious dietary laws can be followed in the home.

For example would a Christian/Muslim family follow the teachings of halal and haram food laws?

There may be different expectations of gender roles.

For example in Islam it may be expected that the husband should be providing for the wife whereas a liberal Christian may believe that the two should be providing equally.

They may have different views on moral issues ie. The use of contraception.

For example in Islam it is generally accepted but in Catholicism artificial methods are considered a sin.



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### CHRISTIANITY

The 12 disciples were all male and therefore leaders of worship should also be male.

Jesus taught you should not discriminate between gender when he talked to the Samaritan women at the well. Both have an equal right to worship and to lead worship.

All made in the image of God so all sacred and able to participate in worship.

Paul said 'I do not permit a woman to teach' and therefore men should lead the church.

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## ISLAM

Muslims believe that discrimination is wrong as Allah created all 'from one soul'. Women therefore, have the same right to worship as men.

In the hadith there is mention of 2 Muslim wives leading prayer.

The Qur'an suggests that men have authority over women when it comes to divorce which many see as evidence that they have authority in all matters of worship. 'But the men have a degree over them'.

Some Sunni Muslims allow women to lead prayers if the congregation is made up of women and/or close family.

Women and men are usually separated during worship.

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### AGREE

Especially where the marriage is an interfaith marriage, it is important that neither parent has more influence on the child.

Baptists do not baptise until adulthood so that the child has chosen the religion for themselves.

Humanists believe that all people should be able to make a free choice so parents should not share their faith with their children.

It can cause conflict within the family.

A child is less likely to 'honour their mother and father' if they feel that their parents have forced a religious faith upon them.

A person can only enter the 'kingdom of heaven' if they truly believe in Jesus 'No one comes to the father except through me'. Therefore a child must choose their faith for themselves.

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One of the purposes of having a child is to build the ummah and therefore the child should be brought up a Muslim.

In Islam it is important the child follows the religion so that they care for the parents when they are old as it is commanded: "you be kind to your parents ...since they cared for you when you were small."

The Bible states 'Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.'

Parents see it as a religious duty to share the values. Including religious values, which are important to them such as how and when to pray (perform Salah).

Evangelism (spreading faith) is an important part of faith for the evangelical church. They would argue that this evangelism should start at home.

Religion is an important part of culture and so it is only natural that a parents will try to get their child to adopt the same culture and religion for themselves.



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For example – the role of a parent would be to provide a loving, caring environment for their child.

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<b>The Ten Commandments</b>	
<b>I. You shall have no other gods before me.</b>	<b>VI. You shall not murder.</b>
<b>II. You shall not make any idols.</b>	<b>VII. You shall not commit adultery.</b>
<b>III. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.</b>	<b>VIII. You shall not steal.</b>
<b>IV. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.</b>	<b>IX. You shall not bear false witness.</b>
<b>V. Honor your father and your mother.</b>	<b>X. You shall not covet.</b>

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### Christianity:

#### Family life is important because:

- God teaches to be *'fruitful & multiply'*
- Children are a *'gift from God'*
- Children should be brought up in a loving, caring & supportive home (ideal – *Nuclear* to provide this support) – Parents have this *responsibility*.
- To teach *morality* & right from wrong – Respect your parents *'Honour your father & mother'*
- To teach them the ways of the religion/God – *'Parents, do not anger your children; instead, bring them up in the instruction of the Lord'*

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### Islam:

#### Family life is important because:

- Family is at the heart of Islam – family life was created by Allah to keep society together
- To provide stability. Love & support (ideal – *extended* to help provide this)
- To teach *morality* & children right from wrong, and the Qur'an emphasises the importance of respect for one another by stating '*Be kind to your parents ... and do not say to them a word of disrespect.*'
- It enables you to care for the elderly & treat them with mercy & kindness '*care for your parents, like they once cared for you*'. This enables the opportunity for spiritual growth.



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### Christianity:

- Many Christians disagree because of what the Bible states:  
*'If a man has sexual relations with a man.....it is detestable. They are to be put to death'*  
*'The law is made for law breakers & rebels.... For those practising homosexuality'*
- Catholics are always against it – sexual relations should only be between a man and woman  
*'Be fruitful & multiply'*  
Pope – *'A marriage between a man and women, is not the same as the union between two people of the same sex'.*
- The Anglican/CoE Church doesn't believe same-sex marriage should take place in a church, but some clergy will perform a blessing

However, some Christians will say that the biblical passages don't apply to today's society.

- Quakers conduct same-sex marriage, as they believe *'God is omnibenevolent'* and *'love is more important than sexuality'*
- The United Reform Church allows same-sex marriage, as they adapt with changing society.
- *'Love thy neighbour' 'Made in God's image'*

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### Agree:

- Breaking promises made between God & the Christian family – marriage is a sacrament
- Roman Catholic never accepts divorce – marriage is a lifelong commitment – *'Till death do us part'* vows Rings – *'never-ending love'*
- Catholics will only accept an annulment or separation, If there is no chance of reconciliation
- *'Anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another has committed adultery'*
- *'What God has joined together, let no man separate'*
- Divorce is not recognised by the Catholic church if they chose to get divorced
- Separated Catholics are not allowed to cohabit – can't take mass/holy communion if they do
- Moral: It isn't fair if you have children to separate them from both parents

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## Disagree:

- Because divorce is the legal ending of a marriage by the state, all other Christian denominations accept divorce but the issue becomes complicated if a divorced Christian wants to remarry.
- Anglican church divorce is accepted, but remarriage of a divorced person is left to the personal decision of a minister.
- Muslim – accept divorce as a **last resort** only, but try to encourage **reconciliation**
- Muhammad - *'Of all the things that have been permitted divorce is the most hated'*
- Marriage must be ended in eyes of God, & each partner should be free to marry again
- Husband must state in front of 3 witnesses, on 3 separate occasions that the marriage is over
- After applying to **Shari'ah** council to divorce, there is a period of three months (**Iddah**) to give the couple time to reconcile and to ensure the woman is not pregnant
- Women is given final part of her **dowry** back – each other should be kind to one another
- **Moral:** Adultery/verbal, physical or mental abuse/ unhappiness/ negative impact on children