

# Relationships and Families

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## Marriage and the Family Checklist:

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# Marriage

What is the purpose of marriage for Christians?

Complete the chart below to explain reasons why Christians believe that marriage is important:

	Reason why marriage is important	Example of how marriage does this
		
		
		





Why do some Christians believe that God doesn't want anyone to get married?

What are the non-religious (humanist) attitudes to marriage?

What is cohabitation and what are the Christian attitudes?

# Sexual Relationships

Use the pictures bellow to describe what the Bible teaches about Christian attitudes to sexual relationships. Include a quote or Bible teaching where possible:

**Explain the traditional and liberal/modern views of sexual relationships.**

Traditional Christian view of sexual relationships.	Liberal/modern Christian view of sexual relationships.
<p>Mention purpose of sex, sex before marriage and homosexuality.</p>	<p>Mention purpose of sex, sex before marriage and homosexuality.</p>

**What are the non-religious (Humanist) attitudes to sexual relationships?**

**Explain two Christian teachings from the Bible about the nature of sexual relationships. (4 marks)**

## **Homosexuality in the UK**

1. In the early 1900s, the Christian Church had a lot of influence in the UK. How do you think the Church's influence might have affected UK law on homosexuality?

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2. Why do you think some Christians and Muslims agreed with the legalisation of same-sex marriage in the UK?

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## **Christian Attitudes towards human sexuality**

1. What do many Christians see heterosexual relationships as?

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2. What does the Bible say about homosexual relationships?

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3. How do the Catholic Church and the Church of England differ in their approach to homosexual couples?

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4. Some Christians interpret the Bible in the context of modern society. Why do you think this is important?

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**What does the Bible say about homosexual relationships?**

Quotation	Does it support or oppose homosexual relationships. Explain your answer.
<i>It a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. (Leviticus 20:13)</i>	
<i>That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)</i>	
<i>To reflect people on the grounds of their sexual orientation is a denial of God's creation (Towards a Quaker View of Sex, 1963)</i>	
<i>The proposition that same-sex relationships can embody crucial social values are not in dispute... Same sex relationships often embody genuine mutuality and fidelity... The Church of England seeks see those virtues maximised in society. (The Church Of England)</i>	
<i>There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family. (Catholic Church)</i>	

**“Same-sex marriage should be allowed to take place in all churches” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your answer. Why might someone disagree with you?**

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# Families

Christians believe that family was God's intention for humans when he created them.

Name or describe the 5 different types of family units. Fill in the missing information below:

Name	Description
Blended family	
	Parents, children, grandparents, adult, uncles and cousins all living together.
	Two parents and their children living together.
Single parent family	
	Two same sex parents and children

Write down the purpose of family for Christians and see if you can think about how Christianity fulfils this:

Purpose of family for Christians	How do you think Christianity enables Christians to do this?

Write down a teaching that shows children should respect their mother and father.

Write down a teaching that shows Christian parents should bring their children up following their religion

# Roles within the Christian family

Person/ group	Roles and responsibility within/to the family
Parents	
Children	
Social environment ie church	
Church teachings	

**You need to know two divergent attitudes to family:**

Traditional view of family	Liberal/modern view of family

**Use the last two pages to mind map reasons why family life is important to Christians:**

Reasons why family is important to Christians

# Support for the family in the local parish

A parish is the local Church that serves a community. Christians believe they should do all they can to support their own family and the families of others.

**Summarise how the local parish can help families:**

Explain how worship at Church provides support for families and give an example

Explain how "rites of passage" provides support for families and give an example

Explain how counselling provides support for families and give an example

**State TWO ways in which the local parish can support families (2 marks)**



# Family planning

Describe the difference between artificial and natural forms of contraception:

There are no direct teachings in the Bible, on contraception, so Christians use teachings on sex and relationships to help them understand.

“Be fruitful and increase in number, multiply on the earth”  
Genesis 9:7

Why would some Christians use this teaching to argue against contraception?

Why might some Christians use contraception with the intent of having a family later?  
 How does this link to the teaching?

Reasons why some Christians- Catholics- are against contraception

Reason	Explanation

Reasons why some Christians- Catholics- are in favour contraception

Reason	Explanation

# Divorce and remarriage

Christians have divergent (different) attitudes to divorce and remarriage.

Reasons why some Christians **will not accept divorce-** refer to teachings and beliefs about marriage:

Reason	Explanation

Reasons why some Christians will accept divorce- refer to situation ethics:

Reason	Explanation

What are humanist and atheist views on divorce and how are they different to religious views?

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# Equality of men and women in the family

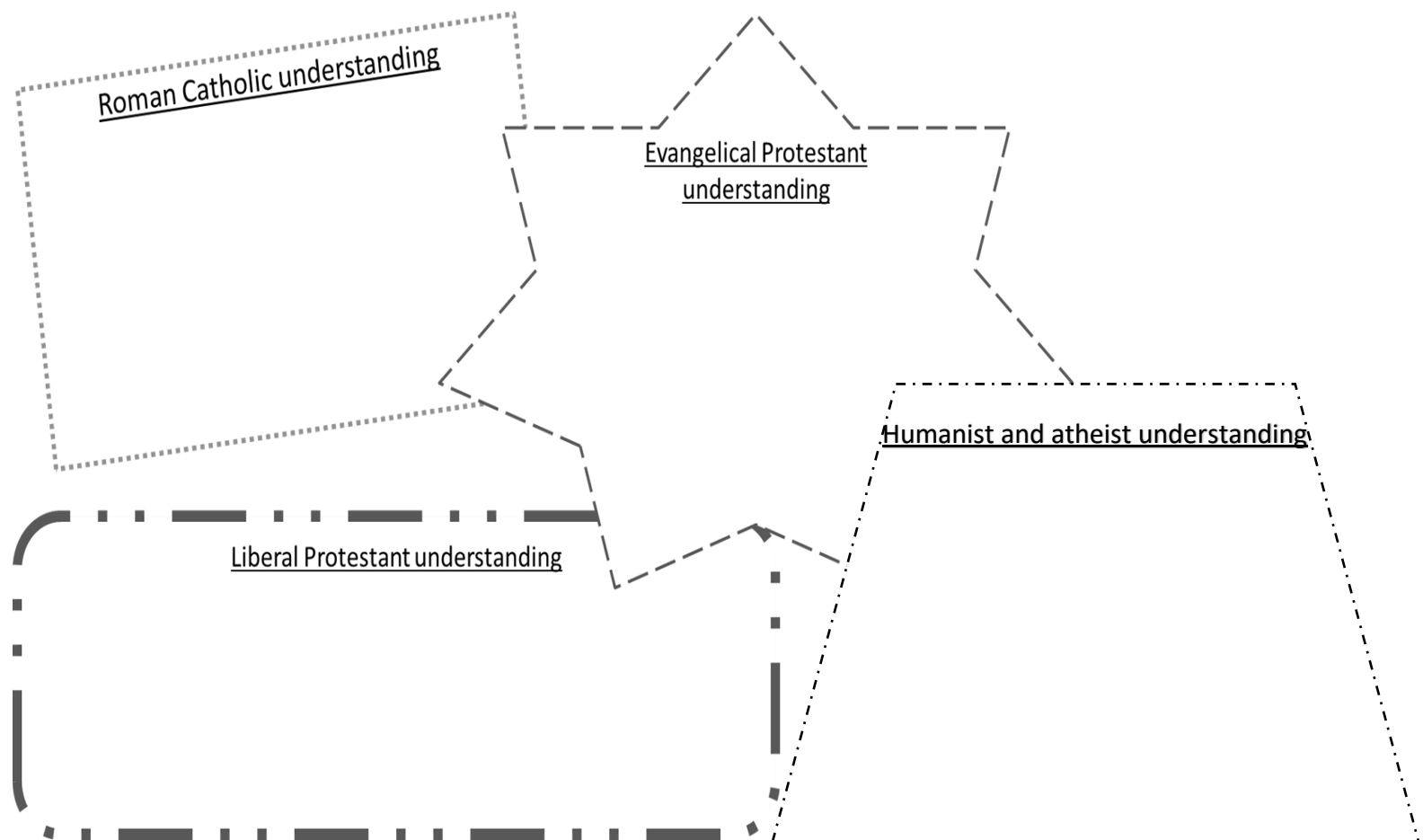
Explain two reasons why Christians believe men and women have equal roles in the family. (4 marks)

Point	Explanation
Man and woman was created in the image of God.	
Jesus treated men and women equally.	

Explain two reasons why some Christians believe that men have superior roles in the family. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer (5 marks)

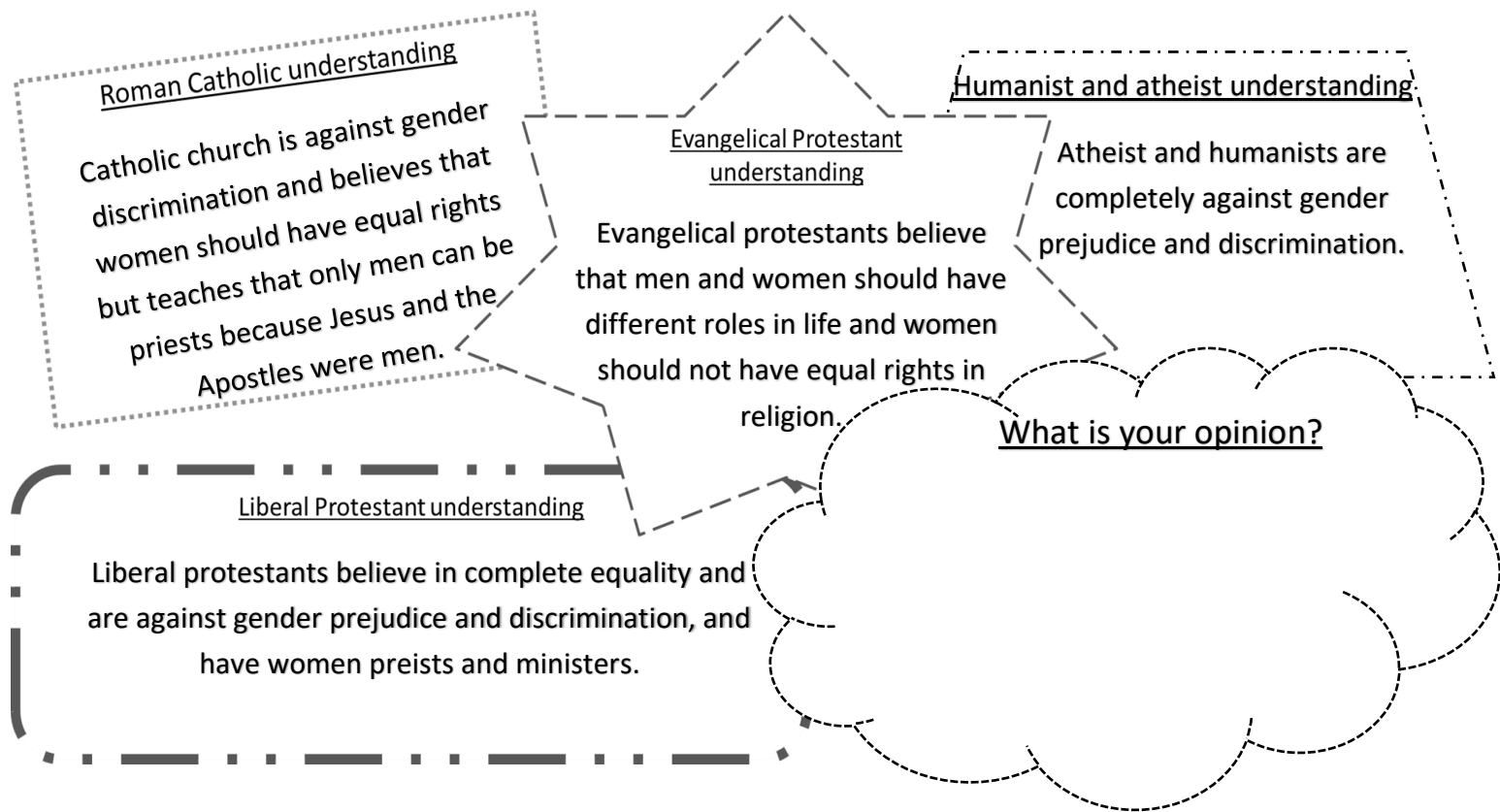
Point	Explanation
According to the Bible, women brought evil into the world by tempting man with the forbidden fruit.	
Man was created first and then women from mans rib.	
Source of wisdom (genesis- creation story)	

What are the different attitudes to equal roles of men and women in the family?



# Gender prejudice and discrimination

Key Word	Define	Example
Gender prejudice		
Gender discrimination		
Sexism		



c) Explain two reasons why Christians have different attitudes to gender prejudice and discriminations. In your answer you should refer to a source of wisdom and authority (5 marks)

Point	Explanation
Source of wisdom (genesis- creation story)	