*Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict*

**Justice, Forgiveness and Reconciliation**

* Forgive ‘not seven times but seventy seven times’
* ‘let justice roll on like a river’
* Jihad means ‘striving for justice.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘My Lord hath commanded justice’ (Qur’an)

**Protest, Violence and Terrorism**

* ‘Thou shalt not kill’
* ‘an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth’
* ‘Put away your sword. Those who live by the sword die by the sword’
* In protest at the misuse of the Temple, Jesus overturned the merchants’ tables
* ‘Do not take life, which God has made sacred.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘If anyone slays a person…it would be as if he slew all people.’ (Qur’an)

**Causes of War**

* ‘for the love of money is the root of all evil’
* ‘Do not repay anyone evil for evil’
* ‘God does not like arrogant, boastful people.’ (Qur’an)

**WMD**

* Sanctity of Life
* ‘Thou shall not kill’
* ‘an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth’
* ‘Do not take life, which God has made sacred.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘Do not kill each other, for God is merciful to you’ (Qur’an)
* ‘do not transgress, Allah does not love the transgressors’ (Qur’an)
* ‘If you have to respond to an attack, make your response proportionate, but it is best to stand fast.’ (Qur’an)

**Just War and Holy War**

* ‘It is impossible to conceive of a just war in a nuclear age.’ Pope John
* Joshua’s army followed God’s commands to blow trumpets and bring down the walls of Jericho and were rewarded
* ‘Put away your sword. Those who live by the sword die by the sword’
* ‘Fight in the cause of God against those who fight you,’ (Qur’an)
* ‘Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms because they have been wronged’ (Qur’an)

**Helping victims of war**

* ‘Love thy neighbour’
* ‘Treat others how you would like to be treated’
* ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink…whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’
* ‘Do not kill your children for fear of poverty – we shall provide for them and for you.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘None of you truly believe until he wishes for his brothers what he wishes for himself’. (Qur’an)
* ‘whoever saved a life, it would be as if they saved the life of all mankind’ (Qur’an)

**Peace and Pacifism**

* ‘Love thy neighbour’
* ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God’
* ‘overcome evil with good’
* ‘If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.’
* ‘Put away your sword. Those who live by the sword die by the sword’
* ‘The servants of the Lord of Mercy are those who walk humbly, on the earth, and who when aggressive people address them, reply with words of peace.’ (Qur’an)