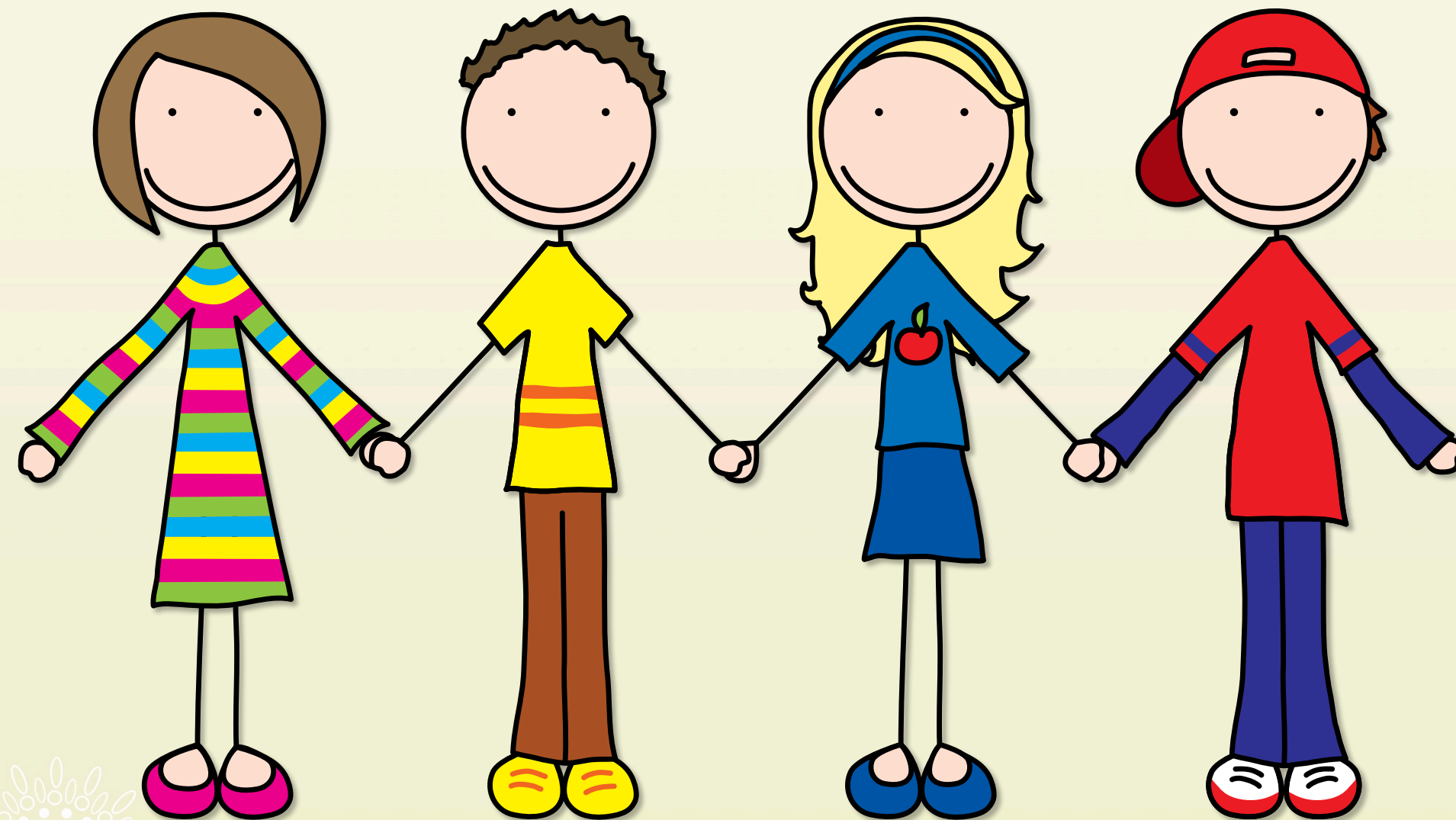


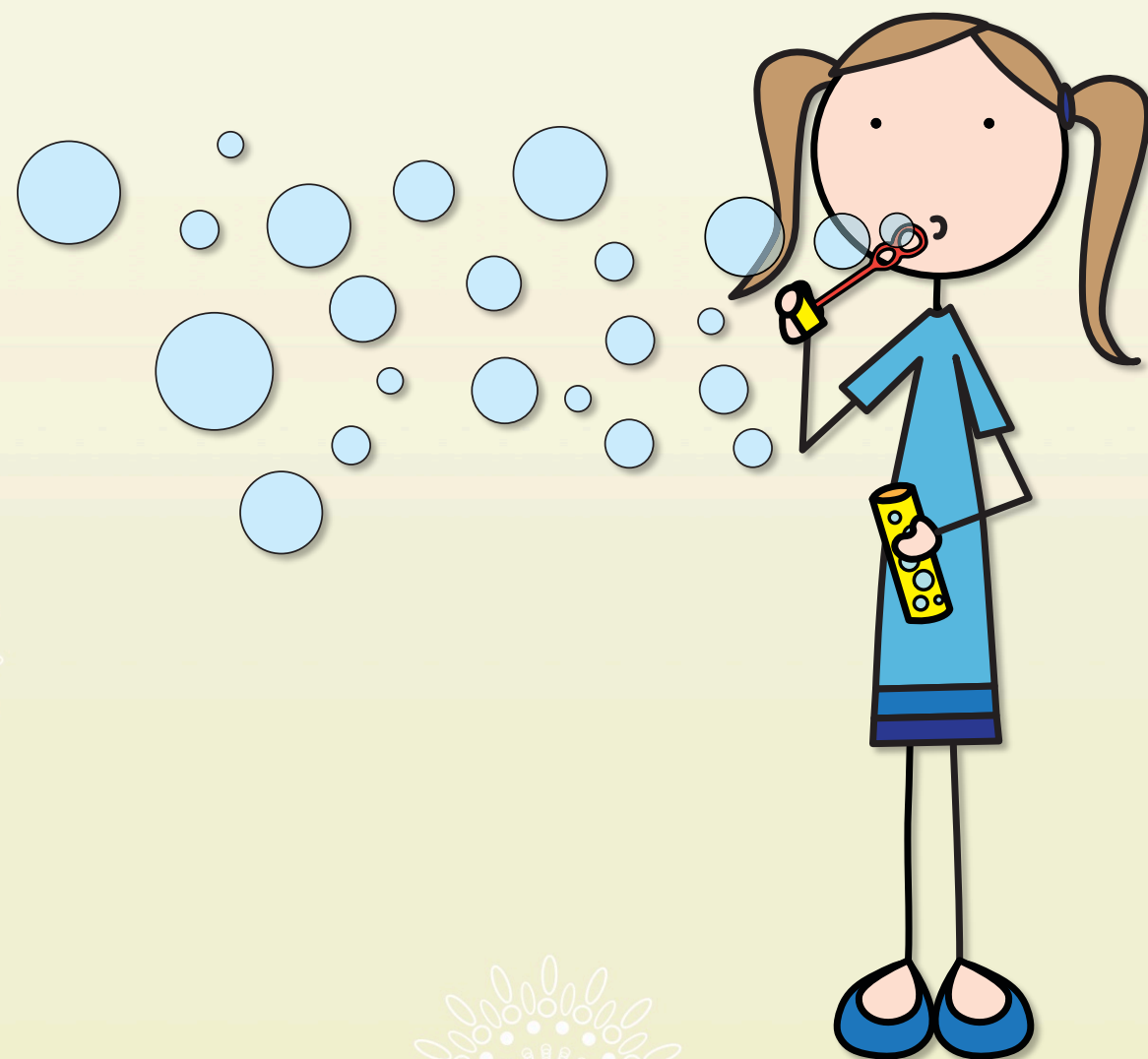
Belief In Our Community

Learning Objective:

To consider the difficulties for people of different religious beliefs living in non-religious communities.



What is a
non-religious
community?



Which non-
religious communities
are you a part of?



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Non-religious communities are not associated with any particular religion.

They may have members who are from different religions, or who are not religious. Here are some examples:

sports clubs

after-school groups

schools

fan clubs

social clubs

neighbourhoods

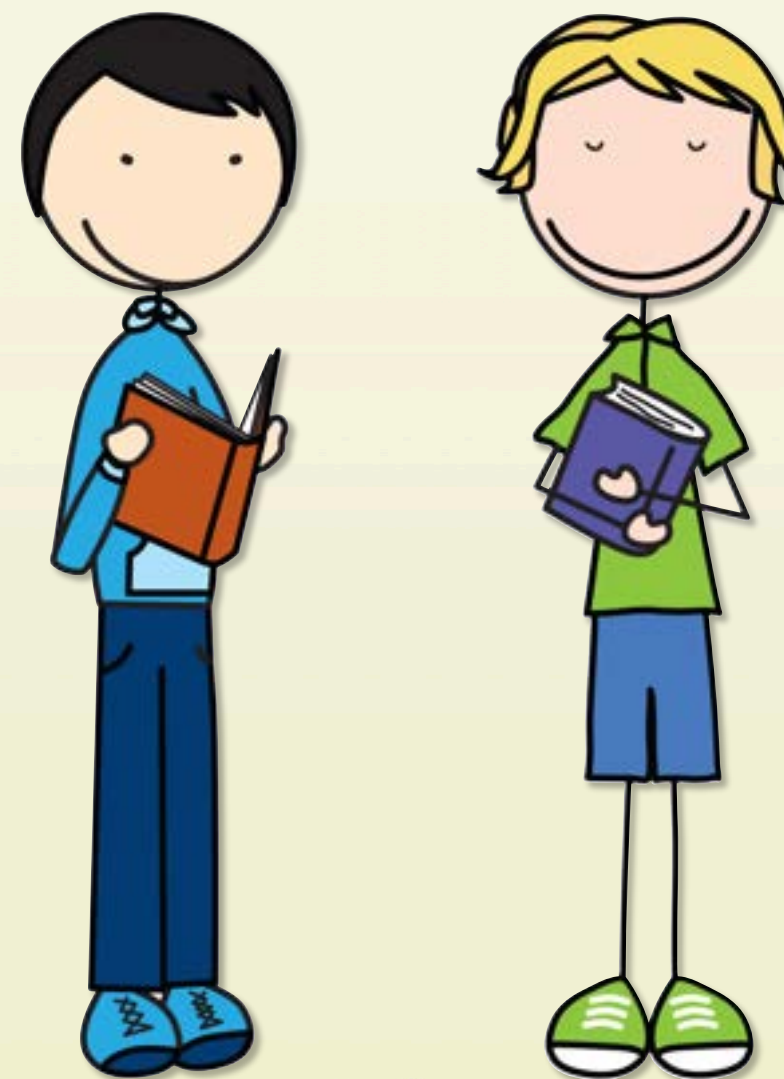
Many of these types of community can also be associated with a particular religion.

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Think about what you have learned about the beliefs and rules of different religions.

Why might it be difficult for people with religious beliefs to be a part of these non-religious communities?



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Did you think of these?

If a sports club has matches on a Saturday, it could be difficult for Jewish members to attend, as they are supposed to rest on Shabbat.

Some older Muslim children might find it hard to concentrate in secondary school during Ramadan if they are fasting.

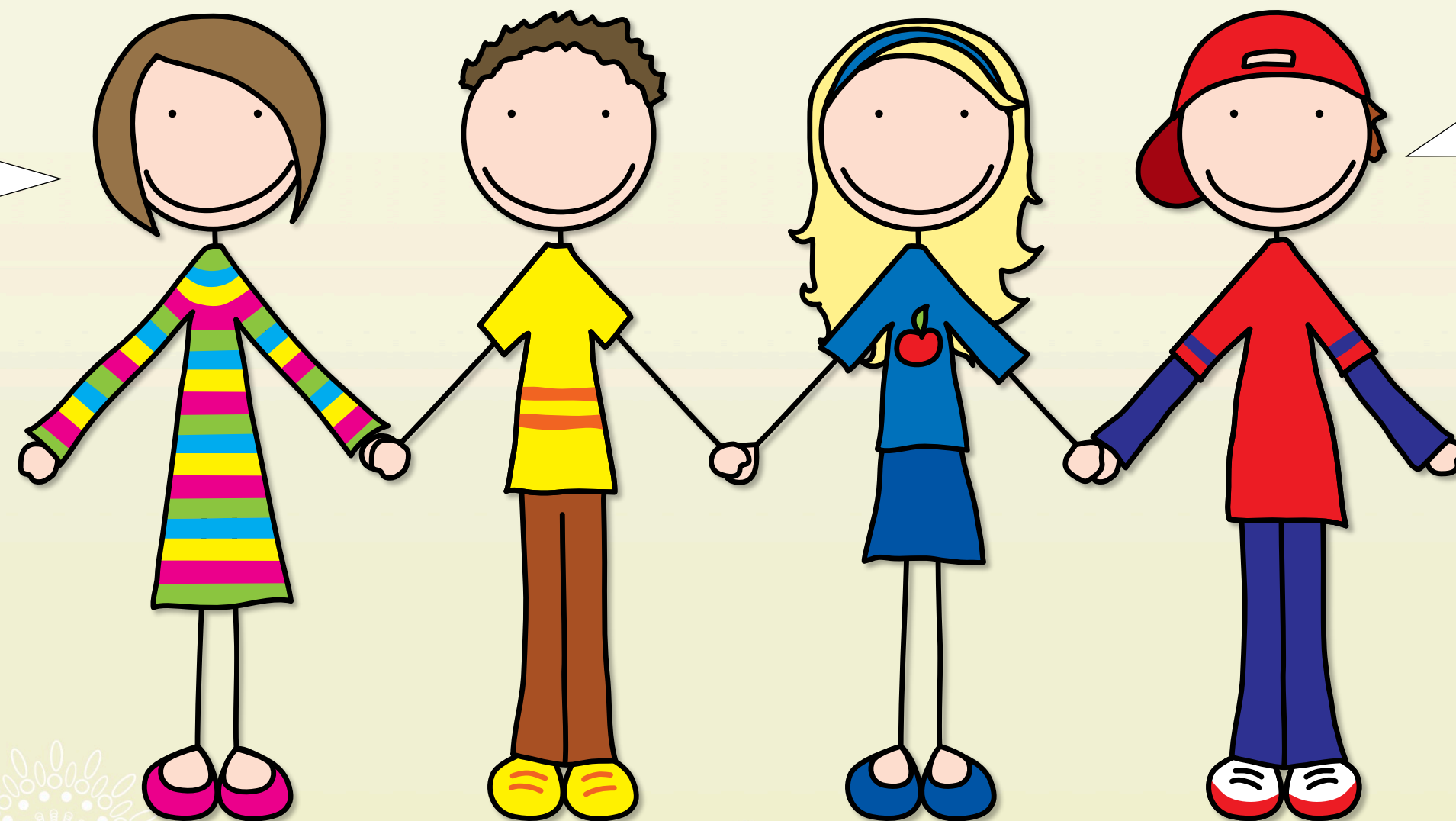
People who wear special clothes for religious reasons might not be able to take part in certain activities, or they might feel different to others.

In the United Kingdom, some schools are associated with religious communities.

They are called faith schools.

There are all kinds of faith schools - Church of England, Catholic, Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist and Sikh.

What kind of school is yours?



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In France, public schools
are **secular**, which means
they are non-religious.



In French
schools, it is
against the law
for children to
wear religious
items such as
crosses or
headscarves.



Not everyone agrees with this. Some Muslim
families disagree, as some Muslim girls choose
to wear headscarves because of their religious
beliefs.

What problems
might this law
create?

What
problems might
this law be trying
to solve?

What do you
think about this?

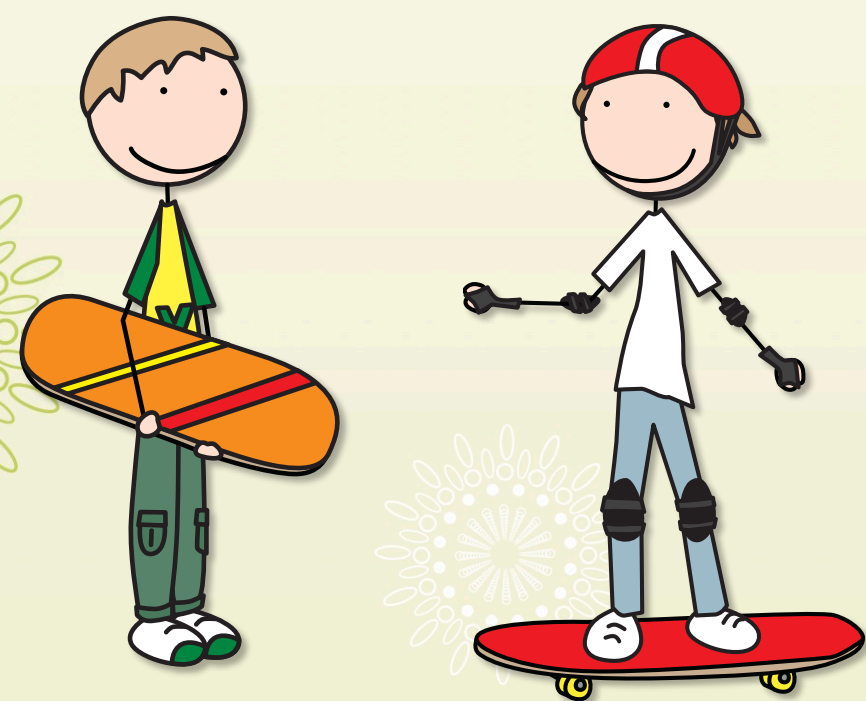


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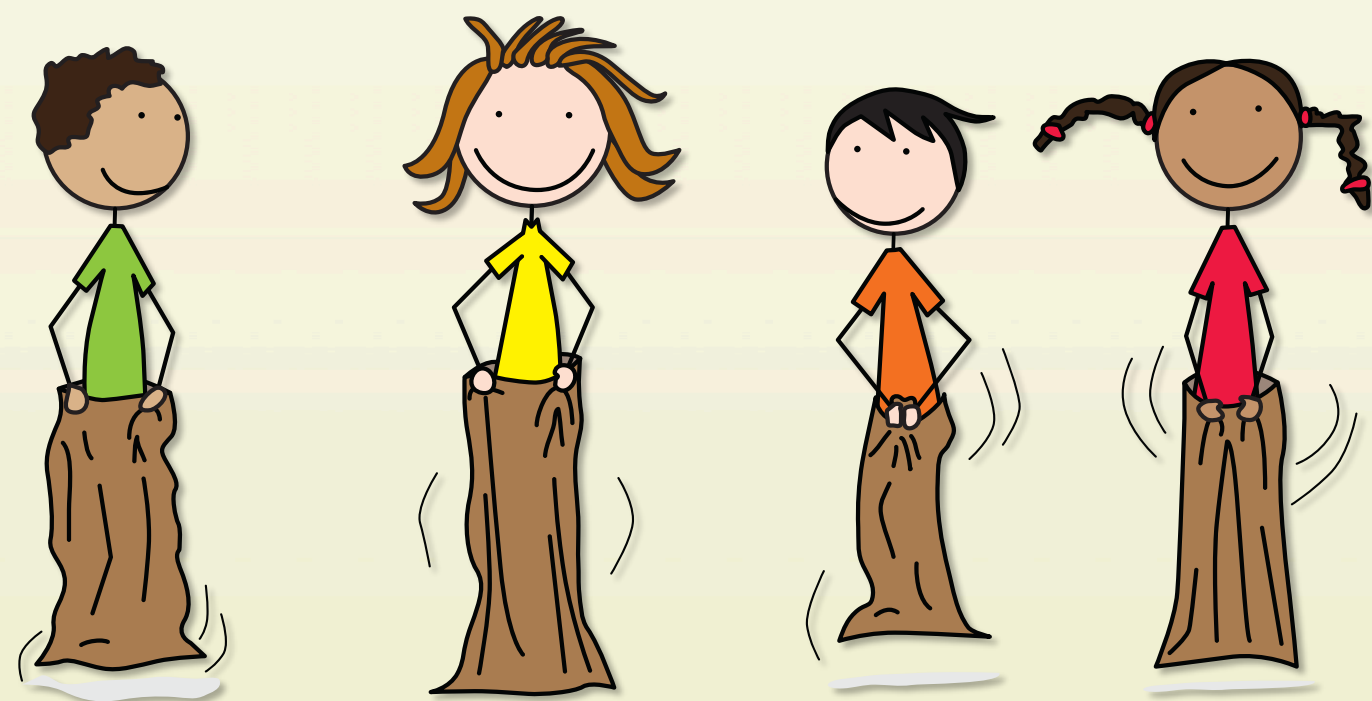
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Can you think of some ways we can be understanding and show respect to each other in non-religious communities?

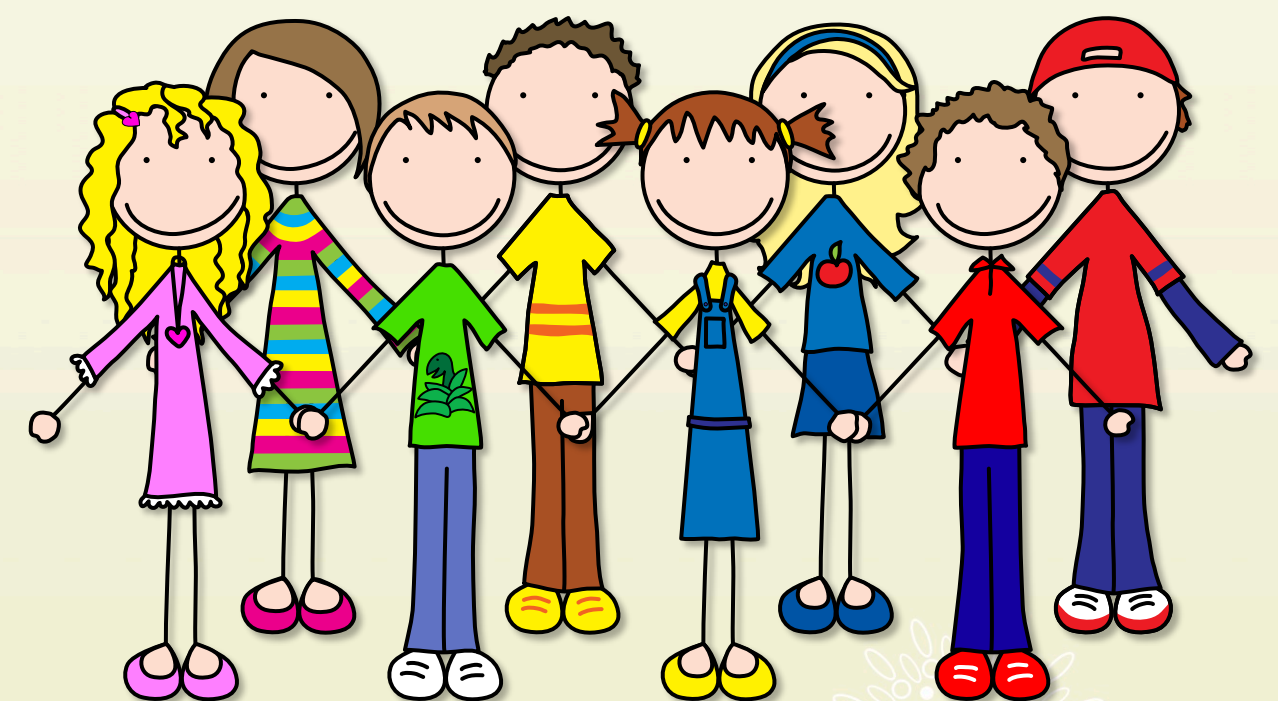
Talk with a partner...



...then talk with another pair...



...then share with your class!



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Today we will be considering the difficulties for people of different religious beliefs, and how everyone can be understanding and respectful of different beliefs in our community.



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PLENARY

These are words that have been used by different religions to describe people who are not religious, or of different faiths:

Worldly - not interested in religion

Infidel - unfaithful

Kafir - concealer of the truth



What do you think about this?

How might people feel about being described in this way?

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