

Lesson objective

- The aim of this lesson is to use picture clues to help you understand *how* attitudes towards marriage and family life have changed in the UK and *why* this is.

Lesson outcomes

- ALL will be able to **describe** how marriage and family life has changed in the UK and **identify** five different types of family.
- MOST will be able to **explain** reasons why marriage and divorce has changed in the UK
- SOME will be able to **evaluate** whether these changes are a good thing or a bad thing for society.

Starter

- There are some new key words in this lesson. You have the definitions on your key words sheet but how many can you guess correctly without looking?

Marriage

A – When two people get married for life

B – When a man and a woman are legally joined together for life

C – When two people are legally joined together

The correct answer is B

Cohabitation

A – Two people having equally bad habits

B – Married people living together without having children

C- Living together without having children

The correct answer is *C*

Divorce

A – The legal ending of a marriage

B – When two married people agree to separate

C – Breaking the law by committing adultery

The answer is A

Civil partnership

- A – Two friends becoming partners in business
- B – Living together without being married
- C – A legal ceremony giving a homosexual couple the same rights as a husband and wife

The answer is *C*

How have things changed

- Things have changed in the twentieth and twenty first centuries. Which have gone down and which have gone up?

Countless
governing
diverged



Why?

- You are going to see some picture clues to help you work out why attitudes towards marriage and divorce have been changing. Write the answer you think is right in the back of your book. *You have two minutes to look at each picture.*
- You can write down each reason in neat when you have been told it is correct at the end.

The UK is now a multi-ethnic society with lots of different beliefs about marriage



Why all the different styles of clothes?

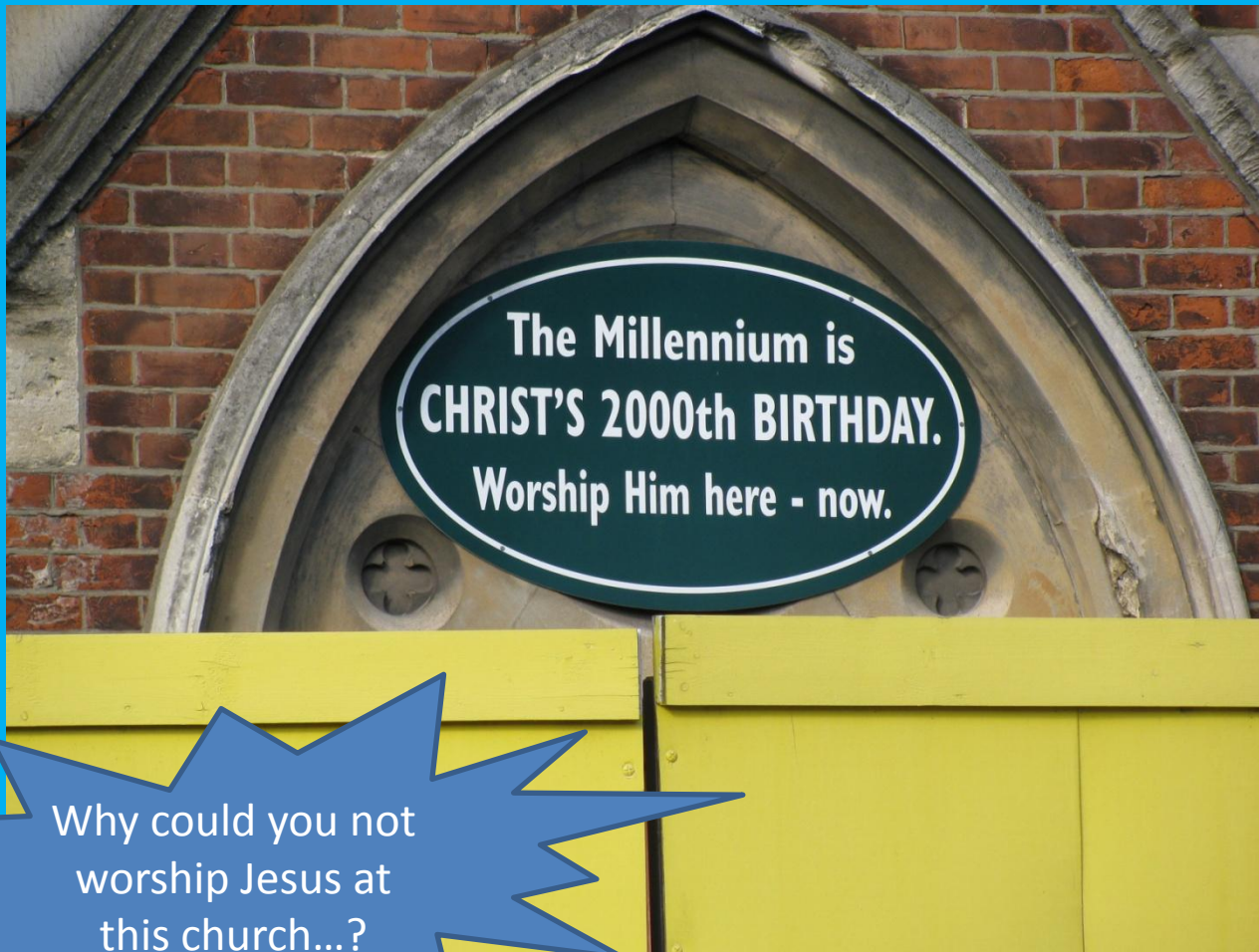
People are more tolerant of the views of others

What does his
T-shirt say?

Tolerance
is the virtue of a man
without convictions
- G.K. Chesterton

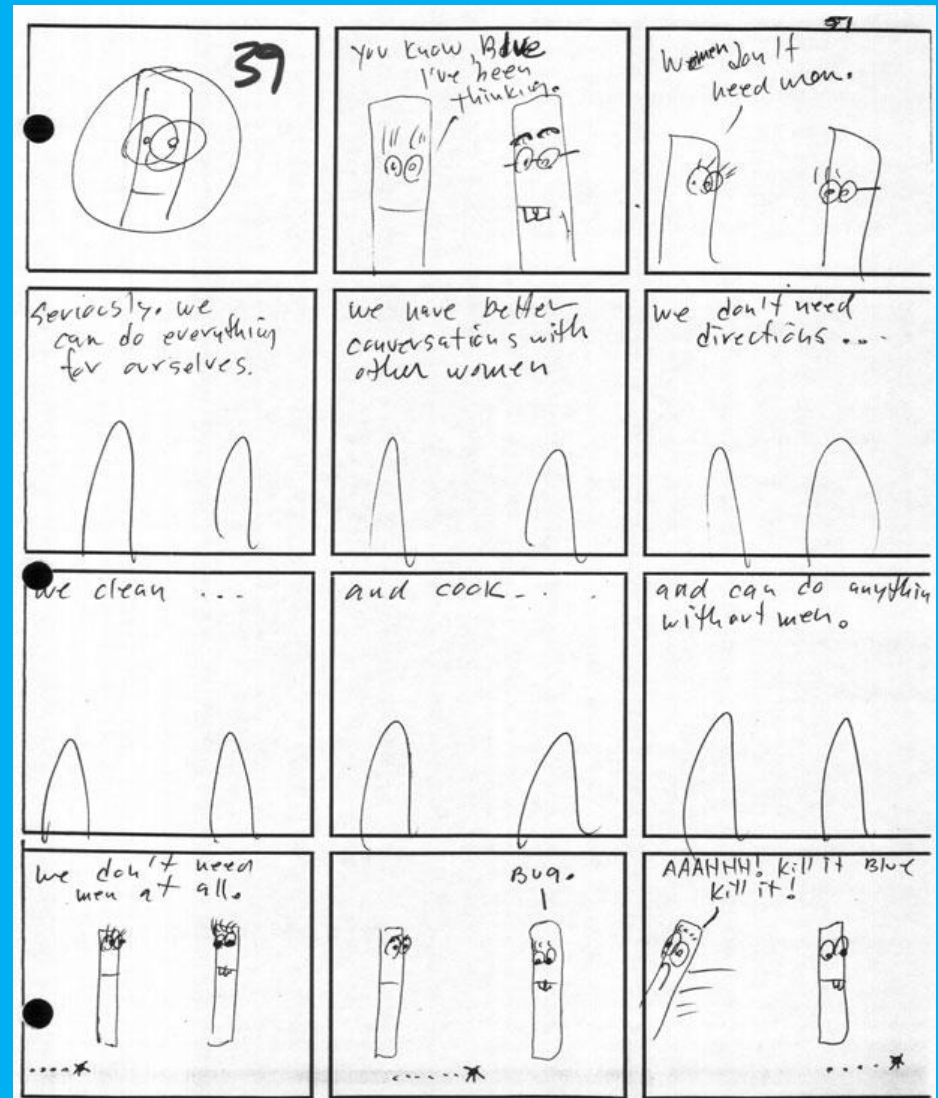


Less people follow Christian teachings in today's society



Why could you not
worship Jesus at
this church...?

Women don't need men for money and have careers of their own



Who can these women do without...?

Review

- Use some of the arguments you have just guessed to answer the question...

“Explain why there are more divorces now than there used to be.”

- Try to give at least two reasons and explain each one.

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What else has changed?

- The makeup of families these days have changed as well. Today there are several different types of family.
- Use the picture clues and possible answers to work out the different types of family and answer on your whiteboards.

What type of family is this?

- Nuclear family?
- Extended family?
- Single parent family?
- Same sex family?
- Re-constituted family?



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Figures

- However most people in the UK still live in some sort of family...
- 50 million people live in a family of some sort
- 7 million people live on their own
- 20 million people live as parents and children
- 18 million people are unmarried

Review

- *Describe some of the ways in which family life has changed since the 1950's.*
- To answer this question, say which types of family are going up and which are going down
- Explain why you think this might be
- Use some of the numbers in your answer as well.

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Plenary

- Do you think it is a bad thing that there are less people getting married?
- Give a reason for your answer.