



Biblical teaching on family life

In both the Old and New Testaments a special place is given to the importance of family. Read the references in the boxes and use them to explain the different roles of the family members in the table below. Include things like behaviour and responsibilities in your explanations.

Exodus 20:12	Exodus 22:22–23	Psalms 68:5
Psalms 127:3	Proverbs 13:24	Proverbs 23:13
Proverbs 23:22	Proverbs 29:17	Ruth 1:3
Matthew 18:5–6	Mark 10:14	Colossians 3:20–21
1 Timothy 5:3–4; 16	1 Timothy 5:8	Ephesians 6:1–4

Family member	Role
Husband/father	
Wife/mother	
Children	

Abortion scenarios

Write a definition of abortion below:

There are a number of situations where some people argue that a woman should have the right to an abortion. These are listed in the first column of the table below.

In a group, try to think of examples of special cases. One has been completed for you.

Consider your examples and discuss whether you agree or disagree that abortion is acceptable in each of these circumstances. Give reasons for your decision.

How the woman could be affected by an unwanted pregnancy	Examples of a special case	Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your decision.
Damage to mental health		
Damage to physical health	<i>Cases where the child will suffer from some severe mental or physical abnormality.</i>	

Abortion scenarios (continued)

How the woman could be affected by an unwanted pregnancy	Examples of a special case	Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your decision.
Damage to family health		
Damage to career prospects		
Damage to financial prospects		
Damage to life plans		



Biblical and church teachings on new reproductive technologies



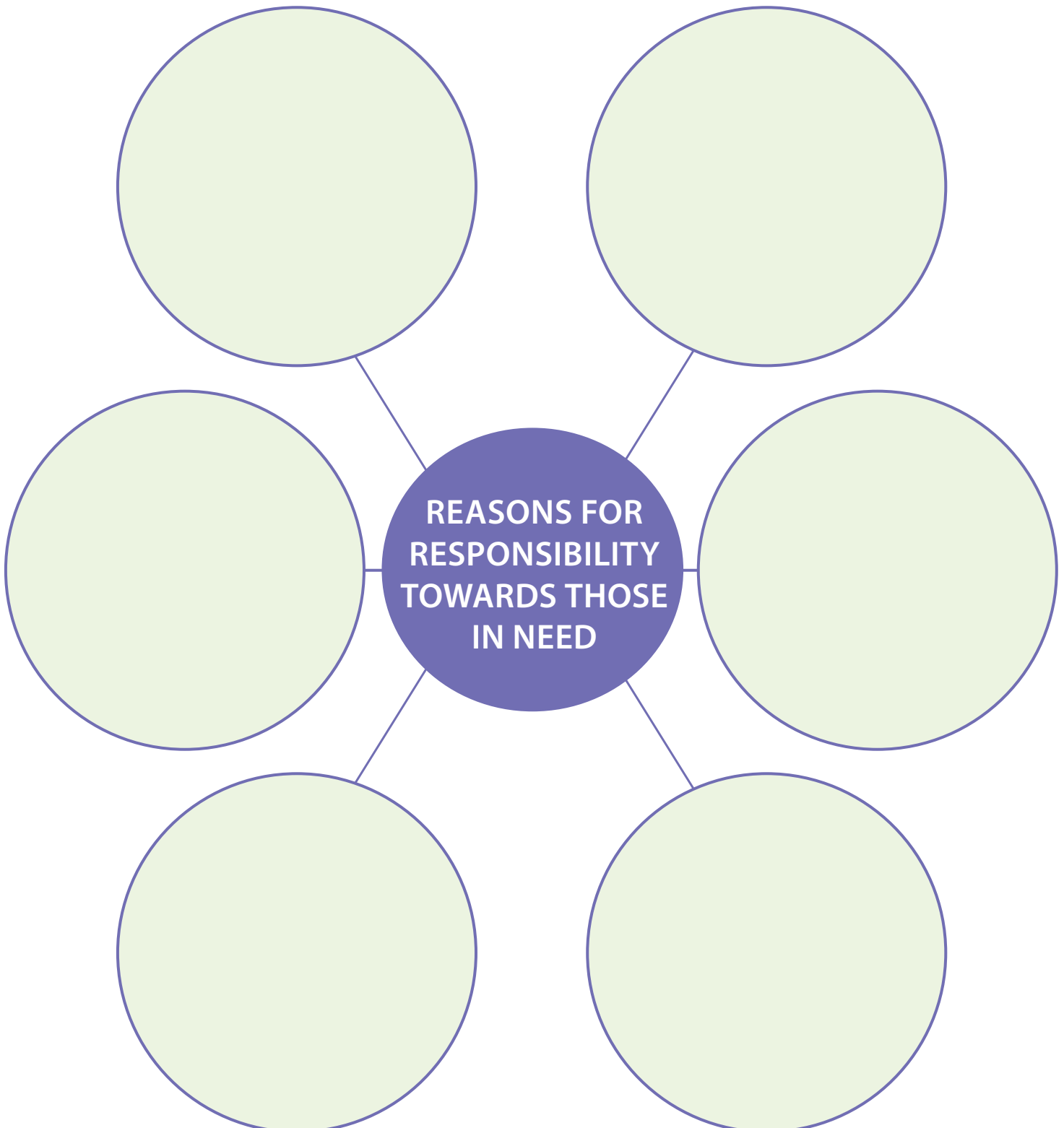
There is a wide variety of opinions held by Christians when it comes to reproductive technologies and embryo research. Some of the key issues are listed below. Use the information on pages 62–64 of *An Introduction to Christian Ethics 2nd edition* to complete the table.

	Bible	Church	Your opinion
The sanctity of life			
The importance of marriage and family			
Playing God			



Biblical teaching on responsibility towards those in need

Christians have a responsibility to help disadvantaged groups in our society and beyond. Read p80–81 of *An Introduction to Christian Ethics 2nd edition*. Give five reasons why Christians should help those in need.



The morality of nuclear deterrence

Write a response to each of the following opinions regarding the development of weapons of mass destruction.

A

It is immoral for a country not to protect their citizens by whatever means possible.

B

People feel safer if their country has nuclear weapons.

C

Britain's nuclear weapons did not stop Argentina from seizing the Falkland Islands.

D

Nuclear weapons cost too much money. Money could be spent on healthcare, education etc.

E

Terrorists will always get their hands on nuclear weapons.

A

B

The morality of nuclear deterrence (continued)

C

D

E
