

RELIGIONS

More Big Questions

What is religion?

Religion is a set of rules, rituals (special “holy” things you do), and regulations to try to get us to God. But we believe that when Jesus came to earth, God came to us! Although some people would say Christianity is a religion, we think it’s so much more: it’s our way of living, loving, and being.

Why are there so many rules? Do I have to follow them?

The “rules” of following Jesus are simple: love God and love others. Other rules from the Bible some people talk about are the Ten Commandments. They are specific rules that describe how to love people well.

Can I be friends with kids of other religions?

Yes, absolutely! We should be friends with all kinds of people.

Should I try to tell my friends of other religions about Jesus?

Sure. But be willing to hear about what they believe, too. If you disagree, don’t be mean or rude. Be kind and loving in how you share. Remember that part of being followers of Jesus is treating people the way he treated them—with loving kindness.

If my friends don’t follow Jesus, are they going to hell?

Here’s some good news: you are not the judge, so you do not get to decide. With that in mind, we should simply love others and share about Jesus as we are able. In the end, God is the judge and we don’t need to be the ones who figure it out.

Can I invite my friend to church even if they don’t believe in Jesus?

Everyone is welcome at church! You can invite whomever you’d like anytime. They may choose to come, or they may choose not to, but they are always welcome.