

## RI.C2. World Religions – Part 1

Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 4:7-11; John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 3:8-9

### Memory Verse

*“In everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you.” --Matthew 7:12 (NIRV)*

### Message

*Love your neighbor as yourself.*

### Talk About It

Read through the following information before coming to class.

<u>Judaism</u>	<u>Christianity</u>	<u>Islam</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Called “<b>Jewish</b>” or “<b>Jews</b>”</li><li>- “<b>Yahweh</b>”, but expressed as usually “<b>Adonai</b> (i.e. “<b>Lord</b>”)</li><li>- Believe in only one God.</li><li>- The <b>Torah</b> (1<sup>st</sup> 5 books of Moses in the Bible) is the foundation of the Jewish doctrine.</li><li>- <b>The people of “Israel” are the chosen people</b> (chosen by God and obligated by the Torah)</li><li>- <b>Believe in an “end time”</b>, including the return of the Jewish people to the land of their fathers.</li><li>- <b>Await the “Messiah”</b> as a ruler sent by God.</li><li>- <b>Believe in the resurrection of the dead for judgment.</b></li><li>- <b>Star of David</b> is the symbol of Jewish Congregations.</li><li>- Judaism is mostly found to be practiced in <b>Israel, USA and Europe.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Called “<b>Christians</b>”</li><li>- “<b>God</b>” or “<b>Lord</b>”</li><li>- <b>Believe in the Trinity</b>, or God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.</li><li>- Study the <b>Holy Bible</b>, Old and New Testament.</li><li>- <b>Believe that God already sent His son</b> Jesus to earth who died for our sins.</li><li>- <b>Believe that Jesus will come again to take home the Bride of Christ.</b></li><li>- <b>Believe in the afterlife.</b></li><li>- “<b>Cross</b>” is the universal sign of Christianity.</li><li>- Christianity has spread <b>all over the globe</b>, due to the work of missionaries.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Called “<b>Muslims</b>”</li><li>- “<b>Allah</b>” (Arabic for God.) is God.</li><li>- Use the “<b>Koran</b>” as a cornerstone of their religion.</li><li>- “<b>Kabah</b>” is the main holy place in Mecca.**</li><li>- Islam is mostly practiced in <b>North and East Africa, Middle East, and East Europe and Western Asia.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Islam requires fulfillment of the Pillars of Islam (five duties):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Allah is the only God; Muhammad is His prophet.</li><li>- Say a ritual prayer 5 times a day.</li><li>- Support the Needy</li><li>- Fast during the month of Ramadan</li><li>- Make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in your life.</li></ul>

## **Talk About It – Continued**

Judaism, Christianity and Islam have one thing in common: **they all believe in the same God.**

*In today's lesson we learn about three major religions, all of which believe in God. Talk with your child about being kind to others, no matter what. Challenge them to practice the commandment of "love your neighbor as yourself" each day, no matter who they interact with, no matter what they believe, no matter if they are Jewish or Christian or Muslim, or any other religion. We never want to criticize someone's beliefs. We want to always be positive and share what God has done for our lives. Talk about it.*

