

Other Religious Beliefs

In order to understand your OWN faith, and make a commitment to being a member of the United Methodist church, it's important to understand what else is out there. Some of these religious beliefs are ancestors of our church, some of them developed alongside our Christian faiths, and some developed many, many years before Christ was even born.

In this lesson, we will explore a few of those other beliefs, and try to find the similarities and differences from our beliefs. If we tried to learn everything about every religion – it would be AWFULLY hard to do! But we can learn the basics, and make some broad observations.

HOMEWORK (due December 9th)

Look at the sheets you were given today on different religions. There should be 4: Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, plus Christianity. Pick ONE of the non-Christian religions, and create a project of your choosing that compares and contrasts that religion to Christianity. Ideas include: A poster, a PowerPoint, an essay, a photo collage, and videos. You can use the questions below to help you and any other resources you think would help.

- 1 – In what ways are the two religions similar?
- 2 – In what ways are the two religions different?
- 3 – What is one interesting detail that you learned? Why is it interesting?
- 4 – What is a question you still have about one or both of the religions?
- 5 – How has each religion influenced or impacted the other religions?