

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

**IN YOUR SCHOOLS, IN YOUR COMMUNITIES,
AND IN THE WORLD**


STEREOTYPE

- A stereotype is an assumption made about a group of people based off their religion, skin color, ethnicity, gender, background etc. Stereotypes are often offensive, as they typically group people together in unflattering ways.



WHAT IS “RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE”?

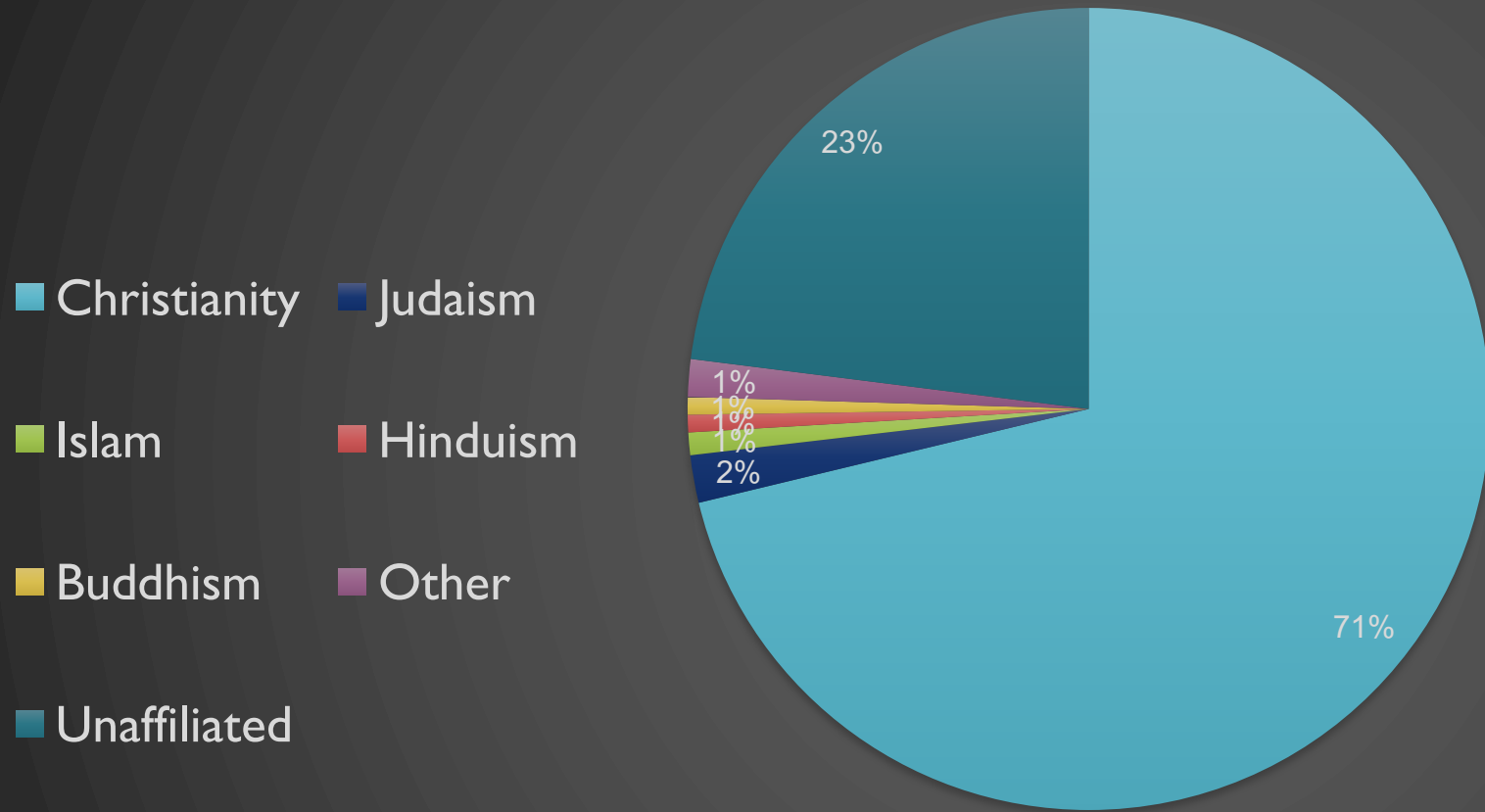
THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND, RESPECT,
AND ACCEPT OTHER RELIGIOUS BELIEFS,
PRACTICES, AND MORALS.



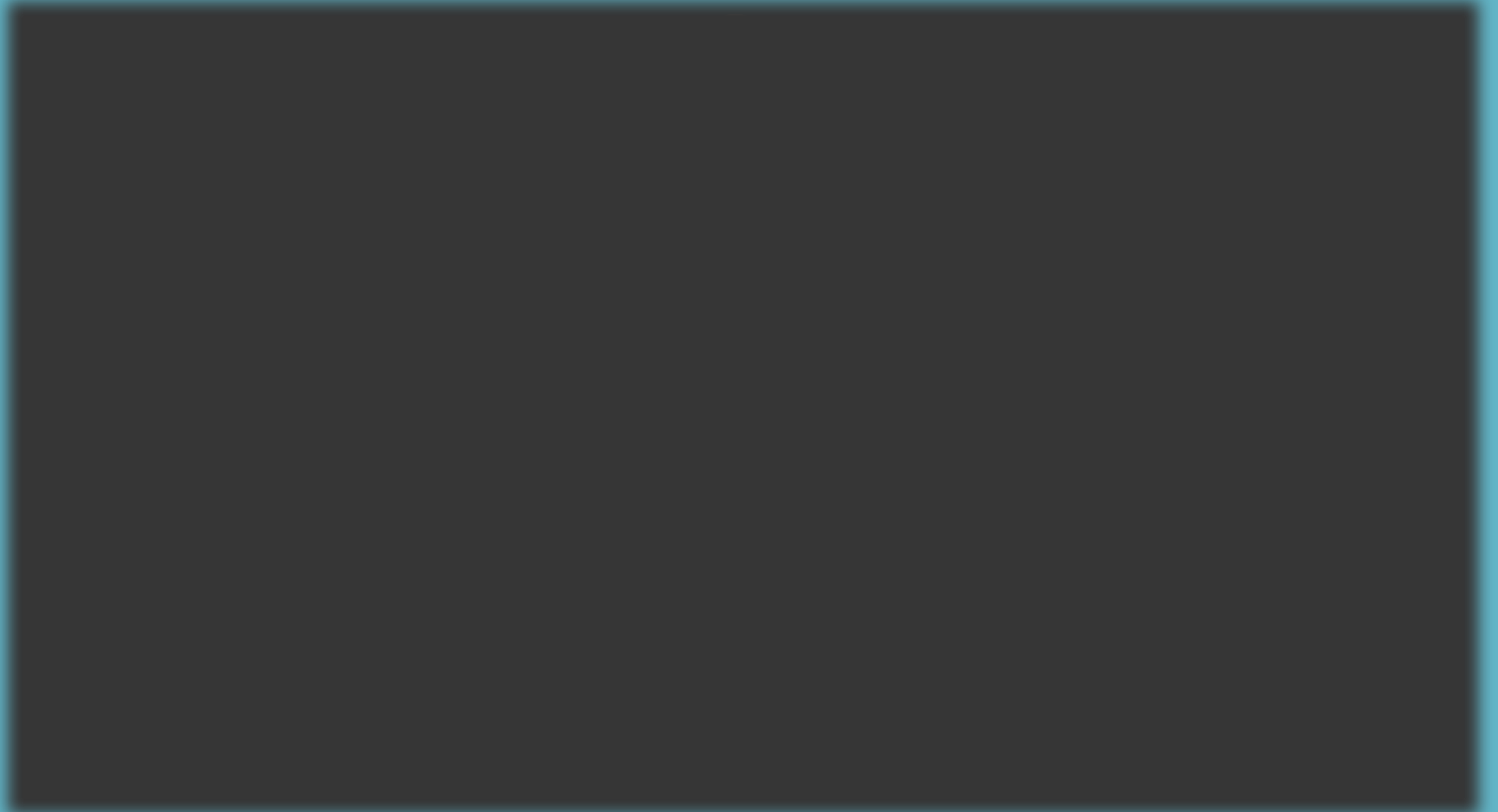
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE?

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE CAN LEAD TO
BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND
DISCRIMINATION; ESPECIALLY FOR
RELIGIOUS MINORITIES.

RELIGIONS IN THE UNITED STATES



RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN SCHOOL



**WHAT WAS THE
LESSON OF THIS
VIDEO?**



**DO KIDS GET
BULLIED IN
AMERICA TODAY
BECAUSE OF
THEIR RELIGION?**

BULLYING IN AMERICA

In 2011 a 14-year old girl was called a “dirty Jew” by her classmates and was told she would “rot in hell” for not believing in Jesus Christ

In 2015, 1 in 3 Hindu high school students reported being bullied due to their religious beliefs

In 2015, a Christian-based school club, “Young Life and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes” was reported conducting a meeting in which they described Christianity as the “right” religion and specifically addressed Islam in a negative and offensive manner. This all happened while a Muslim student was attending for the purpose of capturing the club for the yearbook.

In 2014, it was reported that a Muslim girl was physically assaulted in school, as children surrounded her, ripped off her hijab, stomped on it, and called her a “terrorist” as she struggled to cover her hair and face

WHY IS RELIGIOUS BULLYING SO DANGEROUS?



SO WHY DOES RELIGIOUS BULLYING HAPPEN?

STEREOTYPES

IGNORANCE



CHRISTIANITY

Believes in one God.

Follows the teachings of Jesus Christ, a Jewish carpenter.

Jesus Christ is believed to be the Son of God, Christianity's messiah, and offers a happy afterlife in heaven if you live a good life.

Sacred text is the Bible, which is split into two parts: the New Testament and the Old Testament



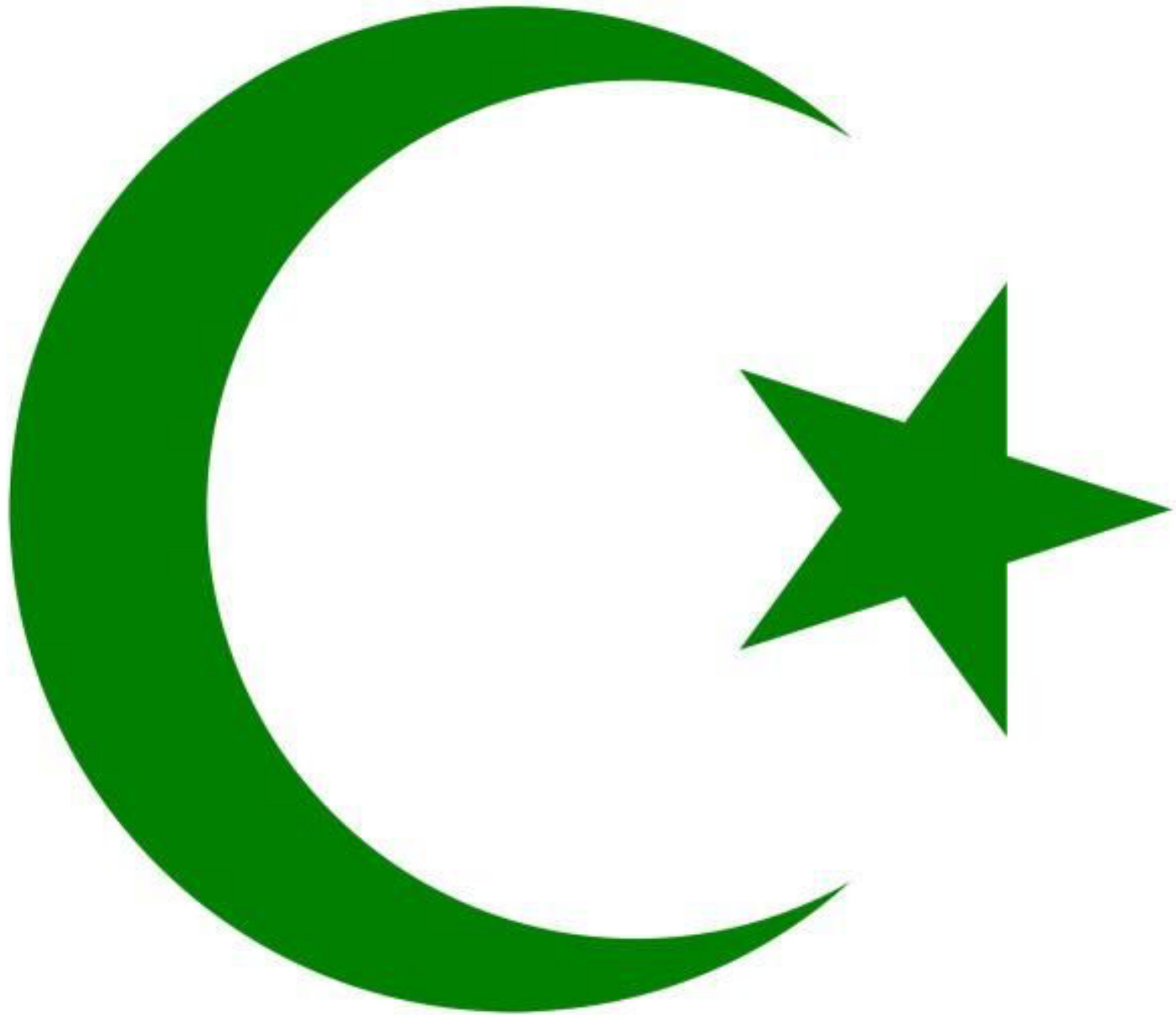
JUDAISM

Believes in one God.

Sacred text is the Torah, which is repeated in Christianity's Old Testament.

Still waiting for Messiah

Has several important religious figures, such as Moses, David, and Abraham.



ISLAM

Believes in one God.

Sacred text is the Quran.

Most important religious figure is Muhammad.

Muhammad is believed to be God's Messenger, and brought the idea of one God to prophets such as Jesus, Adam, Moses, Abraham, and David.



HINDUISM

Follows and believes in multiple gods and goddesses

No founding prophet or messiah

Practices yoga and meditation

Look to fulfill dharma, or the “right way of living”

Believes in karma: being punished for doing bad and rewarded for doing good.

GAME

**WHAT RELIGION
BELIEVES IN
MULTIPLE GODS?**

HINDUISM!

**WHICH RELIGION
CELEBRATES
PASSOVER?**



JUDAISM!

**WHICH RELIGION
CELEBRATES
CHRISTMAS?**

CHRISTIANITY!

**RELIGION
PRACTICED BY
MUSLIMS?**



ISLAM!

**WHICH RELIGION
EATS CHALLAH
BREAD, ESPECIALLY
ON SPECIAL
OCCASIONS?**



JUDAISM!

**WHICH RELIGION
CELEBRATES
DIWALI, OR THE
“FESTIVAL OF
LIGHTS?”**

HINDUISM!

**WHICH RELIGION
READS THE BIBLE?**

CHRISTIANITY!

**WHICH RELIGION
PRACTICES YOGA
AND
MEDITATION?**

HINDUISM!

**WHICH RELIGION
READS THE TORAH?**



JUDAISM!

**IN WHICH RELIGION
DO SOME FEMALE
FOLLOWERS WEAR
HIJABS, OR
HEADSCARVES?**

ISLAM!

**WHICH RELIGION
PRACTICES THE
HEBREW
LANGUAGE?**



JUDAISM!

**WHICH RELIGION
CELEBRATES
EASTER SUNDAY?**

CHRISTIANITY!

**WHICH RELIGION
TEACHES WE MUST BE
GOOD PEOPLE AND KIND
TO OTHERS?**

ISLAM, JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND HINDUISM!



WHAT CAN I DO TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE?

Invite a friend from a different religion or culture to a family tradition, holiday, or service!

Visit a local church, synagogue, mosque, or cultural center to learn more about other religions!

Report any bullying or discrimination you see around your school to an adult!

ANALYZING RELIGIOUS ART

1. Is this picture from a Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or Hindu tradition?
2. When do you think it was created?
3. Where would it be displayed?
4. What theme or message does it portray?