

ISLAM, JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

This activity is designed to help you better understand the world's three great monotheistic religions. It consists of a chart and a list of items dealing with these religions. On the chart on the following page, you are to write the items in the proper category and under the proper religion.

Most of the items are in groups of three, and you can assume that in such a group each item goes with a different religion. If there are only two items in a group, you must use one of them twice. Only one item goes with all three religions. You may not need to use every item in the list.

Crescent
Star of David
Cross

Rabbi
Priest or Minister
None, but muezzins call
the faithful to prayer and learned
people of religion (ulema) teach and guide.

Jehovah (Yahweh)
God
Allah
Five Pillars of Faith
& the teachings of the Quran
and Prophet Muhammad
Complete obedience to Mosaic Law
Love God and fellow man

Christ
Muhammad
Moses

Day of Judgement

Yom Kippur

Monotheism
Polytheism

Passover
Jerusalem
Makka

Images and statues forbidden
Statues allowed but not worshiped
Statues not found in houses of worship
Belief in images and statues as having
spiritual merits and effects.

Quran
Bible (old and New Testament)
Old Testament

Church or cathedral
Synagogue
Mosque
Muslims
Jews
Christians

Belief in life after death
Belief in Kingdom of Heaven
After-life undefined

Easter

Christmas
Ramadan

Eid al-Adha

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JUDAISM			CHRISTIANITY			ISLAM		
ITEM	Belief in how many deities	monotheism	monotheism	monotheism	monotheism			
	Name of supreme being	Jehovah (Yahweh)	God	Allah				
	Prophet	Moses	Christ	Muhammad				
	Holy City	Jerusalem	Jerusalem	Jerusalem and Mecca				
	Religious leader	rabbi	priest or minister	none, but the muezzin calls the faithful to prayer				
	Sacred writings	Old Testament	Bible (Old and New Testament)	Qu'ran				
	Names of believers	Jews	Christians	Muslims				
	Worship and use of idols or images	images and statues forbidden	statues allowed but not worshipped or found in churches	images and statues forbidden				
	Symbol of faith	Star of David	cross	none				
	House of Worship	synagogue	church or cathedral	mosque				
	Celebration of Special Events	Passover, Yom Kippur	Christmas, Easter	Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha				
	Beliefs concerning "the good life"	complete obedience to Mosaic law	love God and fellow man	Five Pillars of Faith				
	Beliefs concerning life after death	vague about afterlife	Day of Judgement, belief in Kingdom of Heaven	Day of Judgement, belief in Paradise				