



BIG QUESTION

Are all religions true?

CAMPFIRE | WEEK 2 OF 5

Religions

GOD STORY

Paul Preaches in Athens
Acts 17:16–34

KEY VERSE

Don't worry about anything.
No matter what happens,
tell God about everything.
Philippians 4:6a (NIRV)

LEADER TIPS

- This series steps into topical teaching with big questions about prayer, scripture and science, denominations, and more. Because it gets into some meaty subjects, please be sure to read this lesson plan in advance and be prepared. You may get questions you don't have answers for—that's okay! Be honest with the kids and learn together.
- An additional resource for leaders is available for this week's Big Question. Please take some time to review it.

My Story

1 | CONVERSATION STARTER (2 minutes)

To lead into the lesson, chat about various holidays celebrated by other religions. Introduce today's Big Question.

2 | INTRO ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Illustrate the idea of many paths leading to the same place by navigating with compasses. Then explain that Jesus came to us!

God Story | Life Story

3 | WEEKLY VIDEO (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss them together.

My Story

4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY (12 minutes*)

Draw comics of Paul in Athens and look at reflection questions about him.

5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY (8 minutes)

Pray together for people from other religions.

Our Story

6 | DISMISSAL

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



My Story

1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- Use this quick activity to welcome the kids, build community, and set the tone for your group.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Greet the kids and gather everyone together.
- Ask:
 - Do you have any friends or know people from your community who celebrate different holidays than you do? If so, which holidays do they celebrate?
 - Do you know anything about what they're honouring on those holidays?
- Depending on the size of your group, invite the kids to share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Point out that some holidays are part of specific religions.
- To wrap up, introduce this week's Big Question:
Are all religions true?

2 | Intro Activity

SUPPLIES

- Masking tape
- Compasses

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Before the kids arrive, tape a large X on the floor in the middle of your group's space.

LEADER TIP

- The point of this activity is to get kids thinking about ways to get to God (there's only one: Jesus), not to master compass skills!

INSTRUCTIONS

- Demonstrate how to hold a compass flat in front of you. Show the kids that the magnetic arrow points north and the dial moves so that the orienting arrow can be lined up with it. The travel arrow pointing straight ahead reveals which direction you're headed.
- Divide the kids into the same number of groups as there are compasses in your supplies.
- Give a compass to each group.
- Move the groups to a variety of starting points.
- Instruct them to walk from their spot to the X taped on the floor. They should look at the coordinates on their compass as they move.
- When the groups all reach the X, find out which direction each compass was pointed.
- Ask: How many ways are there to get to the X? (A lot!)
- To wrap up, explain that many people think there are a bunch of ways to get to God. The reality is we don't have to "get to God" because God came to us as Jesus!



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3 | Weekly Video

SUPPLIES

- Video file

LEADER TIP

- Make sure the kids understand the links between the Big Question, the God Story, and the Life Story.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Paul Preaches in Athens, Acts 17:16–34)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Kids sit around a campfire and chat about some big questions. This week's question is: **Are all religions true?**)
- Recap the video teaching. Discuss:
 - What's the Key Verse for the Campfire series? (Philippians 4:6a)
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?

My Story

4 | Small Group Activity

SUPPLIES

- Paul in Athens Comic activity pages
- Markers
- Pens
- Bibles

LEADER TIPS

- Open a couple of Bibles to Acts 17:16–34, so the kids can refer to today's God Story if needed.
- Make sure everyone's names are on their comics.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Give each person an activity page.
- Place the other supplies where everyone can share them.
- Read over the page together.
- Direct the kids to draw a comic of today's story about Paul.
- When they're done, encourage them to look at the reflection questions.
- Invite everyone to share their comics with the rest of the group.
- Take a moment to chat about the reflection questions.



My Story

5 | Wrap-Up Activity

SUPPLIES

- Prayer sticks
- Container

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the prayer sticks in a container.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Remain in your small group and sit in a circle.
- Explain that even though we believe God is the one true God and that Jesus is the way to him, we can love people of all religions. We should love our neighbours, whether they're Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, and so on.
- Tell the kids that you're going to pray together for people from other religions.
- Direct each person to take a stick from the container. If there are more than five kids in your group, prompt them to return their sticks to the container for others to use after they pray.
- Guide the kids to take turns praying, "Dear God, please help and be with our [religion printed on their stick] neighbours."
- To wrap up, pray that your group will show the love of Jesus to all!

Our Story

6 | Dismissal

SUPPLIES

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

LEADER TIP

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

INSTRUCTIONS

- If parents pick up their kids in your setting, take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- Remind the kids to take their crafts.