

# Religion

**Quotations** My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.

- Dalai Lama

Religion is about turning untested belief into unshakable truth through the power of institutions and the passage of time.

- Richard Dawkins

## Questions

- How important is religion in your life? In your family's life? Do you practice your religion?
- Can you name some religions of the world? Which are the most popular? Which religions have a small number of followers?
- What is the most prevalent religion in your country? Do people in your country marry outside their religion? Is this respected or looked down upon?
- Do you believe religions solves problems or causes problems?
- How do you feel about people who are persecuted for their religion?
- Do you believe in religious freedom? Do you know of any countries where there is religious freedom? Where there is no religious freedom?
- Do you know of any countries who have gone to war because of religion?
- Do you know anyone who has no religion? Does their decision bother you?
- There are, and have been, religious cults (Jim Jones, Scientology) and small off shoot religious groups. How do you feel about these groups? Do you think they can be dangerous?
- Would you change your religion for marriage or expect someone to change their religion for you?
- If religion is supposed to be about love, tolerance and peace then why are so many of our world's conflicts and wars caused by religion?

**Presentation** List as many religions as they can think of (or teacher provides a list). In groups or pairs, have students compare/contrast two religions and share findings with the class.