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How is the world connected by religion?

Another way that the world is connected is by people's beliefs. In this lesson, we will investigate how religion connects people around the world.



Religions teach people about beliefs, morality and the meaning of life.

These messages and traditions have spread around the world and been translated into lots of different languages.

That means that there are Muslims, Christians, Buddhists etc in all parts of the world. Even if these people have nothing else in common, they are connected by their beliefs.



Sikhs in India



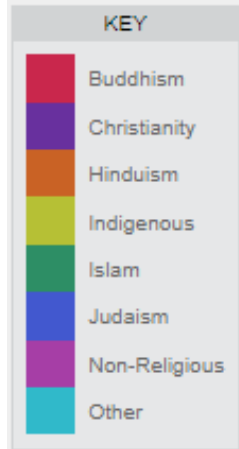
Sikhs in America

Even though their lives may be completely different in nearly every way, these people are connected because they share the same beliefs.

What are the biggest religions in the world?

- There are four main religions that dominate the world's societies and people. They are followed by about 80 per cent of the world's population.
- Christianity: 2.1 billion followers.
- Islam: 1.5 billion followers.
- Hinduism: 900 million followers.
- Buddhism: 400 million followers.

This doesn't mean that one religion is better than another – it just tells us how many followers each religion has.



This map shows the main beliefs in different countries around the world.

The key is in alphabetical order, not in order of popularity.

Select a country for details

How do your beliefs connect you to other people?

Make a mind map to show how your religion / beliefs connect you to other people. You could think about:

- When you meet other people face to face
- How celebrations and festivals connect you to others
- When you are praying at the same time as others
- How you connect to people in different countries with the same beliefs

If you don't follow a religion:

You are one of billions of other people who don't either!

Think about how **not** following a religion connects you to other people.