

# Religion Conversation Questions

## Warm-up Task:

Brainstorm a list of different religions and the names that are given to the followers of those religions. For example, *Buddhism* and *Buddhist*.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have a religion? What is it? How long have you been a member of that religion?
2. Have you been to a religious service? What happened at that service? Describe the events you remember.
3. What is the most common religion in your country? Is it dominant or are there several popular religions?
4. Do you go to religious services regularly? Where and when do you go? What do you do there?
5. Do you have friends or family that are members of a different religion or not religious? Are your religious differences ever a problem for your relationships?
6. Do you believe in God? Do you think of God as a being, like a man or a woman? Try to explain your concept of God.
7. *Atheism* and *agnosticism* are increasingly popular. Why is this?
8. Are science and religion enemies? How do people *reconcile* evidence-based knowledge and faith?
9. Miracles are acts that cannot be explained by nature or science. Do you believe miracles happen? Can you give an example?
10. Have you studied religions besides your own? What is interesting about other religions?
11. Have you ever been to a religious service for a religion other than your own? How was it? Did you feel comfortable?
12. Is religion a source of conflict and war? Or is it a force for peace?
13. Explain how, if at all, religion plays a role in the government or politics of your country.
14. Religions often prescribe rules for human behavior. Which rules are hardest to follow?
15. What famous religious buildings do you know? Have you visited any world-famous religious sites?
16. Some people dedicate their lives to religion. What makes them so committed?
17. Do you admire any religious figures? Who do you admire most? What are they known for?

