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How It Began

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The Bahá'í faith started World Religion Day.

The Six Main Religions

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Christianity		Islam	
Buddhism		Judaism	
Hinduism		Sikhism	

How World Religion Day Is Celebrated

Many people will go to multifaith special services to:

- show respect to other religions;
- treat each other with understanding;
- try to make the world a better place for everyone.



Questions

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- ☐ November
- ☐ January

2. Where did World Religion Day start? Tick one.

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- ☐ USA
- ☐ 1950

3. How many main religions are there? Tick one.

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- ☐ seven
- ☐ eight

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World Religion Day was started by people who followed the Bahá'í faith, in the USA, 1950.







It was decided that one day a year, all religions should be celebrated.

Did You Know?

People who are Bahá'ís believe that most religions share some of the same ideas, such as treating other people in the way you would want to be treated.

The Six Main Religions

Around the world there are many religions and faiths. The main six worldwide religions and their symbols are:

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How It Is Celebrated

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Aims of World Religion Day

- To have understanding between religions.
- To bring everyone together, whatever their religious beliefs.

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- ☐ the third Monday
- ☐ the second Sunday
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2. When did World Religion Day start in the USA? Tick one.

- ☐ 1850
- ☐ 1950
- ☐ 2020

3. Look at **The Six Main Religions** section. Draw **three** lines to match the religion to the correct symbol:

Christianity

a moon and a star

Islam

a cross

Judaism

a star

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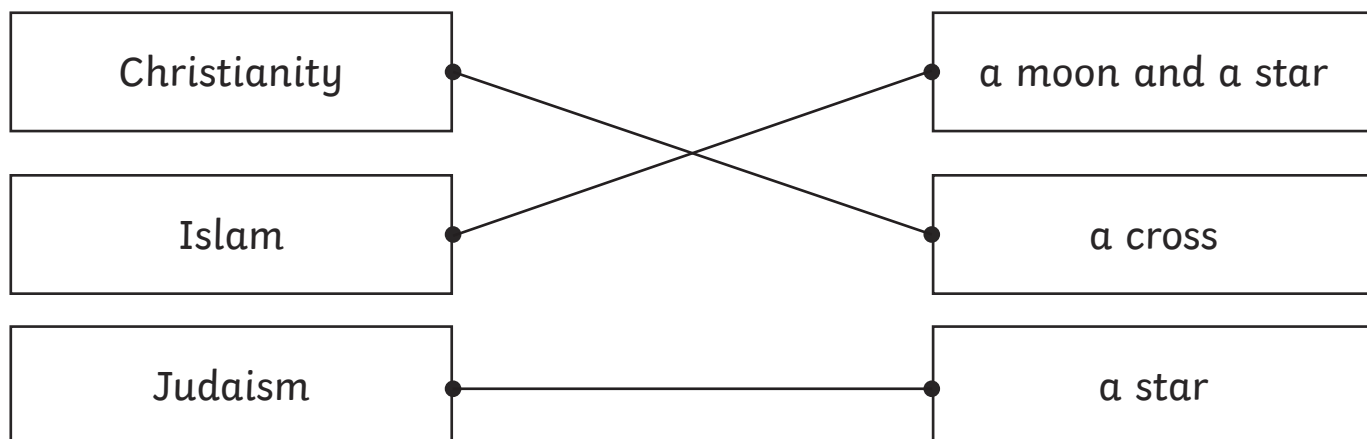
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It was started by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'í faith. It was first called a day of World Peace Through World Religion in the state of Maine, USA, in 1947.

It was decided that one day a year from 1950, all religions should be celebrated, and their similarities appreciated. This was known as World Religion Day.

The Six Main Religions

Around the world, there are many religions and faiths. However, the six main religions are Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism and Sikhism.

How It Is Celebrated

World Religion Day is celebrated in a variety of ways, but many people will attend multifaith special services, in which they show respect for each other's religions and reflect on the universal message of the six main religions - treating each other with respect and understanding, to create a better world for everyone.



Did You Know?

People who follow the Bahá'í faith believe that the main religions around the world share some common ideas, such as treating other people in the way you would want to be treated.

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- ☐ a day on which all religions are celebrated
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3. What is the name of the group of people who started World Religion Day? Tick one.

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- ☐ World Peace Through World Religion
- ☐ multifaith special services

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think this aim means that even if people believe different things or have different religions, they will still come together on this day and treat each other with respect and understanding to create a better world for everyone.