

Parts of a religion

1. Doing

People carry out certain actions. For example, some people ring a bell during worship (Hinduism), some have a Seder meal at Pesach (Judaism) and some take part in a baptism ceremony (Christianity).

2. Stories

These stories often explain things. For example, the story of the first revelation of the Qur'an explains how the Qur'an came to be (Islam), and parables of Jesus explain many religious teachings (Christianity).

3. Guidance

Teachings and rules about behaviour and the right way to live. For example, teaching about *sewa* (Sikhism), the Ten Commandments (Judaism) or the Beatitudes (Christianity).

4. Big thinking

Ideas about the big questions of life such as God and what happens after you die. For example,

heaven (Christianity), the oneness of God (Islam) and the cycle of birth and rebirth (Hinduism).

5. Experiencing

A person's inner feelings that are powerful. For example, love and awe felt towards God, a strong bond felt towards your religious community, and emotions felt when listening to religious music.

6. Organisation

Arrangements within the community, such as who belongs to it and who the leaders are. For example, the Pope (the leader of Catholic Christianity), an imam (Islam) or the sangha (Buddhism).

7. Material

Actual items such as holy places and artefacts. For example, places of worship such as a gurdwara (Sikhism), or prayer beads (many religions) or Torah scrolls (Judaism).

The area of life that I have chosen is	Doing	Stories
Guidance	Big thinking	Experiencing
Organisation	Material	I have made a good choice because