

FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS · GRADES 4–6

Five Major World Religions

A respectful side-by-side

Note for teachers

Religious education is sensitive territory. Stick to factual claims most followers and scholars would agree on. Avoid 'right vs wrong'. The aim is understanding, not comparison-shopping. If you have students from any of these faiths, they may want to add details from their own family — that's wonderful.

Five religions

Religion	Roughly when started	Where it began	Key holy book
Hinduism	5,000+ years ago	India	Vedas, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana
Judaism	~3,500 years ago	Middle East	Tanakh (which Christians call the Old Testament)
Buddhism	~2,500 years ago	India / Nepal	Tripitaka and other sutras
Christianity	~2,000 years ago	Middle East	Bible (Old + New Testaments)
Islam	~1,400 years ago	Arabian Peninsula	Quran

Major festivals (covered on this site)



Religion	Examples
Hinduism	Diwali, Holi, Vaisakhi
Judaism	Hanukkah, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur
Buddhism	Vesak (Buddha Day), Bodhi Day
Christianity	Christmas, Easter, Pentecost
Islam	Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha (during Ramadan)

