

Domain-Based Unit Overview

Title of Domain: Three World Religions, Grade 1

Learning Time: 10 days

Big Idea

Three of the world's religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—developed in the same part of the world and share a belief in one god.

What Students Need to Learn

- 1. Religions as the basis of significant aspects and ideas in world history
- 2. Judaism: belief in one god, Exodus, Israel, the Ten Commandments, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Star of David, Torah, synagogue
- 3. Christianity: developed from Judaism, the life and teachings of Jesus, Jesus as the Messiah, Christmas, Easter, symbol of the cross
- 4. Islam: origin in Arabia, belief in one god, prophet, Mecca, Koran, mosque, Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, symbols of crescent and star
- 5. The concept of religious freedom

MN Academic Standards

1.4.1.2.1, 1.4.1.2.2, 1.4.2.4.1, 1.4.2.4.2

Pre-Assessment

- 1. Importance of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- 2. Development of writing and its impact on civilization
- 3. The geography of Africa: the Sahara and the flooding of the Nile
- 4. The Code of Hammurabi and why laws and rules are important
- 5. Ancient Mesopotamian religion: worship of many gods
- 6. Important pharaohs: Tutankhamen, Hatshepsut
- 7. Ancient Egyptian religion: pyramids, mummies, animal gods, the Sphinx



Domain Lesson 1	What is Religion?
MN Academic	1.4.2.4.1, 1.4.2.4.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: explain what religion is
	SWBAT: identify three religions that started in ancient Middle East
Vocabulary	religion, Judaism, worshipped, Middle East
Procedure	1. Review that people in Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt believed
	in many gods and goddesses.
	2. Introduce vocabulary words listed above.
	3. Read Chapter 1: "What is Religion" pausing to ask questions and
	elaborate.
	4. Elbow talk/class discussion- How might learning about other
	people's religion be helpful?
	5. Activity - Show the video "Five" found on CKHG website.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 2	The History of Judaism: Moses and the Jewish People in Egypt
MN Academic	1.4.1.2.1, 1.4.1.2.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: retell the story of Moses
	SWBAT: describe the importance of the Torah in Judaism
Vocabulary	holy book, slaves, shepherd, plagues
Procedure	1. Review with students who Moses was and where he came from
	2. Introduce vocabulary words.
	3. Read Chapter 2: "The History of Judaism: Moses and the Jewish
	People in Egypt" pausing to ask questions and elaborate.
	4. Whole Group - Who was Moses? Why did the Jewish people
	want to leave Egypt?
	5. Activity 1 - Watch Sesame Street Hannukah video on YouTube
	6. Activity 2 - Play the dreidel game
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable



Domain Lesson 3	The Flight from Egypt
MN Academic	1.4.1.2.1, 1.4.1.2.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: Explain what Exodus is
	SWBAT: State important Jewish holidays
	SWBAT: Draw the symbol for Judaism
Vocabulary	flight, angel, spared, Exodus, praying, symbol, Passover
Procedure	1. Review what students have learned so far about Moses.
	2. Introduce vocabulary words.
	3. Read Chapter 3: "The Flight from Egypt" pausing to ask
	questions and elaborate.
	4. Draw a picture/Class discussion: How did Moses and the Jewish
	people escape and what happened when they did?
	5. Activity - Ap. 1.3 - Mapping out Exodus
	6. Extension - Watch "Prince of Egypt" during snack time.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 4	The History of Christianity
MN Academic	1.4.1.2.1, 1.4.1.2.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: Explain the story of Jesus and origins of Christianity
-	SWBAT: Draw the symbol for Christianity
Vocabulary	Christianity, Christians, Roman Empire, stable, Passover, meal, disciples,
-	Easter, cross
Procedure	1. Review Judaism and some of their beliefs/holidays
	2. Introduce vocabulary words.
	3. Read Chapter 4: "The History of Christianity" pausing to ask
	questions and elaborate.
	4. Draw and Share: What is the story of Jesus?
	5. Activity 1 - Show the video "The Story of Jesus" from time
	stamp 1:23-6:36 found on CKHG website.
	6. Activity 2 - Students create/decorate a cross ornament.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable



MN Academic	1.4.1.2.1, 1.4.1.2.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: Describe Islam and the prophet Muhammad
	SWBAT: Draw the symbol for Islam
Vocabulary	Islam, prophet, Muslims, cave, statues, Ramadan, feast
Procedure	1. Review what students have learned about Judaism and
	Christianity
	2. Introduce vocabulary words
	3. Read Chapter 5: "The History of Islam" pausing to ask questions
	and elaborate.
	4. Fill in the blank exercise to answer the question: What is the
	story of Muhammad?
	5. Activity 1 - Watch video "Muhammad - The Last Prophet" from
	time stamp 7:19 - 13:34.
	6. Activity 2 - Create a mosque art and craft
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain	
Review/Celebration	
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	One or two per lesson.
Vocabulary	
Procedure	
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain	Three World Religions Assessment
Assessment	
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	One or two per lesson.
Vocabulary	
Procedure	
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable



Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable