# Title: Religion in Figures

**Key Questions:** Is it important that we listen to the views of other people?

What is the value of dialogue between T\*?

What can I learn from the views of T\*?

When do I need to speak out and challenge views I consider to be wrong?

Why is it good when people work together well?

How do followers of T\* create a sense of unity?

Why is it good for me to create unity?

How should I respond when T\* appear to create disunity? Is this sometimes necessary?

**Key Concepts:** Interfaith, Birmingham, Diversity, Partnership, Practices, Prayer

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| This lesson will be updated when the new census data is released. LO: to consider how beliefs in Britain have changed and how this affects Birmingham. | Questions: What are the six main world religions? What other religions have you heard of?What percentage of people in Britain do you think follow each of these faiths? Sketch a pie chart to show what you think. Now look at the actual figures. Is this what you expected? Write a paragraph explaining how what you thought is similar or different to what is actually true. Is this how the media portrays religion?What does the data tell us? Who are the ‘nones’? What does the data say about them?FeedbackHow do you think belief/religion has changed over time. Do you think the figures for religious belief would have been the same ten years ago? Why/why not. What about people with no religious affliation? Discuss with a partner.Feedback.In 2001 the question “What religion are you?” appeared on the census for the first time. People could choose whether to answer it or not.Write three facts this data tells us. Is this how religion is portrayed by the media? What has surprised you?Extension task – read this article. What does this teach you about religious belief?Question: Do you think this national pattern will be repeated in Birmingham? What might be similar? What might be different?Analyse the data. Look up where you live – what interests or surprises you? What other area of Birmingham is this similar or different to? Why do you think this is? What other information would you like to know?What does this article say about faith/the non-religious in our city? What challenge does the Bishop of Birmingham give us?Write a summary of what you have learnt today. | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religion_in_the_United_Kingdom><http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-for-local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/rpt-religion.html><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/uk/03/census_2001/html/religion.stm><http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2246436/Census-2011-religion-data-reveal-4m-fewer-Christians-1-4-atheist.html><http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2013/may/16/uk-census-religion-age-ethnicity-country-of-birth><http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=Planning-and-Regeneration%2FPageLayout&cid=1223096353923&pagename=BCC%2FCommon%2FWrapper%2FWrapper>Scroll down to find the document on religion.<http://www.birminghampost.co.uk/news/local-news/birmingham-faces-changes-more-muslim-7800883> |