

## SUMMIT SEEKERS

### Book 12: Chapter 9: Church and World Religions

#### Objective:

- Students will understand about the origin of religion.
- Students will learn about the core beliefs and differences of major religions of the world.
- Students will be able to differentiate between the Christian beliefs and other religions and be able to stay firm in their faith in Christ as the true and only Savior.
- Students will also learn how to interact with people of different faith.

#### Starter:

Start with a discussion on the following, asking the students what they think about them:

- What is the origin of religions?
- Why there is a need for practicing a religion?

Use the following points to lead the discussion:

- Man who seeks the meaning of the universe has always been a seeker of truth. This search leads one to the thought of God. In other words, seeker of truth is always a seeker of God. Religion has its origin in the search for God. The primary forms of the search for God are worship of the powers of cosmos, oblation of manes, black magic or witchcraft, worship of deity, thought of absolute etc.
- Man began to believe in God along with the growth of his awareness of the various phenomena of the universe, the creatures and himself. To be brief, man's search for truth led to the concept of God and finally to religion.
- The term 'religion' means 'opinion'. There are certain questions which confuses a man seeking truth. One's religious belief is one's opinion about certain fundamental questions like the meaning of life, good and evil, origin of sorrow, goal of life, death, judgment, life after death etc. The term religion means relation and to relate. People must have been persuaded to depict religion as the relation between God and man.

#### Presentation of Topic:

Teacher can use the following methodology to teach the lesson.

Make a group of two or three students, ask them to select one of the world religion discussed in text book and list down the fragments of truth as well as the fallacies in that religion. (Give 10 mins to prepare let them use the google if needed.) After this each group are to share their listings with the class.

The Teacher can further explain any missed point for each religion and conclude with approach to religions.

**Activity**

Can we agree to the idea that “Whatever be the religion, it is enough that man should be good”. Debate on this statement.

**Habit Formation:**

Students should make a firm decision that they will never go astray from Catholic Church.

**Bible Verse**

Jn 3:16