## **Conversation Guide**

World Religions, ep. 1

## **Episode 1 summary:**

- Islam is the world's 2nd largest religion, with 1.9 billion followers as of 2020.
- Muslims believe the Qur'an is literally God's word, dictated to Muhammad, whom they regard as God's final prophet.
- Being a (Sunni) Muslim means believing "the six articles of faith" and practicing "the five pillars of Islam."
- Muslims believe Jesus never claimed to be God, never died for anyone's sins, and only wanted people to worship Allah.

- 1. Islam
- 2. Hinduism
- 3. Buddhism
- 4. Judaism
- 5. Christianity

## **Discussion questions**

**1** Did you learn anything new about Islam from this video? Was anything surprising to you?

**Q2** If the Muslim belief about Jesus was true, and Jesus never actually died, what would that change about our relationship with God? What does his death mean for Christians?

**Q3** What did you think about this quote: "Legalism says, 'God will love us if we change.' The gospel says, 'God will change us because he loves us.'" Why were those your thoughts?

## **Diving deeper**

**Read Daniel 7:1-14,** paying special attention to verses 13 and 14. **Then read Mark 14:53-65**, paying special attention to verses 61 through 64. Some Muslims use Jesus' phrase "the son of man" as proof that Jesus wasn't claiming to be God. But with the context of Daniel 7, we see that Jesus is identifying himself as the one given authority, glory, sovereign power, and the worship of all nations and peoples. Where else does Jesus claim to be God?

