

### FACILITATION HELP: KEEP PRAYER VOLUNTARY

Some people don't like to pray out loud in front of others. In fact, it terrifies them. You may know someone who avoided coming to a church group just in case they might be asked to pray out loud. Praying out loud in front of the group should always remain strictly voluntary. Your group should be a safe place to pray, as well as not to pray. We might feel the urge to gently push a student to step outside their comfort zone, but for most just the opportunity itself and the example of peers is plenty of pressure. There's no reason to risk driving away a shy or reluctant student by putting them on the spot beyond that.

STUDENT LESSON

# VIDEO

*Let's take a peak.*

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## CORE CONCEPTS

Monotheism is the worldview that one, personal God created everything.

**God:** According to monotheism, God is a personal and transcendent being with thoughts, emotions, and a will.

**ESSENTIALS QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?**

### STUDENT DISCUSSION 1:

**HOW DOES THE BAD NEWS OF THE WORLD DIFFER IN MONOTHEISM VERSUS PANTHEISM AND NATURALISM?**

**STUDENT DISCUSSION 2:**

**HOW DOES MONOTHEISM OFFER HOPE IN A WAY WE CAN'T HAVE IN OTHER WORLDVIEWS?**

**STUDENT DISCUSSION 3:**

**JUDAISM, ISLAM, AND CHRISTIANITY ARE ALL MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS. WHAT DISTINGUISHES CHRISTIANITY FROM THE OTHER TWO?**

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**CONCLUDE YOUR DISCUSSION WITH:**

- » **ACTION PLAN:** *How do you plan to think and act differently?*
- » **FINAL REFLECTION:** *Monotheism best explains the world around us.*
- » **FINAL QUESTION:** *Do you believe in one, personal God?*