

What does a Pagan do?

Monte and his dad just got done doing their meditating for the night when Monte's mind started to wonder. His dad noticed that he was preoccupied with thought and wanted to see what was going on. "What are you thinking about Monte?" asked his father.

"Well, today at Karate practice while we were waiting to be picked up one of my friends said he couldn't wait to go to Midnight Mass," said Monte, "that means that he is Christian right?"

"Yes, that is true," said Monte's father. "You know what religion you are right?" his father went on.

"Yes, we are Pagan!" Exclaimed Monte.

"Okay," his dad said then turned to him and went on "but, this doesn't explain to me what is wrong with you and what you are thinking about."

"I know we are Pagan dad," said Monte "but I don't know what Pagan's do."

"Well, Pagans do a lot of things!" exclaimed Monte's dad.

Monte quickly asked "Like what?"

His dad explained that he would talk to him more on the subject later because it would take a long time to tell him all the things Pagan's do.

"Ok, dad," said Monte in a sleepy voice "I would love to talk about this in the morning."

Activity-

- Get a deck of cards and take out 6 cards of the same color (either red or black).
- Tell your child you are going to play a game. You have 6 (red or black) cards and the object of the game is to get all cards in your hand.
- You will tell them different religious tasks and they will decide if this is something a Pagan does by telling you either "yes" or "no", if they are correct they get a card. For older children to make it more of a challenge if they answer incorrectly you take one of their cards, if they have some.
- Once they understand how the game works you begin giving them religious tasks. Now the list of what Pagans do may vary a little according to path and/or beliefs. Below is a list of most of the tasks that Pagans do as part of their religious practices, they can be 'yes' answers to your game edit them as you see fit! (you may tell them a little about what these things are; however, they are gone over in depth later in this series) There is also a short list of religious tasks that are not Pagan to help aid in the 'no' answers, as always edit as you see fit.:

Yes Answers

Do rituals
Say prayer
Meditation
Do daily devotions
Attend a Pagan or Unitarian church
Give Sacrifices
Cleanse things
Ground ourselves
Cast spells
Practice Reiki
Do Alchemy
Practice divination
Hold rites
Celebrate moon phases

No Answers

Sing Hymns
Celebrate Bar Mitzvah
Celebrate Ramadan
Hold Sunday school
Worship Jesus
Worship Satan
Worship only one god
Hold Bible sacred
Wear a hijab
Preach
Participate in confession

- You may want to play this game several times with your child. You can change up the Pagan activities so they learn more of them as time goes or simply pick only 6 and have them memorize just those one's as you play the game more than once.