

Are there Pagan Churches?

Tina was so excited she got to spend the night with her new friend Misty. They had the best time and even got to stay up an hour past Tina's usual bedtime.

Early in the morning Tina was being woke up by Misty's dad. "Come on, Tina, you have to go home." Said Misty's dad Shane.

Tina was unhappy because it was early and all she wanted to do was to sleep, she was tired. She didn't understand why she had to get up so early. This was just like school and it was a weekend. "Why do I have to go home Shane?"

"Because your mom said that you couldn't go with us," Stated Shane.

"Where are we going daddy?" Misty asked her dad.

"We are going to church." Said Shane as he headed to the door. "Don't forget to get all of your things Tina, your mom will be here in a few minutes."

Tina was able to get all of her belongings together and greet her mom at the door. "I'm ready mom." Said Tina.

In the car, Tina asked her mother why she couldn't go to church with Misty's family. Her mother told her that they believe in a different religion, they weren't Pagan. This meant that Tina didn't need to go to the building that taught about a different religion other than what they were. Tina's mother assured her that it would be alright, and they would go to the creek, which was Tina's favorite place, today to make up for her having to leave her friend's house so soon.

"Mom," Tina asked as they entered the door of their own house "Do Pagan's have churches too?"

"That is a very good question," Tina's mom told her "Many Pagan's don't believe in churches. Some do and there are Pagan churches but there aren't a lot of them and they are usually in big cities or areas where there is a lot of land. Some Pagan's go to a Unitarian church because they have things for all religions, even for Pagans."

"Can we go to one of these Unitarian churches?" Asked Tina as looked at her mother who shook her head yes to let her know that she could.

Activity-

- If you attend a Pagan or Unitarian church take your child to them and talk about different things that are there. The dividing of ages, places to sit, those in charge, activities and community service projects that they take part of.
- If you don't usually attend one of these churches or get-togethers and there is one in your area take your child, even if you do it for one time. Be sure to point out the things listed to cover in the first bullet point here.

- If you don't have one close to you or don't choose to take your child simply talk about the different things that are offered at these places. Have your child prepare a 'church' service for the family at home or in a designated place outside. You can participate as much as possible which will be determined by the age and/or ability of the child. This is not to replace a church this is just to give them an idea of what one is like. It is to let them understand that churches are not 'specifically' for certain religions as well as prepare them in case in the future they decide to go to a church.