

How can we tell if others are Pagan?

“Bye,” said Jamie to the lady that was in the mall. Then Jamie got into the van with her kids and started to drive home.

“What were you and that woman talking about for so long?” asked one of her kids.

“We were talking about our religion, you know, about being a Pagan,” replied Jamie.

“Well, did you know that lady mom?” asked her son.

Jamie started to turn the corner and leave the mall parking lot as she answered her son, “No we just met today in the mall. Don’t you remember her saying how cute your sister was and I told her how her baby was adorable?”

“Yes,” said her son, “I noticed you were talking to her I just thought you knew her.”

“Why did you think that?” asked Jamie.

“Because you knew she was Pagan,” replied her son, “how did you know she was a Pagan?”

“That is a hard question, we will discuss it more when I am not trying to concentrate on driving.” Stated Jamie as she smiled and thought to herself.

Activity-

- Take them a tour of your house. Take turns pointing out things that are in the house that show your family is Pagan. Somethings you might point out are (sometimes there are more than one clue, and you should look for that):
 - Books (checking the title and maybe some of the artwork)
 - Jewelry (symbols, designs)
 - Clothing (symbols on them, sometimes the designs)
 - Lifestyle (not always, but most Pagan’s stand up for causes, are more happy, live more freely)
 - Tattoo’s (symbols, wording, and designs are all safe to look for)
 - Household items (tools, altars, ritual garb, books, symbols found in several places)
 - They Tell You (Some people are silent about it but others aren’t)
- Tell your child that is sometimes hard to tell if someone is Pagan.
- Have them look in the mirror with you standing by them. Ask them to tell you, just by looking in the mirror, the signs of you and/or them being Pagan. Let them know if they find characteristics. If they don’t, let them know that just everyday life doesn’t always reveal that someone is Pagan. It takes a closer look.
- Walk together through your house one more time and have them point out things that tell you are a Pagan. Let them know if they are correct or wrong. Discuss each of them with your child so they can better understand. If they miss something point it out to them.

- Each night talk to them about this topic. Below is a list of seven things you can talk about to help round them out as far as this subject goes.

Many Pagans will not purposely and openly show they are Pagan, but with subtle ways as not to let everyone know. This is done so they don't stand out and offend those that aren't Pagan.

At Pagan gatherings no one holds back and there are signs everywhere of people being Pagan. If you go to a gathering look around and see some of the things that make Pagan's stand out.

It is always good, even if you think you know a person is Pagan, to just watch things. If a person is a Pagan there will be a lot of signs of this. Never just assume because you see one sign, it usually takes more than that to label someone as Pagan.

Most Pagan's will use subtle signs that they are Pagan. Things that show they are Pagan but you aren't sure. For instance wearing jewelry that are Pagan but not symbols, nature type activities, bumper stickers, and other things like that. If you see a lot of these 'hints' it usually means that there is a good chance the person is Pagan.

Topics that people talk about sometimes can also point in the direction of one being Pagan. Some of those topics would be like; astrology, Pagan holidays, nature, humanity type causes, as well as many others. When people talk about these types of things it doesn't mean they are Pagan; however, if these topics tend to be all the time (about several subjects) then this might mean they are Pagan.

There is really no way of 'totally knowing' someone is Pagan unless you either see them in a Pagan environment or they tell you for the most part.

- On the last day have them review the information they have already obtained from this question. Correct or enhance the information they give you.