

What is a Pagan path?

Betty waited impatiently for her older sister to get done talking. It was hot and she was ready to go home and would have already left except she was too young to drive. No, she had to wait for Eunice because she was older and could drive.

Betty decided that she would listen in to their conversation a little, I mean after all there was nothing else to do. “No, we don’t have circles,” said her sisters’ friend.

“I don’t know you could go through rituals without it,” replied Eunice, Betty’s sister.

“Eunice,” Betty butted in saying “Am I going to be late for class?”

“Oh, no!” exclaimed Eunice. “I didn’t realize it was getting so late. I need to go, but maybe we can talk more online this afternoon.”

“Ok,” stated Eunice’s friend as she watched Eunice and Betty walk quickly towards the parking lot.

“What do you mean circle and no circle?” asked Betty

“We were just talking about our different paths,” replied Eunice.

Betty looked at her sister and tried to hold back her question because she didn’t want Eunice to get mad at her. Then she looked back to the ground and knew she couldn’t hold it in anymore then blurted out “What is a path, you mean like to the garage at home?”

“No, it is more like different religions, in the Pagan world people believe in different things even though they all have the same basic beliefs.”

Activity-

- Have your child gather their shoes and put them in a pile. If they only have one or two pairs, they may want to add a few from other family members. Make sure to really mix them up.
- Let them know that you are going to say all the shoes are Pagans.
- Now tell them to hurry and pick out a pair of shoes that match.
- Tell them that this pair of shoes belong to a Wiccan. Then give them a few bullet points of Wicca (makes circles during ritual, the pentagram is the image most associated with them).
- Ask them if, even though they are Wiccan, are they still Pagans? Try to get them to get this concept. If what is presented here doesn’t work, then simply try a different approach. The main point is that they understand that being a Pagan is what the religion is, the path is the different faith within the Pagan religion. You could, for instance, use Druid (originate from the ancient Celts, awen is an associated symbol), Asatru (originate from the old Norse, Odin hammer is an associated symbol), etc.

- Spend a few more times playing this game but switch it up a little. You could allow them to name the path and show you which shoes equal them. Just turn the game around so it isn't the same old thing.
- Enjoy this game a few times allowing them to just come familiar with the different names of the paths and learn a little about them; however, the main goal is to understand what a path is.