

Why don't we tell everyone we are Pagan?

Darci came out and saw her dad sitting on the porch working with some wood. She decided to take this time to talk to him about something that had been on her mind.

"Dad," began Darci, "I wanted to talk to you about something."

"What is it?" her dad asked.

"It's about being a Pagan," replied Darci. "I don't understand why we don't tell everyone we are Pagan."

"Well, there are many reasons," said Darci's dad "The most important reason we don't just tell everyone our religion is because it is something that is personal, and we like it to be private. Then there is the fact that others' may not understand it and treat us differently. It is not just Pagans that have these issues, all other religions have them too.

"Oh, so it isn't because we are ashamed or scared to tell them," Darci said "it is because we want to keep it sacred and don't want other people to look at us differently, right?"

"You are right!" exclaimed her father.

Activity-

- This activity is best done during a quiet time of the day (before bed, right after school, etc...). Be sure to let your child know that you are going to play a secretive game that only the two of you play and no one else is to know about it.
- You will sit with your child and think of people that each of you know and talk about what you think would happen if you told them you are Pagan. For instance, you would have your child name a person that they know then ask them well what do you think would happen if you told them you were Pagan?
- After they have gone you will take a turn by naming someone you know and telling your child what you think they would do if you told them you were Pagan. Try to think of both positive and negative reactions, don't just give them negative ones.
- Only do this for a few names as to save the rest for the same game later because you should play it several times. The purpose of this is to get your child to think before they speak.