

Introduction to Christianity

Discussion Questions

Chapter 1 - Part 2

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1. What did Rachel say was the main cause of spousal assault in the past?

2. Rachel said sometimes it was okay to let children do what they wanted. When was a parent supposed to intervene and what were they supposed to do?

3. How did a baby become sipiniq?

4. What meaning was given to babies born feet first, kinguppingajuq?

5. If a person had a sickness that was travelling upwards and were not getting better, what would be done to help them?

6. If a woman had just given birth and the placenta didn't come out, what did people do to help her?

7. Why did women have to go through labour alone in the past?

8. Rachel said that those in attendance at a birth did not kisuliaq. What community did she said people did this in? Check with an elder in your community to see if this ritual was performed there.

9. Rachel said that new babies were only named after relatives that died. Was this the same in your community? Do you think the meaning tradition is changing today?

10. When a child was baptised did the ministers tell the parents how to raise the child?

11. Before people became Christians, women gave birth alone in an iglu. How did they know what to do?

12. After the birth why wasn't the new mother allowed to eat or drink while alone?

13. How did you know when a child who has already been born wants the name of a person who has died?

14. Why did Rachel say that newborns were sometimes left to die?
