

## Introduction to Christianity

Discussion Questions pp 1-17

- 1. Usually it is the missionaries who take credit for bringing Christianity to the Inuit, but in many places Inuit adopted Christianity even before the missionaries had arrived in that area. How was that possible?**

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- 2. What was tivajuut?**

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- 3. What was siqqitirniq?**

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**4. Why do a lot of elders not want to talk about shamanism?**

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**5. When and where was the first Anglican mission established on Baffin Island?**

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**6. How did most Inuit first hear about Christianity; through oral communication or through translations of the Bible?**

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**7. When Christianity was first introduced Inuit integrated the new religion into their own culture which led to conflict at times. List two examples of this conflict.**

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**8. When and where was the first Roman Catholic mission established in Nunavut?**

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**9. How did the rivalry between the Catholic and Anglican Churches affect people after the missionaries arrived?**

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**10. How did Victor become an angakkuq?**

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**11. How did Victor explain what a tuurngaq was?**

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**12. How did he explain the difference between a good tuurngaq and a bad tuurngaq?**

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**13. What are tirigususiit?**

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**14. Why did Victor give up angakkuuniq and convert to Christianity?**

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**15. Before people became Christians and used prayer to help them, what did they use?**

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**16. Anianniq, the disclosure of wrong doings, was a central part of shamanism. What would happen if a person would not confess what they had done wrong?**

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**17. An angakkuq would know about a person's wrong doings even if they didn't want to disclose them because they were ashamed or embarrassed. However, today the doctors and the ministers don't know these things. What are some of the consequences of this?**

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**18. What were two areas where there was a lot of pittailiniq that women had to follow?**

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**19. What were some of the new practices people started to follow after Christianity was introduced?**

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**20. What were some of the Inuit ideas and values that continued on after people became Christian?**

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