

## Supplemental Content

### Beach Party Option

#### Pack Your Cooler for this Optional Opening Activity:

- “Create Your Own Religion” handout
- Pens

Break the students into small groups and have them create their own religion. On the next page, you can find a template example your students can work from.

When they’re done, ask a few students to share their small group’s new religion with the whole group.

### Additional Discussion Questions

Catch the Wave Additional Discussion Questions. After the video,

#### *Ask*

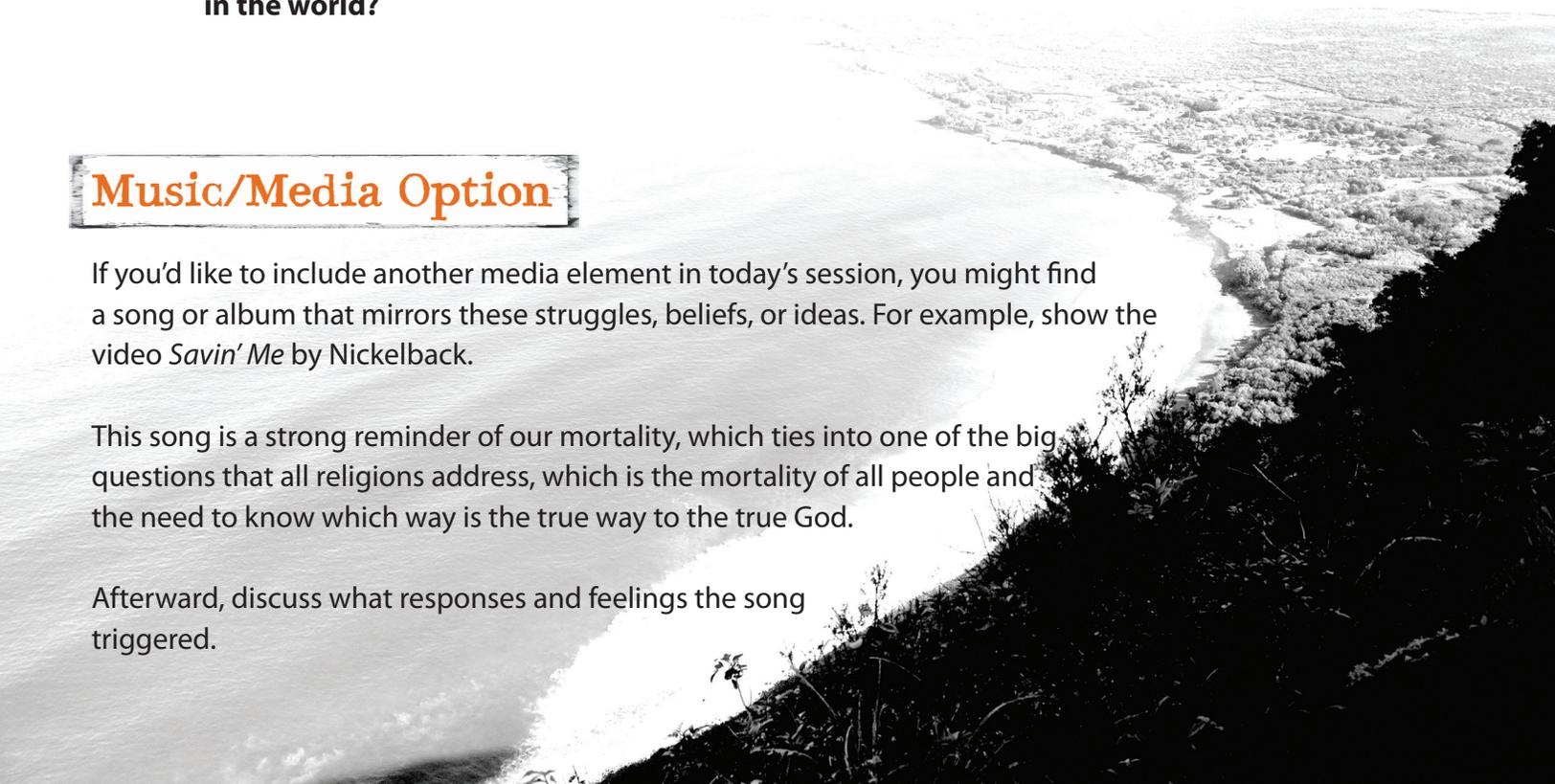
- **Since watching the video, has your opinion changed about whether all religions can be right? Why or why not?**
- **If all religions are just people trying to find God, then why is there so much religious conflict in the world?**

### Music/Media Option

If you’d like to include another media element in today’s session, you might find a song or album that mirrors these struggles, beliefs, or ideas. For example, show the video *Savin’ Me* by Nickelback.

This song is a strong reminder of our mortality, which ties into one of the big questions that all religions address, which is the mortality of all people and the need to know which way is the true way to the true God.

Afterward, discuss what responses and feelings the song triggered.



# Create Your Own Religion

Religion's Name

Central Beliefs

Nature of Supernatural Beings (god/goddess, angels/demons, etc.)

Moral Code

Explanation For:

- Purpose of Life
- What Happens After We Die
- How the World Began
- How the World Will End
- Source of Evil and Suffering

Holy Book

Holy Days

Ceremonies and Rituals

Spiritual Leaders/Teachers



## Supplemental Bible Verses

Encourage students to read more Scripture passages after the session, especially if they're interested in Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Recommend they check out verses such as these:

### Prophecies

- The place where Jesus would be born (Micah 5:2, compare to Matthew 2:1)
- That he would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14, compare to Luke 1:26-38)
- How Jesus would die (Psalm 22, compare to Luke 23:23)
- That Jesus would rise again (Psalm 16:8-11, compare to Luke 24:1-8)
- His body was pierced (Zechariah 12:10; Ps. 22:16, compare to John 20:25, 27)
- Not a bone of Him broken (Numbers 9:12, compare to John 19:31-36)
- Buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9, compare to Matthew 27:57, 60)

Recommend they check out additional verses about Jesus such as these:

- Acts 4:12
- Acts 10:43
- 1 Timothy 2:5
- Matthew 1:21
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4

## Background/Resources

- *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell
- *Jesus Among Other Gods* by Ravi Zacharias
- "Why I Believe in the God of the Bible" from Greg Stier's blog  
<http://www.gregstier.org/rants/why-i-believe-in-the-god-of-the-bible>
- "How to Share Your Faith With..." on Dare 2 Share's website  
<http://www.dare2share.org/products-resources/worldviews/>

## Parent Newsletter and Activities

Dare 2 Share Ministries strongly believes in involving parents in the *Maui* series. We encourage you to use the following newsletter to help your parents stay informed and engaged. The newsletter is designed to be sent prior to the meeting in which you will watch the corresponding episode because it summarizes what's coming up and provides parent/teen activity ideas or discussion questions. Feel free to reproduce this letter for use in your youth ministry in either paper or email format.



## Dear Parents,

This week we will be discussing the question: *Why are there so many religions?* Our main emphasis will be on the fact that Jesus claimed to be God and the Bible has unique and supernatural features in terms of its development and fulfilled prophecies. These facts make Christianity unique among all religions and make a convincing argument for it being the only true way to God.

### Suggested activities:

- Take a few hours out on a weekend as a family and visit other places of religious worship (Mormon Stake Center, Buddhist Temple etc.). If possible, call ahead and ask about a guided tour. Use the opportunity to discuss the key difference between Christianity and other religions.
- Have a mock debate where a few family members believe all religions can be right and the others believe that Christianity is the only true way to God. Appoint a judge and whichever side 'wins' gets a reward (i.e., extra dessert, day off from chores, etc.).

Talking with your teen about their spiritual questions can help them find answers to unresolved issues they may be wrestling with and will allow them to plant their faith in Jesus on firm ground. If you come across questions you don't know how to answer, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me and I'll do what I can to point you toward helpful resources that will allow you to dig deeper.

Your youth leader,



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