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# Alike and Different: My Religion, Your Religion

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# Book Review

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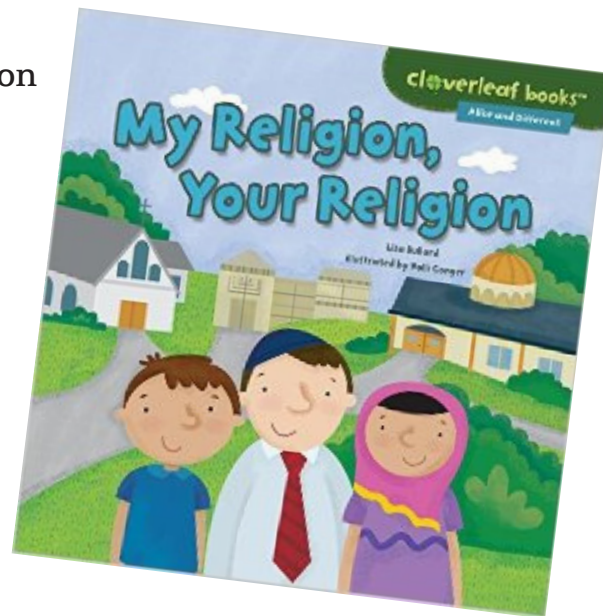
**Publication Year:** 2015

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**Number of Pages:** 24

**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate

**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

David's friend Zach has invited him to his Jewish bar mitzvah, but David has never been to a Jewish synagogue before. He and his father research more about the Jewish faith and then go to support Zach, learning all sorts of interesting things about the Jewish religion. On Sunday, David and his dad go to their Lutheran church, though he and his mom often go to the Catholic church together. Later he volunteers at a soup kitchen and sees his friend from school helping too, though she doesn't belong to any church. After learning more about the Muslim and Buddhists faiths as well, David finally returns home and says a prayer before going to sleep.

The purpose of this series is clearly to educate and promote tolerance toward different groups of people, and this book accomplishes that goal very well. Many religions are represented, and it's done in a very respectful and warm way. Illustrations are cartoonish and bright, creating a very cheerful feel, and though the text is a little cartoonish too, it remains easy to read throughout. Also, there are a few interactive questions presented throughout, encouraging the child to consider different aspects of religious life. Finally, the last pages contain a fun family activity, a helpful glossary, and resources to learn more. Overall, this is a fun, interesting book with a positive and educational message.