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# DO YOU BELIEVE?

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## Learning Goals

1. NCSYers will consider if he/she believes in God.
2. NCSYers will consider what he/she believes.
3. Start the conversation about belief, not proving God in this session.

## Advisor Toolbox:

### ACTIVITIES/GAMES

- You can open with this Kahoot!: <https://tinyurl.com/BeliefInGodKahoot>
- Convictions List (page 70)

### VIDEOS/ARTICLES

- Contact Trailer – <https://tinyurl.com/NCSYUnknown>
- Are You There, People? It's Me, God. (page 59)
- Our Deepest Fear - <https://tinyurl.com/CoachCarterDeepestFear>
- Dear Human (page 65)

## Activities/Hooks

- Use the Kahoot to open the discussion about Belief and religion.
  - See “How To Run a Kahoot!” on page 6 or at this link: [tinyurl.com/KahootHowTo](https://tinyurl.com/KahootHowTo)

## A Little Explanation

1. This session is a great introduction session to introduce the concept of belief in God. The questions are designed to allow room for discussion and open a dialogue about *emunah*. It is NOT about trying to prove God exists, don't be upset or afraid of teens that proclaim themselves atheists, and don't get distracted by them.
2. If a teen ends of the session with no change in his/her view- it's ok! This is an introduction! Don't try to change their view in one session.
3. The “Our Deepest Fear” clip from Coach Carter can be used to address what might *prevent* someone from believing in God. As the speaker says “Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure...” Perhaps some fear believing in God because of the inherent obligation.
4. The trailer from the movie Contact is a great way to start out a conversation about what you believe. How strongly will you believe something when everyone else says you are wrong?
5. It's worth noting that *emunah* is sometimes explained as faithfulness in something that we already know; if we don't know that God exists then we need to establish that first!