**To Believe or not to Believe: Fill in the Blank Notes**

**Belief**-

-Believing involves taking . We need to believe for reasons of:

**Can we prove that there is a God?**

-As we are often called to our religious convictions. In some cases, people who do not in God are also challenged on their beliefs.

**What is ?**

A is a person who takes . A person who can believe in God is , but the person who does not that God exists can also be called a believer. In a sense, except for, who simply does not believe one way or the other, we are all.

We can believe that certain are true, or that they are not true.

**Atheist-**

**Agnostic-**

Do you think that it is more difficult to believe that there is a God or there isn’t?

**What is the difference between “knowledge” and “belief”?**

**Knowledge-**

**Beliefs-**

\*The scientific world often considers beliefs unimportant.

It is said that it takes two things to believe:

1. **Conviction-** based on and
2. **Willingness-** to let oneself into the mystery.

We rely on belief for many (if not most) things in our lives.

What are some things that we believe to be true, even though they cannot be proven to be true?

* What we read or others
* What others believe
* of a friend
* of parents
* of your teachers

\*We use & to provide a basis for these beliefs, but not proof.

\*We rely on many times a day.

**Why is it so difficult for many people to believe in ?**

It is easier for us to believe things, or things which and show to be true. (eg. The sun rises everyday, you can make plans for the weekend, honesty of a friend.)

**What is ?**

 is a from God. You can whether or not you will accept it.

**How is connected to our religious beliefs?**

 gives meaning to our beliefs. Faith is the difference between believing that and believing .

\*You do not need to have a religious denomination to have faith.

**What have you done today that required in someone else?**