This is a story about a boy who grew up in a strict Catholic family but does not believe in religion. This story outlines how the boy perceived religion from the time he was in elementary school all the way until high school. He is forced to go to church by his mother every Sunday no matter how much he does not want to. His mother is very religious and superstitious while his father only goes to mass on Christmas. The reason he goes to church on Christmas is because the family goes to a Christmas Eve party directly after mass. The most religious member of his family is by far his Grandmother who references God frequently.

Throughout the boy’s elementary school years, religion was the one constant in his early life. Along with going to mass every Sunday he was enrolled in religion courses at his parish which helps prepare students for their confirmation in seventh grade. There he was taught the stories of the bible and how they are relatable to everyday life. The first major step before a student gets confirmed is to receive first communion. Students make their first communion in second grade and it is made out to be a big deal. All the boy's family showed up to the mass and a huge party was thrown for him afterwards and he received gifts. He was very happy on the day he received first communion because he was getting so much attention and gifts. He never once stopped to think why he was being celebrated and what did receiving first communion really mean. He never questioned religion because his mother talked so highly of religion.
During middle school, he starts to question the faith that he was taught to have. When the boy goes to mass and listens to the priest’s stories, he is left with more questions than answers. Stories about Jesus curing the blind and diseased do not make any sense to him because there is no logic to prove it. He wants to find out the truth, so he searches for what other people are saying on religion. Specifically, he looks up comedians and talk shows that talk about religion. His favorite comedian makes a solid argument for why religion is a scam, and he agrees with what this comedian says. Based on the research he conducted, he decides that evolution is more logical than creation, and the entire way he sees life has changed because of this decision. When he hears his family speaking about religion, he questions them and wonders how they fell for this scam.

After thinking about how much of a scam religion is, he realizes that religion causes people to do crazy things but what do they get out of it. An example is fasting for holidays and the crusade wars. A friend of his cannot eat and drink from sunrise to sunset every day for at least a month (Ramadan). In eighth grade, he stops going to church except on Christmas, and when he goes to church on Christmas, he only sits there; he does not participate.

In high school, the boy is asked to write a short story for his composition class. He chooses to write about himself and how he has perceived religion throughout his life. One day the grandmother is at the boy's house to visit and she walks into his room but he is not there. The grandmother sees a piece of paper on his desk with an A written on the top. It is the short story that the boy wrote and she begins to read it. She is appalled at the content of the story. When the boy comes home, she asks him about the story and when he began to think this way. This turns into an hour long lecture which makes no progress.
because both parties are trying to convince the other but neither will concede defeat – just like a political debate. His grandmother is so upset that she storms out of the boy’s room and goes home.

The next day the boy's mother says she heard what happened and wants to hear his side of the story. The mother thinks he was very brave to stand up to his grandmother and say how he honestly feels. She convinces him to visit his grandmother so that they could speak about the argument they had. He goes to see his grandmother and they begin to speak. The grandmother apologizes for being nasty to him the day prior. She says that she believes people have the right to voice their opinions, so while she does not agree with his position, she respects that he is so passionate. She was raised by parents who were even more strict and religion came first. She wants her kids to have the faith that she was taught and she may have gotten carried away. Her main message is that she does not want to lose her grandson because of this disagreement. They hug and all is forgiven. The boy realizes that his grandmother is a special person because after he attacked her beliefs she still loves him.