

L2.9 How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims? (Ibadah)

Faith: Islam



What I should already know:

- Islam is one of the five major world religions, and the symbol of Islam is the star and crescent moon.
- Muslims believe in Allah (God) and his messenger Muhammed (PBUH).
- The Islamic holy book is called the Qur'an.
- Muslims worship in a mosque.

Vocabulary:

Five pillars	These are the most important Muslim practices: Shahadah, Sawm, Salah, Zakat and Hajj.
Ibadah	The Arabic word for worship.
Sawm	Fasting during the month of Ramadan
Salah	Performing ritual prayers in the proper way five times each day.
Mosque/Masjid	A place of worship
Tawhid	Muslims believe in Allah as the one true God
Imam	The person who leads prayers in a mosque
Qur'an	The Holy Book
Ramadan	A period of fasting
Shahadah	A Muslim's belief in Allah and profession of faith

New learning (facts):

- The mosque/masjid is important within Muslim communities. It is a place of prayer, teaching and community support.
- Prayer allows Muslims to communicate with God, express praise, and seek guidance.
- One of the Five Pillars is fasting during Ramadan. Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr at the end of the fast.
- The Night of Power (Laylat-ul-Qadr) is celebrated during the last ten days of Ramadan, to mark the giving of the Qur'an.

New learning (skills):

- Make clear links between beliefs about God and ibadah (e.g. how God is worth worshipping; how Muslims submit to God)
- Give examples of ibadah (worship) in Islam and a range of ways in which Muslims worship
- Raise questions and suggest answers about the value of submission and self-control to Muslims
- Make links between the Muslim idea of living in harmony with the Creator and the need for all people to live in harmony with each other in the world today.

Enquiry questions:

- What are the main beliefs of Islam?
- What does the Qur'an teach Muslims about God?
- Why is prayer important to Muslims?
- Why is the mosque a special place for Muslims?
- How and why do Muslims celebrate at the end of Ramadan?

