

Ethics

Year 7 Knowledge Organisers

Term 2: What does it mean to be a Muslim?



Topics Covered

- How did Islam begin?
- The Life of Muhammad including the Night of Power and the Night journey.
- What is the Qur'an?
- What do Muslims wear?
- Why are the 5 pillars important to Muslims?
- Shahadah - Declaration of Faith
- Salah – Prayer
- Zakah - Giving to Charity
- Sawm - Fasting
- Hajj – Pilgrimage to Mecca
- Quotes of Muhammad

Challenge yourself. Practice questions.

1. Explain what happened on the Night of Power and the Night Journey.
2. What is in the Qur'an?
3. Research Declaration of faiths for 2 other religions.
4. Research 5 new facts about Salah
5. Explain why Muslims Fast during Ramadan
6. Why is Zakah important to Muslims?
7. Make a list of everything Muslims must do on the Hajj
8. Which of the 5 pillars do you think is the most important? Why?

Useful links:

Introduction to Islam

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mwkxn>

How did Islam begin?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDxKxnVZtgo>

The Qur'an

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nw6mibx-cec>

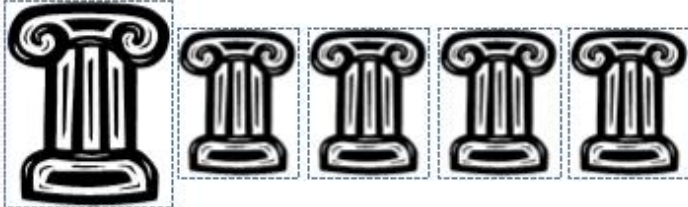
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/practices/fivepillars.shtml>

5 Pillars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb8Yk&LaUoc>

The Shahadah



The Shahadah is the first pillar of Islam.

It is the belief that there is only one God and that Muhammad is His messenger.

The Shahadah is the Muslim declaration of faith in Allah. It is the pillar on which all the other pillars are based..



'There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger' of Allah.'

Muslims will say the Shahadah many times during their lives. In particular they will:

- Repeat it many times each day
- Whisper it into the ear of their newborn baby.
- Teach it to their children as soon as they are old enough to learn it.
- Hope that it will be the last words to cross their lips before they die.



Salah



Salah is the second pillar of Islam, 'Salah' means 'prayer' in Arabic.

It is every Muslim's duty to pray to Allah five times a day.

Muslims often stand shoulder to shoulder when praying as a sign of the equality of humans before Allah.

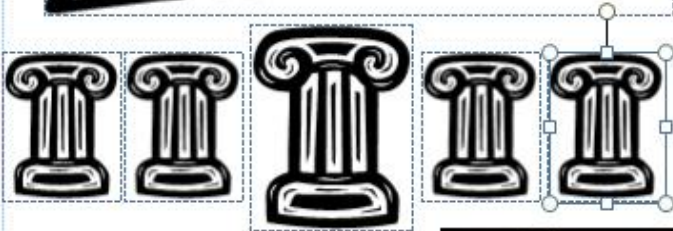


Salah does not have to take place in a Mosque. It can be carried out in any public place as long as:

- begins with washing (called wudu). This is a special kind of washing.
- The place is clean. Muslims use a prayer mat to make sure of this. All prayer mats have a directional arch on them, which is pointed to Makkah



Zakah



Zakah is the third pillar of Islam. It means charity.

It is the amount of money that every Muslim who is financially able must pay to support people who are poor and needy.

Zakah should be given once a year, and should be paid to a mosque or to Zakah organisations such as Islamic relief or Muslim Hands.



Every Muslim must give 2.5% of their surplus money to Zakah.



Zakah money helps people less fortunate than those who give it. Paying Zakah is a test of honesty—a Muslim cannot live happily with himself if he does not pay Zakah.

Sawm



Sawm is the fourth pillar of Islam. It means fasting. When fasting, Muslims do not eat or drink anything.

Muslims practise Sawm by fasting every year in the month of Ramadan. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from until sunset.

By practising Sawm, a Muslim develops sympathy for suffering. It also demonstrates discipline and obedience to Allah.

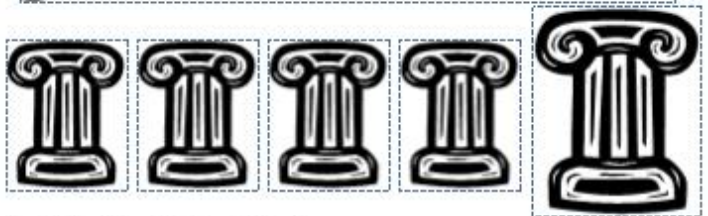


Muslims do not have to fast if they are under 12, too old, pregnant, breastfeeding, travelling or sick.

At the end of each day the family gets together to break their fast as a group. They eat dates and drink water before anything else each night because this is what Muhammad recommended.



Hajj



Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. It is a journey to Makkah to take part in a very special ceremony which lasts three days.

Every adult Muslim should go on Hajj at least once in their life. Some Muslims save for many years to be able to afford to go.

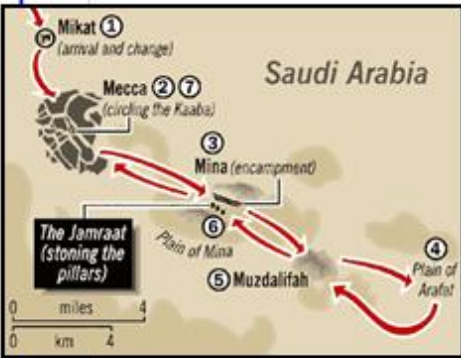
Hajj shows that everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah. Everyone wears the same clothes and does the same things.



The Kaaba is a special building that stands in the centre of Mecca. This picture shows thousands of Muslims walking around the Kaaba at the same time.

Hajj takes place every year during the month of Ramadan. Pilgrims travel to the city of Makkah from all over the world.

This map shows the route that Muslims take during their 3 day trip. They all do every stage together as one VERY big group! This shows that every Muslim is equal.



Key Words: 5 Pillars of Islam.

5 Pillars of Islam: the most important things in Islam that a Muslim has to do.

Allah: Arabic word for God

Fasting: Going without food and water. In Islam this is done as one of the 5 pillars of Islam during Ramadan.

Hajj: A Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca

Ibrahim: Arabic word for Abraham - prophet in the Bible.

Imam: Arabic word for a leader, often in the mosque or Muslim community.

Islam: Name of a religion. Arabic word meaning submission and obedience, and derives from a word meaning 'peace'

Islamophobia: dislike of or prejudice against Islam or Muslims.

Jihad: means struggle, either to become a better Muslim or spread the word of Islam

Ka'ba: an ancient shrine of Abraham and Ishmael. Muslims believe it to be holiest place on Earth and all Muslims must face the direction of the Ka'ba while they pray

Mecca: a city in Saudi Arabia, a country in the Middle East. It is the world's holiest city to Muslims

Mosque: religious building used by Muslims

Muslim : meaning to submit, follower of Islam

Pilgrimage: A journey you go on for religious reasons e.g, Hajj

Qur'an : holy book of Islam

Ramadan: The month of the Islamic year when Muslims fast.

Religious duty: Something you have to do as part of your religion and devotion to God.

Sadaqah: Voluntary giving of money extra to Zakah

Salah - Prayer

Sawm: When Muslims fast from dawn to sunset during Ramadan.

Shahadah - Declaration of Faith

Wudu : Washing before prayer

Zakah: Muslim believe in giving - charity. Muslims give 2.5 % of the money to Gods work.