

Islam

Islam is one of the worlds major religions. It is the worlds 2nd largest religion with about 1.8 billion followers.

Muslims are the people who follow Islam. They believe in one God who created everything - he is called **Allah** (the Arabic name for God).

Muslims believe that we are totally dependent on Allah and that if we forget this and imagine we can lead independent lives we will lose our sense of peace. At the root of the word Islam is *salaam*, used in the traditional Muslim greeting, *As-Salamu-Alaykum*, peace be upon you.

Muslims believe in a messenger of Allah, named **Muhammed**. They view him as the final prophet, following Adam, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and others.

Muhammed is believed to be the person who founded the faith of Islam, about 1,400 years ago.

The holy book in Islam is called the **Qur'an**. A **mosque** is a building designed for Muslim worship.

The Qur'an teaches Muslims that this life is not the final destination for humans: it is a transitional period for the life of eternity.

The **five pillars of Islam**, shahadah, salah, sawm, hajj and zakat, are part of Islamic worship. They remind Muslims of their dependence on Allah, help them to communicate and remain attached to Allah, and work to purify human instincts and desires, preparing them for life after death.

At the same time, the whole of a Muslim's life is worship when actions and behaviour are motivated by the intention to please Allah. If a person follows the commands and guidance of Allah, Islam teaches that the way will be easier for him/her doing more works which are beneficial to the individual and to the community.



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Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Allah	The Arabic name for God
Muhammed	The messenger of Allah and the final prophet
Qur'an	The holy book in the Islamic faith
Five Pillars	Beliefs by which Muslims must live their lives
Belief	Acceptance that something exists, trust and faith
Mosque	A building designed for Muslim worship. Often mosques have a tall tower called a minaret
Imam	Worship leader of a mosque

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

To understand and respond to Muslim belief in the revelation of Allah.

To consider why 'the five pillars' of Islam are fundamental requirements for Muslims

To know about the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammed, its significance as the word of Allah

To explore and respond to the way Muslims know about Allah and the world through the Qur'an

To be introduced to and respond to the example of the Prophet Muhammed as a source of guidance for Muslims



Key Questions

How is God revealed to Muslims?

What are some of the key beliefs and practices of Islam?

What does Islam mean and what is it based on?

How do 'the five pillars' affect the lives of Muslims during their lifetime?

What are the similarities and differences between Christianity, Judaism, and Islam?

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

Demonstrate an understanding of how Islamic belief affects people's lifestyle and worship and describe the key beliefs and teaching, making comparisons with different religions.



The Kaaba (Ka'bah) a cube-shaped building at the centre of the Great Mosque of Mecca - used in the Hajj (Islamic Pilgrimage)

Key People and Artefacts

Muslims believe that God sent his final message to Earth through Muhammed 1400 years ago. He is considered so holy that Muslims say 'peace be upon him' whenever they say or write his name.

Islamic geometric pattern, on walls, carpets, tiles or in the design of a mosque reflect the greatness of Allah.