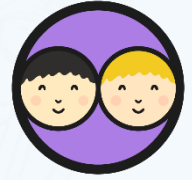


What is important for Muslim children?

This week we are learning about the rules that are important for Muslims to live their lives by.

These are written in the Qur'an and are called the Five Pillars of Islam.





Think Back

With a partner, talk about our school/class rules.

Why do we have them?

How do they help us?



What did we learn about the Ten Commandments?

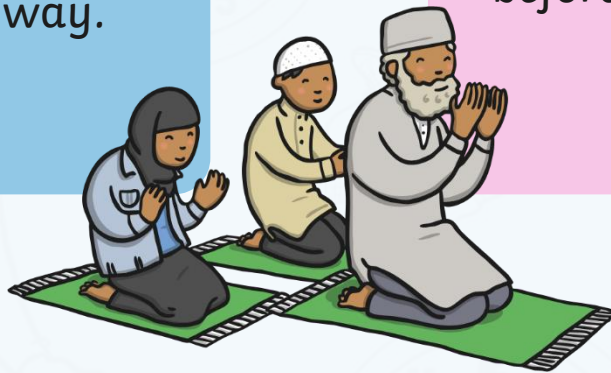
Who are they important to and why?



What Are the Five Pillars of Islam?

The Five Pillars of Islam are duties which many Muslims carry out as the foundation of their Muslim life, and to live in a good and responsible way.

They play an important role in Islam, and carrying out the Five Pillars shows that Muslims put their faith before anything else.





The Five Pillars

Pillar One: Shahada

(Declaration of Faith)



This pillar is the main belief of all Muslim people and it is a declaration of their faith. The English words are:

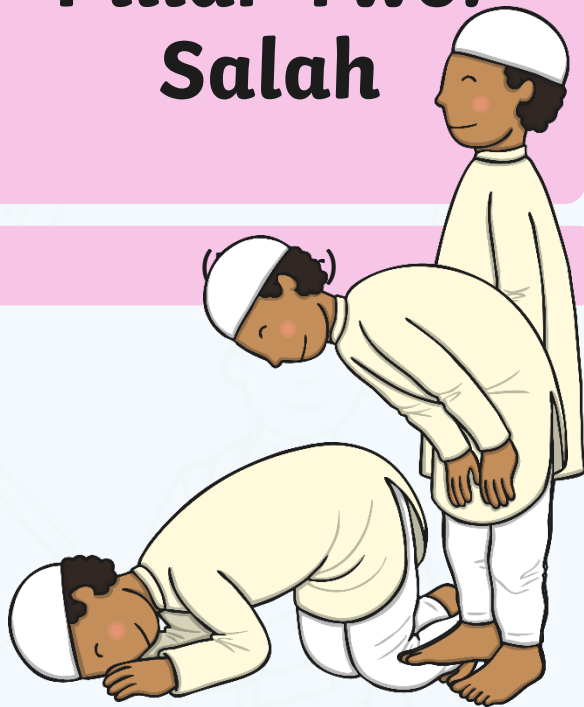
“There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”

Muslims say this when they pray. Anyone who says these words and means it can become a Muslim.



The Five Pillars

Pillar Two: Salah



This pillar is prayer. Muslims pray five times a day and follow a special ritual to do so. First they must wash in symbolically clean water.

All the prayers must be said at certain times of the day.

Fajr Morning, between dawn and sunrise

Zuhr Mid-day or early afternoon.

Asr Late afternoon.

Maghrib Evening, around sunset.

Isah Night, before going to bed.



The Five Pillars

Pillar Three: Zakat

(Giving)



This pillar is about looking after other people. Muslims give up a share of their wealth each year to provide for those less fortunate.

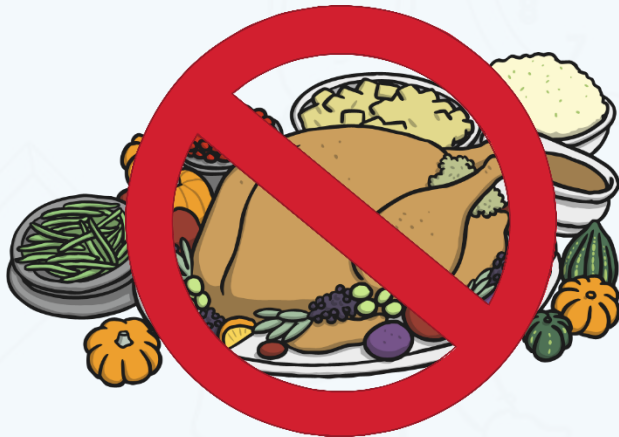
The word 'zakat' means to purify or cleanse. As a person gives away a share of their wealth they become cleansed from selfishness and greed.



The Five Pillars

Pillar Four: Sawm

(Fasting)



This pillar is about Ramadan.

For 30 days Muslims fast, they do not eat or drink anything during daylight hours.

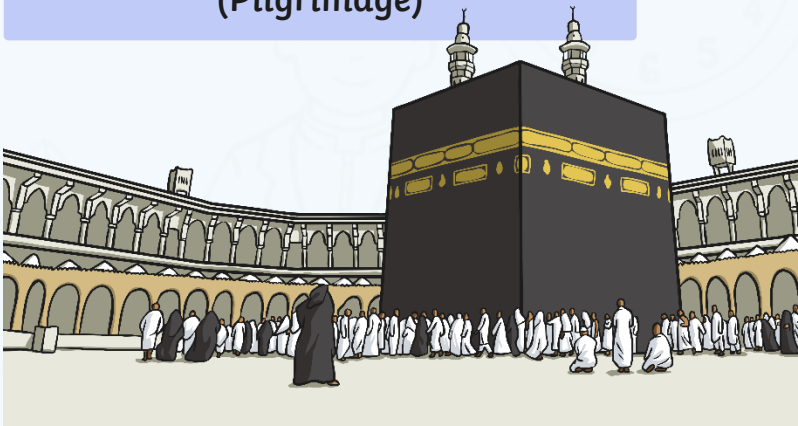
The fast is to remind them how difficult it is to be poor hungry and thirsty. It reminds them to thank Allah for the gift of the Qur'an and not be greedy.



The Five Pillars

Pillar Five: Hajj

(Pilgrimage)



Muslims have a duty to make a pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in their life. Often whole families will save to send one person at a time.

Muslims go on the pilgrimage to bring together the community and strengthen it.