

RE Collectable Year 3 - How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.

أركان الإسلام الخمسة

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 <p>الشهادتان The Shahadah شهادة أن لا إله إلا الله وأن محمدًا رسول الله. The belief that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is his messenger.</p>	 <p>الصلاة Salah خمس صلوات في اليوم. Praying five times a day.</p>	 <p>الزكاة Zakat إخراج جزء من المال للفقراء والمساكين. Making an annual charitable donation to help the poor.</p>	 <p>الصوم Sawm صوم رمضان. Fasting during the month of Ramadan.</p>	 <p>الحج Hajj حج البيت في مكة لمن استطاع إليه سبيلاً. Attending the pilgrimage to Makkah once in your lifetime.</p>
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Salah - prayer



Wudu - washing before prayer



Symbol of Islam

There is no official symbol of **Islam**, but the star and crescent symbol is the symbol most commonly associated with Islam.



عيد الفطر Eid al-Fitr

The main **Muslim** festivals are: **Ramadan**, Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha, Dhu al-Hijja. During **Ramadan**, **Muslims** try to give up bad habits and become better **Muslims** by praying more.

Muslim Festivals

The Qur'an

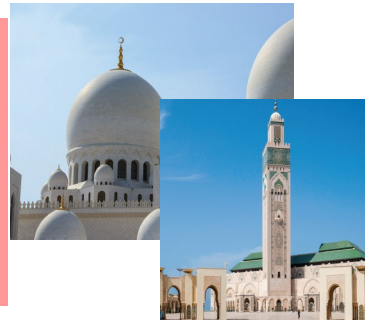
The **Muslim** holy book is called the **Qur'an**. **Muslims** believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.



A mosque in Torquay



A mosque in Exeter



Place of Worship

The **Muslim** place of worship is called a **mosque**. Services are held in **mosques** every day. The most important service for **Muslims** is on a Friday.

Mosques often have a domed roof. There are no images of people or animals in **mosques**. They are decorated with patterns and words from the **Qur'an**.

Muslims take off their shoes before going into the **mosque** and wash before they pray. **Muslims** pray kneeling on the floor on a prayer mat. The wall of the **mosque** which faces **Mecca** is called the qibla wall. It has an empty arch to show the direction of Mecca.