



YEAR 4 ISLAM



ISLAM

Islam is one of the world's major religions, followed by millions of people across different countries. It is based on the teachings of the prophet Muhammad, who Muslims believe was chosen by Allah to spread His message. People who follow Islam are called Muslims. Let us explore some important aspects of Islam.

PLACE OF WORSHIP

Muslims worship in a special place called a **mosque**. A mosque is not only a place for prayer but also a centre for learning and community gatherings. Inside, there is usually a large prayer area covered with carpets, where Muslims pray while facing the city of **Mecca**, which is considered the holiest place in Islam.

HOLY BOOK

The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. Muslims believe it contains the exact words of Allah, revealed to the prophet Muhammad through the angel Jibril (Gabriel). The Qur'an is written in Arabic and teaches Muslims how to live a good and honest life. Many Muslims learn to read and recite the Qur'an in Arabic, even if it is not their first language.

RELIGIOUS SYMBOL

The most recognised symbol of Islam is the crescent moon and star. It is often seen on flags, books, and mosques. The crescent moon represents time and the Islamic calendar, which is based on the cycles of the moon. The star symbolises guidance, as Islam teaches that Allah provides direction for people to live good lives.

VALUES

Islam teaches important values such as kindness, honesty, patience, and respect. Muslims are encouraged to help those in need, treat others fairly, and always speak the truth. One of the key teachings in Islam is the importance of charity, where Muslims give a portion of their wealth to support the poor and less fortunate.

MAIN CELEBRATIONS

Muslims celebrate two major religious festivals:



- Eid al-Fitr – This marks the end of Ramadan, a month when Muslims fast from dawn until sunset. It is a time for joy, family gatherings, and helping the less fortunate. Special prayers are held, and delicious meals are shared.
- Eid al-Adha – This festival remembers the story of the prophet Ibrahim, who was willing to sacrifice his son to show his devotion to Allah. It is a time of giving, and many Muslims share food with the poor.

KEY STORIES

There are many important stories in Islam that teach valuable lessons. One well-known story is about the **prophet Ibrahim**, who showed great trust in Allah. Another story is about **prophet Muhammad**, who was known for his honesty and kindness. Even before he became a prophet, people called him **Al-Amin**, which means "the trustworthy one." These stories help Muslims understand how to live a life full of faith, kindness, and wisdom.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of the city that Muslims face when they pray?
2. Who do Muslims believe revealed the Qur'an to the prophet Muhammad?
3. What do the crescent moon and star symbol in Islam represent?
4. What is the name of the festival that marks the end of Ramadan?
5. What important value does Islam teach about helping those in need?