

Key Vocabulary

Islam	A religion.
Muslim	Someone who believes in Islam
Allah	The name that Muslims have for God.
Mosque	A special place of worship for Muslims.
Qur'an	The special holy book for Muslims.
prayer	Talking to and listening to God.
worship	Showing God how important He is.
fasting	Not eating food at certain times as an act of worship to God.

Key Questions and Golden Nuggets

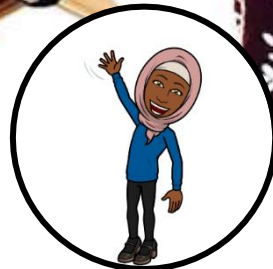
Who is a Muslim?	A Muslim is someone who follows the faith of Islam. Muslims have 99 names for Allah that show what they believe about God and they believe that Muhammad (PBUH) was his prophet.
Why is prayer important to Muslims?	A Muslim must please Allah by saying prayers five times every day. They are said early in the morning, at noon, in the middle of the afternoon, early evening and last thing at night. Muslims can pray anywhere. To show that they respect and love Allah, Muslims will take off their shoes and wash parts of their body to be clean. Prayers are said in the language of Arabic which had been spoken by the prophet Muhammad. A Muslim uses a special clean space to help them pray and just concentrate on Allah.
Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims?	The Qur'an is written in Arabic and Muslims follow it to guide them in their lives. Stories about Muhammad (peace be upon him) show that he cared about animals and believed people have a responsibility to care for animals.
Why do Muslims fast before Eid-ul-Fitr?	Every year, Muslims have to fast for about four or five weeks. These weeks of fasting are called Ramadan. Every day, in Ramadan, Muslims have to go without any food or drink from very, very early in the morning until late at night called sunset.
Why do Muslims give money before Eid-ul-Fitr?	In the Muslim holy book called the Qur'an, people are told to be kind to each other and share what they have. To please Allah, all Muslims are expected to give away some of their riches and money. Zakat is the name given to this giving away of money.



Do not put the Qur'an on the floor.



Keep it in a cloth.



You can use a stand to rest it on.



Prayer Mat



Don't try it out unless you are a Muslim praying.

You can touch and feel the mat if your hands are clean.

Wash your hands first.