

Islam 1 - Ramadan

Key learning

- 1 When it is time for Ramadan to start, Muslims everywhere look for the first, faint sliver of moon. It can be hard to see. Sometimes, it is only visible for 20 minutes! Muslims believe that this is the month when the Prophet Muhammad received the very first verses of the Qur'an.
- 2 For the whole month of Ramadan, Muslims fast during daylight hours. This means that the fast must begin at first light. Families rise before dawn to eat a special meal known as Suhoor. Only at dusk do Muslims break their fast. First, they usually eat dates and drink water, because this is how the Prophet Muhammad broke his fast followed by Iftar (meal)
- 3 Within this holy month, there is one particularly special night. This night is even holier than the other nights of Ramadan. It is known as the Night of Power. Muslims believe that this is the night when Muhammad received the first revelation from the angel Jibril.
- 4 Muslims believe that God communicates with humans through special beings called angels and prophets. Angels and prophets carry God's message. They have a wisdom which comes from God.

Vocabulary

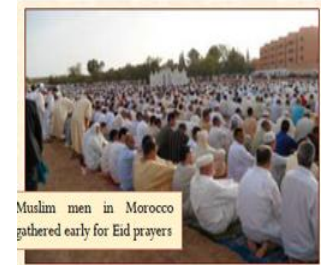
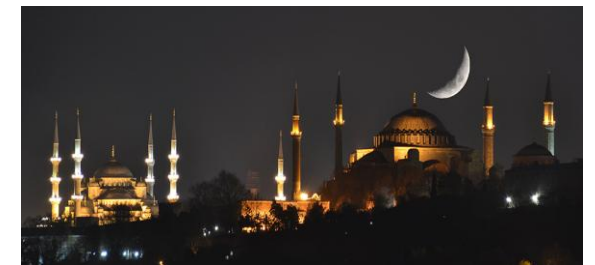
1	Marvelled	a thing, person, or event that causes wonder or amazement.
2	Illuminates	to light up; make bright with light.
3	Suhoor	the morning meal eaten by Muslims before the sun has come up during Ramadan
4	Iftar	the evening meal eaten by Muslims after the sun has gone down during Ramadan
5	Reverence	a feeling of great respect mixed with love
6	Imam	one who leads Muslim worshippers in prayer
7	Zakat	the compulsory giving of a set proportion of one's wealth to charity.
	Hadith	a collection of traditions containing sayings of the prophet Muhammad which, with accounts of his daily practice (the Sunna)

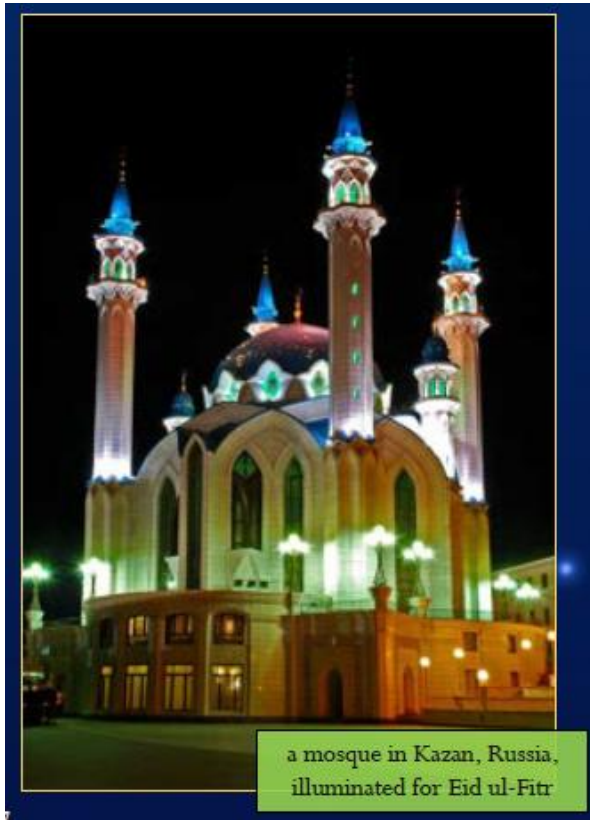
Big Question

What does Ramadan mean to Muslims today?

Prior Learning

- 1 Muslims believe that there is only one God called Allah. They believe Allah is the only ruler of the universe.
- 2 Belief in the prophets and that Muhammad was the final prophet
- 3 Muslims believe in five Pillars and Ramadan is 4th pillar of Islam. Ramadan is a Muslim festival where Muslims fast during the daylight and only eat after the sun has set.





a mosque in Kazan, Russia,
illuminated for Eid ul-Fitr



a street in Bangalore, India, during Eid ul-Fitr

National Treasures



Birmingham Central Mosque

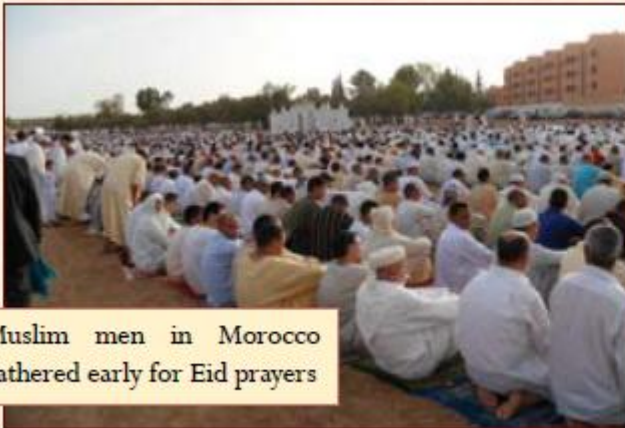
Rights of the Child/Global Goals

Freedom of
thought and
religion (14)

Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn properly to use this right.

Minority,
culture,
language
and religion
(30)

Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.



Muslim men in Morocco
gathered early for Eid prayers



A mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, on
the morning of Eid day