

Islam

Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.

Key Vocabulary

Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
tawhid	Oneness and uniqueness of God (Allah).
Five Pillars of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Shahadah	Faith in Allah (one God) and the harmonious world he has created.
Salah	Praying five times a day to Allah.
Sawm	Fasting (not eating and drinking) during daylight hours for 30 days during Ramadan.
Zakat	Amsgiving - giving surplus resources to those, who need it more than you do.
Hajj	Pilgrimage to Mecca, where Muslims believe Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was born.
The Qur'an	The holy book of Islam. Muslims believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.
mosque	The place where Muslims go to worship Allah.
Ramadan	A Muslim festival where Muslims fast.
fast	To not eat or drink for a period of time.
ummah	The global community of Muslims.

Main Beliefs



Muslims believe that there is only one God called Allah. They believe Allah is the only ruler of the universe.

Muhammed is so highly respected by Muslims that they will say "Peace and blessings be upon him" after his name is spoken.

The Five Pillars of Islam

- Shahadah (Faith)**: To believe in no God but Allah and that Muhammad is his prophet and the messenger of Allah.
- Salah (Prayer)**: To pray five times each day: Fajr - Before Sunrise, Zuhr - Early Afternoon, Asr - Late Afternoon, Maghrib - After Sunset, Isha - Night.
- Sawm (Fasting)**: To give up food and drink during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan.
- Zakah (Almsgiving)**: To give a share of personal wealth to help people in need and support the Muslim community.
- Hajj (Pilgrimage)**: To perform a pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in a lifetime.

Key Questions

- What is a Muslim?
- What do Muslims believe?
- How is Muslim belief expressed collectively?
- How does Muslim worship and celebration build a sense of community?
- How does collective worship and celebration affect the environment?