

**Islam**

Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.

**Main Beliefs**

Muslims believe that there is only one God called Allah. They believe Allah is the only ruler of the universe. The word 'Islam' means submission and obedience to Allah.

Muslims believe Allah created the world, just as he wanted it to be, in 'harmony'. They believe Allah has given them the responsibility to take care of the world for their future generations so that Allah's creation will be everlasting.



**Key Questions**

- What do Muslims call God?
- What do Muslims believe about Allah?
- How is Allah described in the Qur'an?
- How does Allah guide Muslims to live good, honest lives?

**Key Vocabulary**

<b>Muslim</b>	A follower of the religion of Islam.
<b>Allah</b>	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
<b>Five Pillars of Islam</b>	The five things that Muslims are expected to do in their lifetime.
<b>tawhid</b>	The belief that there is only one God and he is special. There is nobody else like him.
<b>Shariah Law</b>	A straight path, Allah has given Muslims to follow to live a good, honest life so when they die, they can join him in heaven.
<b>99 Names of Allah</b>	Muslims believe Allah has 99 names.
<b>Prophet Muhammed</b> (Peace be upon him)	The founder of the religion Islam. Muslims believe that Allah sent messages to him, which then formed their holy book, the Qur'an.

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In the space before time began, there was just God. And when God wanted to create something, all he had to say was 'be' and it became.	God poured down the rain in torrents, and broke up the soil to bring forth the corn, the grapes and other vegetation; the olive and the palm, the fruits trees and the grass.	He made all the creatures, which walk, swim, crawl and fly on the face of the Earth.
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He made the angels, and the sun, moon and stars to dwell in the universe.	God created the world and heavens.	God ordered the angels to go to the Earth, and to bring seven handfuls of soil, all of different colours, from which he could model man. God took the seven kinds of earth and moulded them into a model of man. He breathed life and power into it, and it immediately sprang to life.