

# Building well: The 5 Pillars of Islam



## 1. As the pupils enter

Play your chosen music and have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-five-pillars-of-islam/zvvvp4j>

## 2. Your introduction to the video

1. Set up the building blocks as a wall or tower and invite a child to play with you by removing blocks from the bottom of the wall in turn. You will have to give this activity a time limit (and be ready to topple the tower yourself on purpose if necessary!)

2. Talk about the way to build secure walls (strong foundations, mortar, etc) and what went wrong with your own construction. You could display a picture of an actual brick wall to show the joins, mortar etc.

3. Relate the idea of building strong walls to building strong lives. Recap your own school rules as these will be the most familiar context for children. Then introduce the video and ask children to think about the things they see that help a Muslim family to build strong lives too.

## 3. Play the video

Play the video. The duration is 3' 23" and the final words are: '...Rahaeed hurried off quickly to find his mum.'

## 4 & 5. Time to talk

Use the story questions to help children talk about the story. 1: What is the purpose of the 5 Pillars of Islam? 2: What words are spoken for the Shahadah? 3: Salah requires prayer how many times a day? 4: What are the first and last times of prayer during the day? 5: What is Zakat - the third pillar? 6: What does it mean 'to fast'? 7: What is Hajj - the fifth pillar?

Ask children what they have learned about the things that help Ameena's family to live good lives and how they may relate to their own lives.

## 6. Time to sing

An opportunity for you to sing your chosen song.

**Play video**



## 7. Opportunity to reflect

*We've been thinking today about building strong lives...*

*We've heard about The 5 Pillars of Islam - five things that help Muslim families to build strong lives and worship Allah...*

*We've thought about the things that help us to build strong families, and strong school communities...things such as [name some of the things you talked about]...*

*I wonder what you will do today that will help us to build strong lives..?*

## 8. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God.*

*We are glad to be here together today, as part of our school community.*

*Please help us as we work, play, eat and laugh together - help us to build strong friendships and to build up our school community.*

*Amen.*