

Islam - Values for living



1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-islam-values-for-living/z3t6qfr>

Play your chosen music and display the gallery images (if to be used):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-gallery-caring-for-pets/z74cvwx>

2. Introduction

Show the children each of the soft toy animals in turn and ask them to identify them (so that everyone is clear what they are). Then show each of the physical items - water bottle, lead, collar etc - and ask the children which of the animals they belong with and what aspect of pet care they demonstrate (need for food, water, exercise, etc). Model the use of 'peace be upon him' as an opportunity to show respect. Then: *In a moment we're going to watch two short stories about the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). He said that 'Caring for animals is a kind of worship', teaching his followers that looking after animals is a way of worshipping Allah (God) who created them. The Prophet used to take great care of his own camels when he was travelling and would make sure that their needs were taken care of even before he knelt to pray.*

3. Play the video

Click on the 'Play video' button to load the video page. The video should play automatically. Display the video full-size using the toolbar buttons. The duration is 3' 44". The final words are: '...stories Aameena would tell him tomorrow.'

4 & 5. Time to talk

Use the story questions to help children recall the events. Help the children to understand how important the words of the Prophet are to Muslims and how Muslims seek to learn from his life. Talk about how one / both of the stories illustrate this. Relate this to how the children might show care for animals themselves - eg putting out food and water for birds in winter. 'The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught that caring for animals is really important. Think for a few moments about something you could do to care for the creatures of our world...' Then share feedback if time allows.

6. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Play video



7. Opportunity to reflect

We've been thinking today about caring for animals...and how the Prophet Muhammad said caring for animals is very important...

We can all do something to care for the creatures in our world...

Caring for our pets for a start...

But there are many other creatures in our world as well - and, as we heard in our stories, they all need our care...

From tiny creatures like birds, who we can help with food and water...

Right through to finding out about endangered species and doing whatever we can to help them.

8. Opportunity for prayer

Dear God.

Thank you for our pets and all the other creatures that you have made and want us to look after.

Help us to give them the care, love and attention that they need in order to live happy and healthy lives.

Amen.