

What is Islam?



1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-what-is-islam-the-five-pillars/zp7gf82>

Play your chosen music and display the image The Five Pillars of Islam:

http://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/schoolradio/assemblies/images/5_pillars_of_islam.jpg

2. Your introduction to the video

Explain to the children that in the video Sara will outline what 'The Five Pillars of Islam' are. She uses their Arabic names - refer to these on the displayed image. Or you could share the names of The Five Pillars with the children before watching the video. This will help to ensure they listen carefully to the content and explanations that follow.

3. Play the video

Play the video. The duration is 3' 42" and the final words are: '...then it will hold you up and, like, make you a good Muslim.'

4 & 5. Time to talk

Recall what The Five Pillars are and the meaning of each. You can use the 'Video questions' as a prompt. Then:

Zakah means giving 2.5% of your income to charity. Which charity would you choose to donate money to and why?

Hajj is a pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca) in Saudi Arabia that all Muslims intend to complete at least once in their lifetime. What special place would you like to visit and why?

Sara does not need to fast yet as she is young. However, she chooses to try to fast so that it will prepare her for when she is older. What do you try to do that will prepare you for growing up?

Sara says: 'Pillars hold things up and hold you up to be a good Muslim.' What are your foundations for being a good person?

6. Time to sing

An opportunity for you to sing your chosen song.

Play video



7. Opportunity to reflect

Ask the pupils to sit quietly and to think about giving to others:

*How often do we think about others..?
If we stop and reflect, are we always generous..?*

Do we do enough to help others or could we do more..?

How should we help those who do not have enough money..?

When we fundraise, do we fully understand the importance of what we are doing..?

Who needs your help today..?

8. Opportunity for prayer

Use your standard form of address ('Dear God', etc) and:

I know that I am very lucky and have a lot to thank you for.

Help me to think of others and their needs.

Help me to recognise that I can share what I have if I need to.

And help me to learn to do this without being reminded.

Amen.