Third Rock from the Sun

What are the important customs and practices in Islam?

Lesson1: What are the main features of a mosque and what are their functions?

- A prayer room for Muslims to pray
- A mihrab showing the direction of Mecca
- A Minaret to call the faithful to prayer
- A dome to symbolise heaven
- A room to wash before prayers to be clean before God

Lesson 2: What are the 5 pillars in Islam?

5 PILLARS OF ISLAM

profession of faith   almsgiving   pilgrimage
prayer   fasting

British Values

Mutual Respect: Tolerance for other religions, beliefs and faiths.

Lesson 3: How do the 5 pillars affect daily life?

- There are five key practices that all Muslims are obligated to fulfil throughout their lifetime. These are the pillars which form the foundation of Muslim life.
- They define the identify of Muslims
- Provides a shared set of values and beliefs
- Bind together Muslims from all over the world
- Guide Muslims in their daily life and their worship of God.

Lesson 4: What are the significant features of Muslim birth and marriage customs?

- The adhaan (prayer) is whispered into the baby's right ear **(Birth)**
- A special meal is shared with family and friends **(Birth)**
- After seven days the baby's head is shaved **(Birth)**
- The bride and groom sign the nikah **(Marriage)**
- The Imam reads from the Qur'an **(Marriage)**
- A presentation of a Mahr (a gift, usually money, that the groom gives to the bride) **(Marriage)**

Lesson 5—What do Muslims see as the purpose of their lives?

Muslims believe that living a meaningful life through worshipping Allah allows them to enter heaven. They believe life is sacred and one of the greatest gifts and blessings of God

Muslims believe earthly life is a test, determining their afterlife, either in Jannah (Paradise) or in Ja-

Key Vocab

Mosque, the Five Pillars, the Shahadah, Salah and Wudu, Sawm pilgrimage, fasting, alms giving, prayer

Lesson 6—How is respect for others shown in Islam?

The Five pillars guide Muslims in how to show respect and support charity, care, greeting each other, Salah and Wudu.

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