

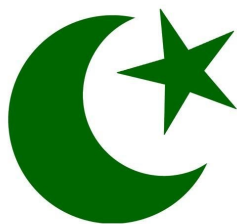


Religious Focus:

Islam: Life after Death

Year 6

Summer Term



Background Information for Teachers

Religion has played an important role in the world. The type of religion has changed from place to place and over different times; however, we still draw many messages from it today. The children will be focussing on Islam. Here they will explore Akhirah. The children will explain how the belief in Akhirah influences Muslim decisions and choices as to how to behave towards God and other people. They will ask questions about life after death and explore how what they believe might influence their life.

What? (Knowledge)

Islamic views on Life after Death

Belief in life after death is one of Islam's Six Articles of Faith. This means it is an essential belief for all Muslims. Muslims refer to the afterlife as 'akhirah'. They believe that, when we die, we remain in our graves until the end of the world. The date on which the world will end is known only by Allah. On this day, everyone who has ever lived will be resurrected and brought before God for judgement. Allah will judge each person based on the way they lived their life. If they have lived a bad life and sinned, they will end up in Jahannam (hell). If they have lived a good life, they will enter Jannah (heaven). Jannah is described in the Qur'an as a garden of paradise, whilst hell is believed to be place of fire. God is merciful and forever forgiving, our good deeds are thought to outweigh our bad ones, meaning sinners have the chance to enter heaven if they reform and repent for their sins.

How does this affect the lives of Muslims?

Muslims believe that Islam is a way of life. They believe there is no God besides Allah and Prophet Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.. The word 'Islam' is an Arabic word which means submission to the will of God.

There are 6 articles of faith: Beliefs in the existence and the ones of God (Allah),

Beliefs in the existence of angels, belief in the existence of the books of which God is the author.

Belief the Quran - Revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, Gospel / Bible - Revealed to Jesus ,Torah - Revealed to Moses and Psalms - Revealed to David

Belief in the existence of all Prophets: Muhammed being the last of them, Jesus the penultimate, and the others sent before them.

Belief in the existence of the Day of Judgement

Belief in the existence of God' predestination, weather it involves good or bad.

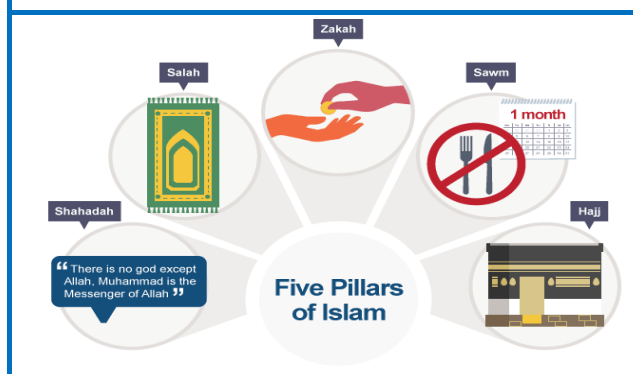
What? Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Afterlife	Life after death
Choices	Choosing between different possibilities
Sin	Immoral act against divine law
Heaven	Place regarded as the holy kingdom of God
Hell	Spiritual realm of evil and suffering
Qur'an	Holy book for Muslims
Mosque	Place of worship for Muslims
Prayer	Solemn request for help or thanks to God
Fasting	Abstaining from food as a religious observance
Hajj	Pilgrimage to Mecca
Predestination	Fate

The Five Pillars of Islam

Shahadah (Faith)	The Muslim statement of faith
Salat (Pray)	Prayer - Muslims must pray five times a day
Zakat (Charity)	Giving charity to those in need
Sawm (Fasting)	Fasting during day light hours
Hajj (Pilgrimage)	Pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah (Mecca)

Diagrams, Images and Symbols



Key Question

Does belief in Akhirah help Muslims lead a good life?