

## Discovering Islam with Nova

*Learning objective: To understand key beliefs and practices of the Islamic faith.*

Read the passage carefully. Use the text to find the answers to the questions that follow.

Nova the owl flew over a beautiful building with a tall spire and a shining dome. 'That is a mosque,' Nova explained to her friends. 'It is a holy place where Muslims go to worship Allah.' Nova told the group that Muslims follow the teachings of the Quran, which is their holy book. She explained that faith is shown through five important pillars. One pillar is Salah, where Muslims pray five times a day to remember God. Another is Zakat, which means giving money to help people who have less, such as donating £5 to a food bank. During the month of Ramadan, many Muslims fast, meaning they do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. This helps them think about people who are hungry and teaches them patience. Nova noted that being kind and honest is very important in Islam. By following these paths, Muslims aim to live a life of peace and devotion, showing love to their community and the world around them.

*Word bank: Mosque · Quran · Prayer · Fast · Charity*

**1. What is the name of the holy book used by Muslims? (1 mark)**

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**2. How many times a day do Muslims pray as part of Salah? (1 mark)**

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**3. Why do you think fasting during Ramadan helps a person become more patient? (2 marks)**

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**4. How does the practice of Zakat show that a person cares about others? (2 marks)**

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**5. In your opinion, why is it important for different religions to teach people to be kind and honest? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of the mosque Nova saw, including the tall spire and the shining dome.



*Extension challenge: Can you research and write down the names of the other two pillars of Islam that Nova did not mention?*