

Exploring the Faith of Islam with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the core beliefs and practices of Islam, including the Five Pillars and the significance of the Mosque.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Islamic traditions and beliefs to provide detailed answers. Think about the importance of these practices for Muslims around the world.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the global faith of Islam. She is fascinated by how Muslims express their devotion to Allah through prayer, charity, and acts of discipline. From the importance of the Qur'an as the holy book to the community spirit found in the local Mosque, there is so much to learn about this way of life.

Word bank: Allah · Qur'an · Mosque · Five Pillars · Salah · Zakat · Sawm · Ramadan · Hajj · Shahadah

1. Identify two of the Five Pillars of Islam and explain why they are important to a Muslim's daily life. (4 marks)

2. What is the name of the holy book in Islam, and how do Muslims show it respect? (2 marks)

3. Describe the purpose of a Mosque. What activities might take place inside this building? (2 marks)

4. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims observe 'Sawm'. What does this involve and why is it considered a time for reflection? (3 marks)

5. Ellie wants to know about 'Zakat'. If a person donates £50 to charity as part of their Zakat, how does this reflect the Islamic belief in helping others? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the interior or exterior of a Mosque, including at least two common architectural features such as a minaret or a dome, and add a pattern inspired by Islamic art.



Extension challenge: Research the Hajj pilgrimage. Write a short diary entry from the perspective of someone preparing for their journey to Makkah, explaining why this is a significant event in their life.