

Exploring the Muslim Faith: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and describe key beliefs, practices, and traditions within Islam, showing respect for diverse religious perspectives.

Use your textbook, classroom resources, or library books to research the following sections. Ellie the Elephant loves gathering facts to build a clear picture of how Muslims live out their faith. Write in full, descriptive sentences and ensure you check your spellings.

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

1. The Holy Qur'an: Explain why the Qur'an is central to the lives of Muslims and how it is treated with great care. (3 marks)

2. The Five Pillars: List the Five Pillars of Islam and justify why these acts are considered the foundation of a Muslim's daily life. (4 marks)

3. Places of Worship: Compare and contrast the features of a mosque with a place of worship from another religion you have studied. (4 marks)

4. Ramadan and Sawm: Describe the practice of Sawm (fasting). Explain why this period is a significant time for reflection and charity. (3 marks)

5. Community and Charity: What might happen if Muslims did not practice Zakat (giving to charity)? Why is this pillar important for society? (3 marks)

6. Reflective Thinking: How does the practice of Salah (prayer five times a day) help a person to stay connected to their faith throughout a busy day? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing a member of the local Muslim community. Create a list of five respectful questions you would ask them to better understand how their faith influences their daily choices, celebrations, and interactions with others.