

Eid al-Fitr: A Celebration of Community and Charity

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Eid al-Fitr, including the importance of Zakat al-Fitr, community gathering, and the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

Max the monkey is helping his community organise their Eid al-Fitr celebrations. He has a list of 'Eid Values' and 'Eid Actions'. Your task is to match each action to the value it represents and justify how that action supports the community. Some actions might represent more than one value.

Word bank: Zakat al-Fitr · Ramadan · Generosity · Gratitude · Unity · Sawm · Community · Reflection

1. Action: Giving a donation of £10 per person to help those in need before the Eid prayer. Which value does this represent? Explain why this is a vital part of the celebration. (2 marks)

2. Action: Families gathering together to share a large meal after a month of fasting. How does this demonstrate the value of 'Unity'? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the focus of Ramadan (a month of reflection and Sawm) with the focus of Eid al-Fitr. Why is the transition between these two periods significant for Muslims? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Is Eid al-Fitr purely a celebration for oneself, or is it a responsibility towards others? Use evidence from the traditions of Zakat al-Fitr. (3 marks)

5. What might happen to the sense of community if Zakat al-Fitr was not a traditional part of the Eid celebration? Predict the impact on those living in poverty. (2 marks)

6. Explain why expressions of 'Gratitude' are central to the morning of Eid. Who or what are people expressing thanks for? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a community coming together for Eid. Include symbols of charity (like a collection box for Zakat) and symbols of celebration (like new clothes, henna patterns, or traditional foods).



Extension challenge: Design a 'Community Eid Plan'. If you had a budget of £200, how would you distribute resources to ensure that everyone in your local area feels included and supported during the festivities? Write a short proposal explaining your choices.