

Exploring Eid: A Journey of Faith and Celebration

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and values associated with Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha within the Islamic faith.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about the two major celebrations in Islam. Read the front, test yourself, then check the answer on the back.

What is Eid al-Fitr?

Known as the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', it marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting.

What is the meaning of 'Sawm'?

Sawm refers to the act of fasting from dawn until sunset, which is a core pillar of Islam observed during Ramadan.

What is Zakat al-Fitr?

A charitable donation given to those in need before the Eid al-Fitr prayer, ensuring everyone can participate in the celebration.

What is Eid al-Adha?

Known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice', it commemorates the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to follow Allah's command.

What is the Hajj?

The annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah, which many Muslims strive to complete at least once in their lifetime.

What is the 'Ummah'?

This term refers to the global community of Muslims, highlighting the sense of unity and brotherhood felt during Eid.

What are Eid prayers (Salah)?

Special congregational prayers held in mosques or open outdoor spaces to mark the start of the Eid festivities.

What is Qurbani?

The practice of sacrificing an animal during Eid al-Adha, with the meat traditionally divided into three parts: for family, friends, and the needy.

Why is Eid a time for reflection?

It is a period for Muslims to express gratitude to Allah, seek forgiveness, and strengthen ties with family and neighbours.

Explain the significance of new clothes on Eid.

It is a sunnah (tradition) to wear one's best or new clothing to show appreciation for the blessings received during the holy period.

What does 'Eid Mubarak' mean?

It is a traditional greeting meaning 'Blessed Eid', used to share joy and well-wishes among friends and family.

How does Eid promote social justice?

Through the requirement of Zakat and sharing food, the celebration ensures that wealth is distributed and the less fortunate are supported.