

Learning About Islam with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand key beliefs and practices in Islam, including the importance of the Five Pillars.

Read the text carefully with Ellie the elephant. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Ellie the elephant loves to learn about how people live around the world. Today, she is learning about Islam. Islam is a major world religion. People who follow Islam are called Muslims. They believe in one God, who is known as Allah. Muslims show their devotion through the Five Pillars of Islam. These are five important duties that guide a Muslim's life. One pillar is prayer. Muslims often pray five times every day. Another pillar is charity, which means giving money or help to people who need it. Many Muslims go to a special building called a mosque to pray and gather as a community. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast, which means they do not eat or drink during the daylight hours. This is a time for thinking about being kind and patient. Learning about these traditions helps us understand our neighbors better. Ellie thinks it is wonderful to see how these beliefs help people live a good and caring life.

Word bank: Muslim · Islam · Mosque · Allah · Five Pillars · Prayer · Charity · Faith

1. What do we call people who follow the religion of Islam? (2 marks)

2. Where do many Muslims go to pray and gather together? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Muslims give to charity as part of the Five Pillars? (2 marks)

4. What does 'fasting' mean during the month of Ramadan? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to learn about the beliefs of other people? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a mosque with a beautiful dome and tall towers, surrounded by stars and a crescent moon.



Extension challenge: Find out the names of the other three pillars of Islam. Write them down in your book with a short sentence for each.