Exploring the Five Pillars of Islam with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Five Pillars of Islam as the core framework for a Muslim's life.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the importance of the Five Pillars of Islam. Help her complete the 'Pillar Match-Up' by matching the name of each pillar to its correct description. Once matched, complete the sentences below to show how these actions influence daily life.

Word bank: Shahadah · Salah · Zakat · Sawm · Hajj

1. 1. Match the pillar to the description: Shahadah (Declaration of faith), Salah (Prayer five times a day), Zakat (Giving to charity), Sawm (Fasting during Ramadan), Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah). Write the correct pillar name next to the definition. (5 marks)

2. 2. Why do you think Zakat is considered an important way to look after the wider community? (2 marks)

3. 3. During Sawm, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset. How might this practice help someone develop self-discipline and empathy for those who are hungry? (2 marks)

4. 4. Salah involves prayer five times a day. How does taking these breaks throughout the day help a person keep their focus on their faith? (2 marks)

5. 5. If you were planning a journey to Makkah for Hajj, what do you think would be the most meaningful part of visiting such a significant site? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a large pillar representing one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Inside the pillar, draw symbols or write words that represent how that pillar is put into practice in everyday life (for example, a coin for Zakat or a prayer mat for Salah).

Extension challenge: Research the festival of Eid al-Fitr. Write a short paragraph explaining how this celebration marks the end of Sawm and why it is a time for family, food, and giving gifts.