Understanding Eid: A Celebration of Faith

Learning objective: I can explain the significance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha for Muslims in the UK and around the world.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to explain why charity is such a big part of the Eid celebrations.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge. Use these cards to quiz a partner. Example: Front: What is Ramadan? | Answer: The ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by fasting from dawn until sunset.

What is Eid al-Fitr?	**What is the main purpose of Zakat al-Fitr?**
The 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', celebrated at the end of the month of Ramadan.	A mandatory charitable donation given to the poor before Eid al-Fitr prayers.
What is Eid al-Adha?	**Why is the moon sighting important for Eid?**
The 'Festival of Sacrifice', which honours the willingness of Ibrahim to follow God's command.	The Islamic calendar is lunar, so the new moon signals the start of the new month and the festival.
What is the Salah al-Eid?	**How do many families show kindness during Eid?**
The special prayer performed in congregation in a mosque or an open field on the morning of Eid.	By exchanging gifts, sharing meals with neighbours, and donating to those in need.
What is Qurbani?	**What is the Hajj?**
The tradition of providing meat to the needy during the days of Eid al-Adha.	The annual pilgrimage to Makkah, which concludes around the time of Eid al-Adha.
How might a Muslim greet someone on Eid?	**Why do people wear their best clothes on Eid?**
By saying 'Eid Mubarak', which translates to 'Blessed Eid'.	It is a tradition to dress smartly to show respect and happiness for the special day.