

Who is a Muslim and how do they live?

Wonderful words

Muslim: a person who submits to the will of Allah by following the religion of Islam.

Prophet: a messenger sent from Allah

Shahadah: The Muslim declaration of faith. It includes the beliefs that Allah is the only God, and that Muhammad is Allah's messenger.

Ramadan: a month in the Muslim calendar when Muslims fast during daylight hours

Allah: God

Tawhid: the belief that there is only one God, and nothing is equal to God

Islam: submitting to the will of Allah.

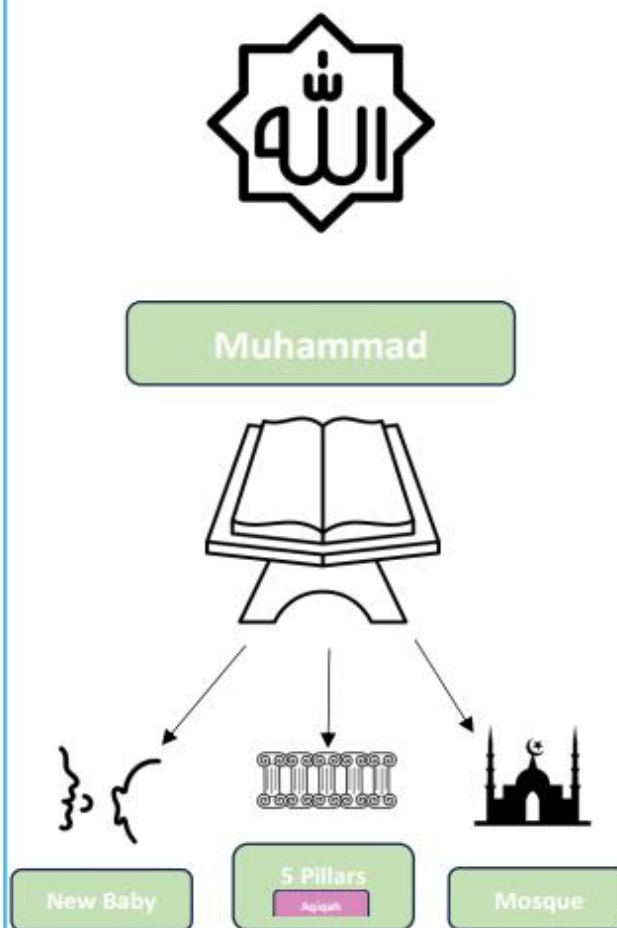
Salah: ritual prayer carried out 5 times per day, this is the 2nd Pillar of Islam

Zakah: giving of charity usually 2.5% of income, this is the 2nd Pillar of Islam

Hajj: Pilgrimage to Makkah to be made once in a life time if possible, this is the 5th Pillar of Islam

Sawm: Fasting from food or liquids during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan, this is the 4th Pillar of Islam

So how does it all work?



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Important information

Muslims believe there is only one God, and nothing is equal to God (Tawhid). There are no pictures of Allah instead attributes of are explored through the 99 names. Muslim will worship Allah through praying five times a day, known as salah, by reading the Qur'an and by going to the mosque.

An important way for Muslims to worship Allah is to complete the 5 pillars. The Shahadah is the first pillar in Islam and many Muslims use the Shahadah to help them remember and think about Allah every day, it is whispered into a baby's ear after they are born and said by someone, usually in a mosque who wants to become a Muslim.

The Shahadah also tells Muslims that Muhammad is the prophet of Allah who received the Qur'an, the Muslim holy book from God.

Muhammad received the first verses of the Qur'an on The Night of Power when he was on Mount Hira and for the rest of his life, he received messages from Allah which Muslims can read in the Qur'an.

The Qur'an also tells Muslims about the Five Pillars. Most Muslims will pray five times a day and this is known as Salah. Many Muslims will give money to the poor and this is usually 2.5% of their income and is known as Zakat. During the month of Ramadan, those Muslims who can, will go without food and water during daylight hours and this is known as Sawm.