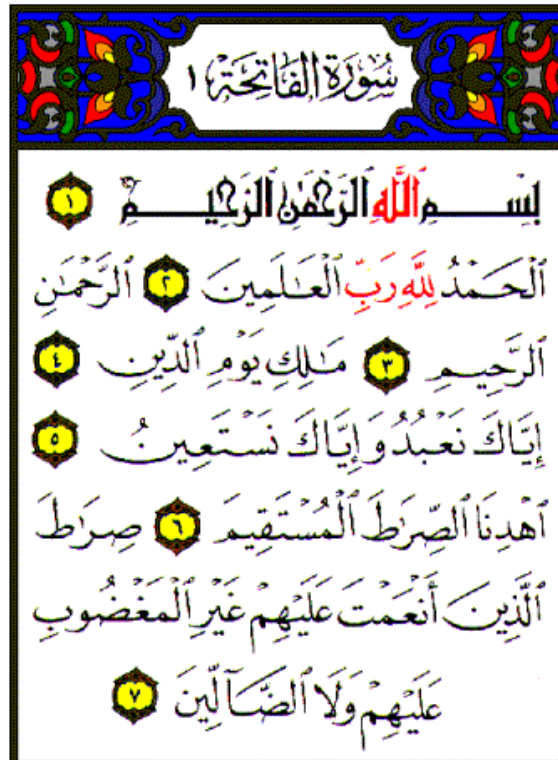


## Surah One - the key

Reflective reading of the passage, give children thinking time to consider a word that stands out to them. Give them the opportunity to reflect and analyse the text as a group.

### Sura 1. Al-Fatiha

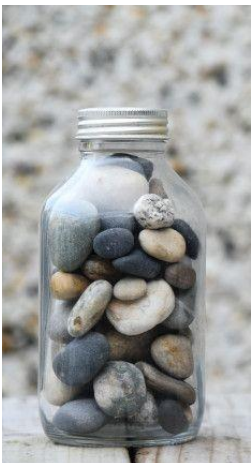
1. In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
2. Praise be to Allah the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds.
3. Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
4. Master of the Day of Judgment.
5. Thee do we worship and Thine aid we seek.
6. Show us the straight way.
7. The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace Those whose (portion) is not wrath and who go not astray.



Choose three phrases that you think are the most important in the Surah One.

Choose three phrases from Sura 1 of the Qu'ran and explain what they tell you about Muslim ideas of God (Allah)

## Jar of life - Sand and stones - What do these represent?





Stones = important things in someone's life

Sand = Things that we do to fill up our time

If you were a Muslim or a Christian etc. You would have a third thing in the jar (God/faith). Bouncy ball - how could you fit God into your jar of life?

How can the bouncy ball fit in the jar?

## 1. Shahada

First pillar of Islam

Ashhadu Alla Ilaha Illa Allah Wa Ashhadu  
Anna Muhammad Rasul Allah

أَشْهَدُ أَلَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

"There is no God but Allah, and  
Muhammad is his messenger."

When a Muslim recites this they  
accept:

- . That Allah is the only God, and that Muhammad is his prophet
- . That you will obey all the commitments of Islam in your life

In Islam - once you say the first pillar of faith you become a Muslim ("Shahada")

Why? It is about putting God first. There is room for everything but you need to re-prioritise.

Everything becomes God shaped - you look at the world from eyes of faith. You may have a slightly different viewpoint.

How does saying the Shahada link to the jar of life?

What would go in your jar of life? Why?