

## ‘Progression in Primary Islam’

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Key Stage 1 Unit 3 Theme: Believing

Title: Why is God important for Muslims?

Religion and Worldview: Islam

## Key Vocabulary

Allah, Muhammed, Qur'an, Tawhid

## Learning Outcomes

- Re-tell a story that some Muslims tell to help them understand what God is like
- Explore through Art and / or songs (*nasheeds*) some of the 99 names of Allah and what they might mean.
- Ask puzzling and sensitive questions about the Muslim idea of humans' best relationship with God. (Tawhid)).
- Make links with their own ideas

**Beginning with an understanding of the distinctive nature of Tawhid and a story to help...**



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WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?



## What do Muslims believe about God?

- **By the end of this unit pupils should know:**
- 'Allah' is the Arabic word for God
- many Muslims believe that God is one
- most Muslims believe God created the world and his influence can be seen in it
- many Muslims believe that God cannot be seen, but they have 99 different names that describe what God is like



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WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

## What does your name mean?

Abdul

Emily

Arthur

Sophie

Bethan

Clever

To try hard

Bear

Wisdom

Promised  
to God

Find out  
what your  
name  
means



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## Names in different languages

English	Arabic	French	Hebrew	Romanian
Noah	Nuh	Noé	Noakh	Noe
Elijah	Ilyas	Élie	Eliyahu	Ilie
Mary	Maryam	Marie	Miriam	Maria

What is your name in a different language?



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Different names for God?

God

Allah

الله

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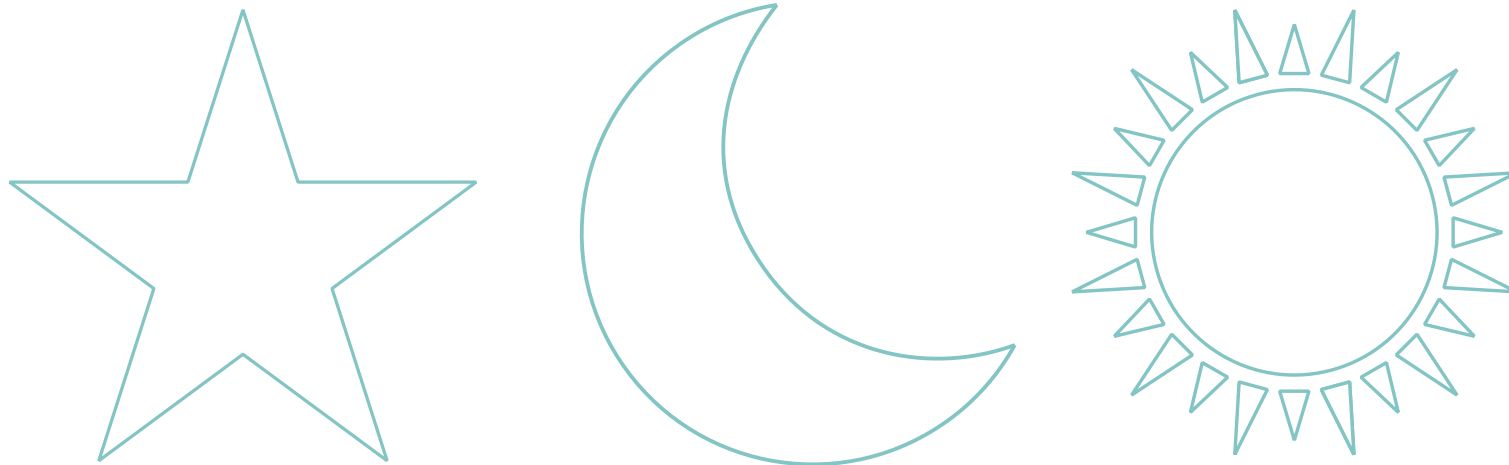
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## The Prophet Ibrahim finds out more about God



What has the Prophet Ibrahim shown he believes about God?

Is this what Muslims believe about God?

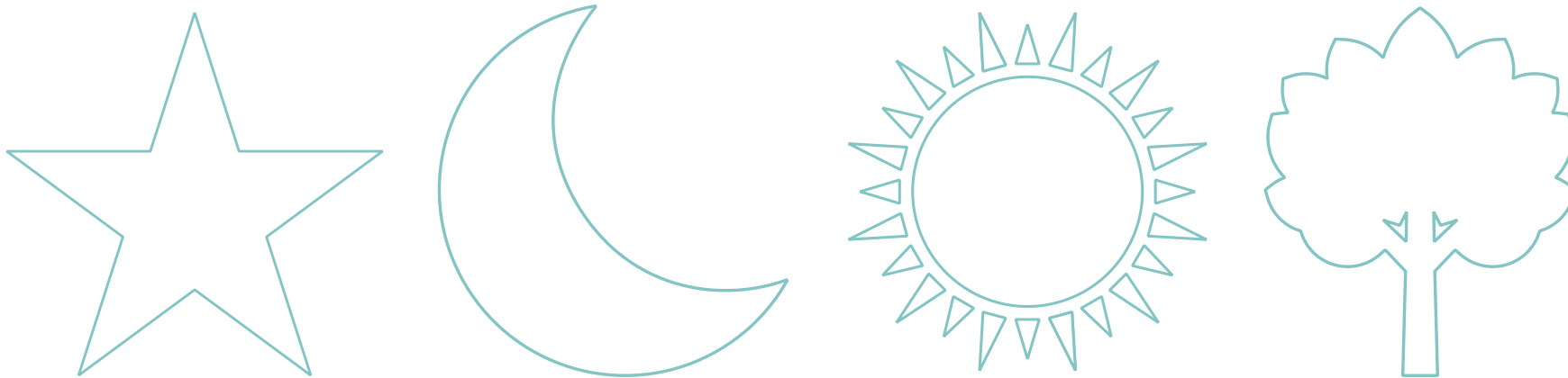




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WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

Making a mobile



Muslims believe God ...



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## Names of Allah

الْعَفَّارُ

**Al Ghaffar**  
The All-Forgiving

How might these names help Muslims to understand God?

How might they encourage Muslims to behave?



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الْأَدِيبِ

Al Hadi  
The Guide



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Al Wadud  
The Loving

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WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

This name might teach Muslims ...



This name might encourage Muslims to ...



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WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

## What do Muslims believe about God?

Muslims believe ...

God is ...

God is ...

God is ...

God is ...

God is ...

GOD IS ONE



**Chat-**  
**What do you like?**  
**What would you steal?**  
**What would you adapt?**



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## KS1: Creation and Khalifah

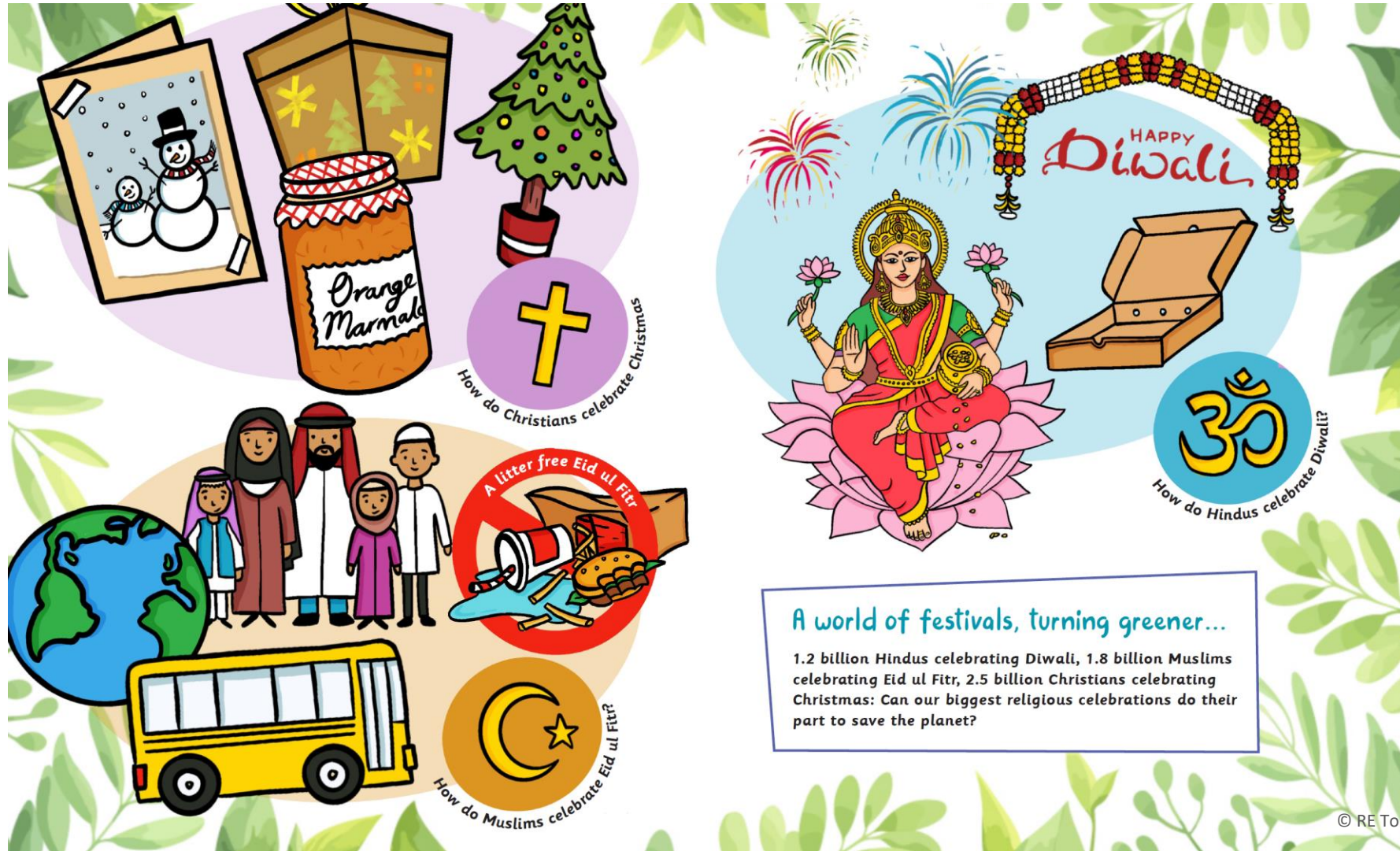
### Celebrations

Why do we celebrate special times?

**Building on an understanding of Allah to link to Jewish and Christian teachings on creation. Link to festivals - Eid**



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**Omar asked the imam at his mosque, 'What does Allah want us to do to keep the Earth clean and safe? Why is it important for Muslims to be "green"?'**

The Qur'an says believers in Allah are those who 'walk on the Earth in humility' (25.63). This means that we should recognise all that Allah has given us as we live on this lovely planet.

Allah gives everyone equally earth, water, air and the growth of food, and so we should walk humbly, as the Qur'an says. Don't be big-headed and think 'We own the Earth.' We don't. God owns the Earth and we are his caretakers.

The Quran says, 'It is He who has appointed you caretakers on the earth ...' (6.165). Muslim character emphasises being moderate and not wasteful. There are seven verses in the Qur'an that link to being a caretaker (*khalifah*) to the Earth.

The Prophet (PBUH) said, 'The world is beautiful and verdant, and truly God, the Exalted, has made you His stewards in it, and He sees how you acquit yourselves' (Saheeh Muslim).



**Omar is a Muslim, He is 5.**



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The Qur'an says 'O Children of Adam! wear your beautiful apparel at every time and place of prayer: Eat and drink: but don't be wasteful or excessive. Allah doesn't love the wasters.'" (Qur'an, 7:31). We have a big picnic for Eid in the park and thousands join in. This year we will finish off with everyone picking litter before we go home. We are going to leave the park just perfect.

The Qur'an says believers in Allah are those who "walk on the Earth In humility." (Qur'an, 25:63). This Eid we will give thanks to Allah for the lovely world, and pray for ideas to treat our planet better.

Everyone gets together at Eid, in the park - it makes bad traffic and air pollution. We have all agreed this year to use buses or walk to the celebrations. The mosque is paying for free buses.

New clothes for Eid – that's what usually happens. This year, we are all going to wear some of our favourite clothes, but not buy new ones.

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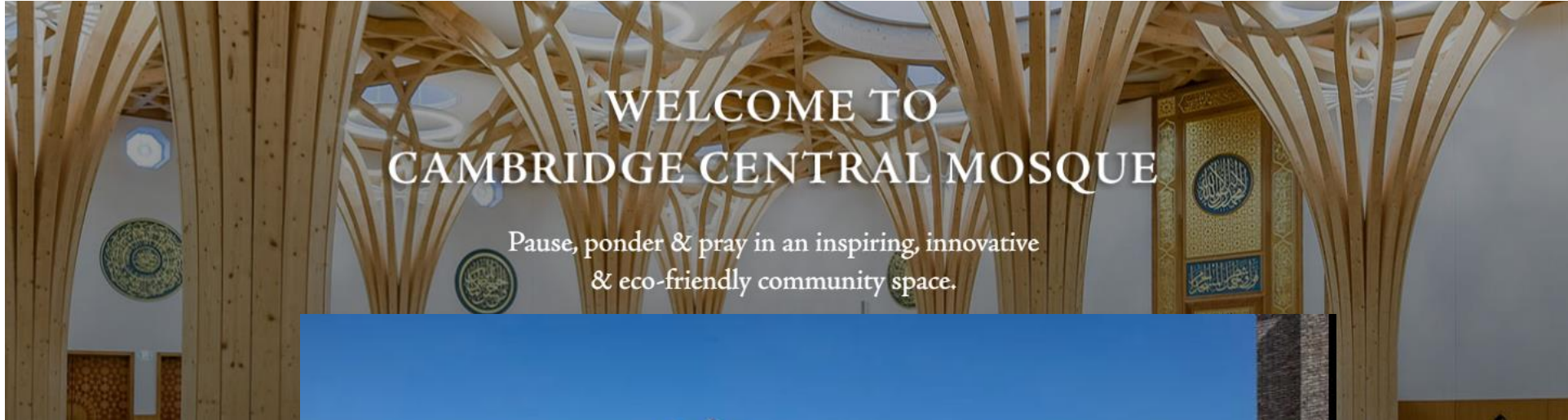
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WELCOME TO  
CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL MOSQUE

Pause, ponder & pray in an inspiring, innovative  
& eco-friendly community space.

Khalifah  
in 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century  
Britain



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Mosques throughout history have always taken on the vernacular- a mosque in China is different from one in North Africa. The question is: **What should a British mosque be for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**  
*Architect*

He who builds a masjid in the way of Allah, God will build a house for him in the paradise.

— Abu Bakr —



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“Eat and drink from the provision of Allaah, and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption.” (Qur’an, 2:60)

“There is reward for Kindness to every living thing.”

Prophet Muhammad

[May Allah's Peace & Blessings be upon him]

Ask pupils:

- *How does Cambridge Central mosque show Muslim belief in Khalifah?*
- *How have the architects tried to build a mosque for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain?*
- *What might a visiting Muslim say about it? What might a local member of the community say?*

**Chat-**  
**Do you link Islam to creation?**  
**Are there ideas you could use here?**

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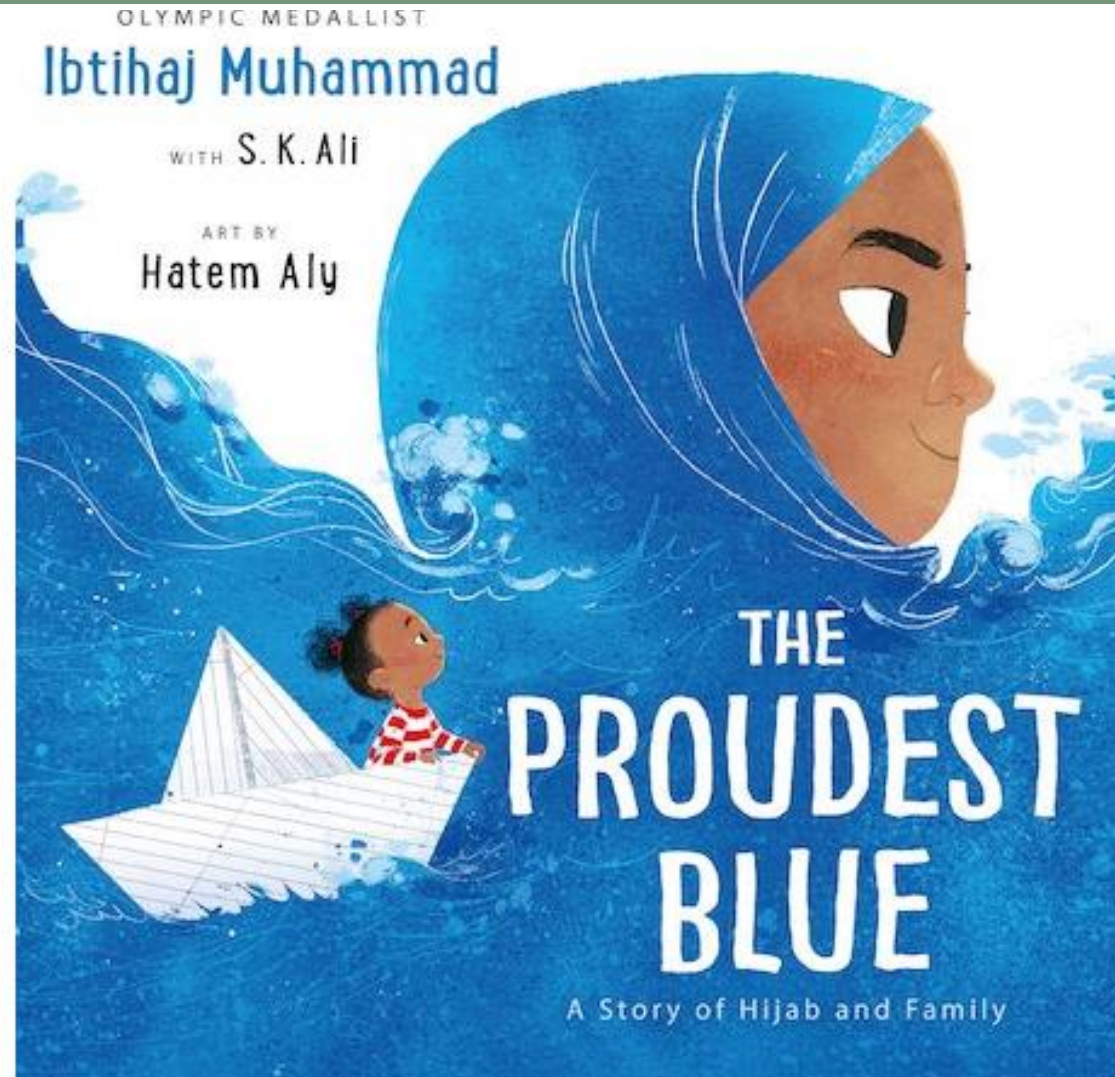
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<b>Belonging</b> What does it mean to belong?	<b>Religion, family and community</b> How can we make Wiltshire / my town a more respectful place?	<b>Religion and the individual</b> Can religious teachings help us decide what is the best way to live?
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**Progression in looking at Muslim culture and representation: again centered on story and lived experience**



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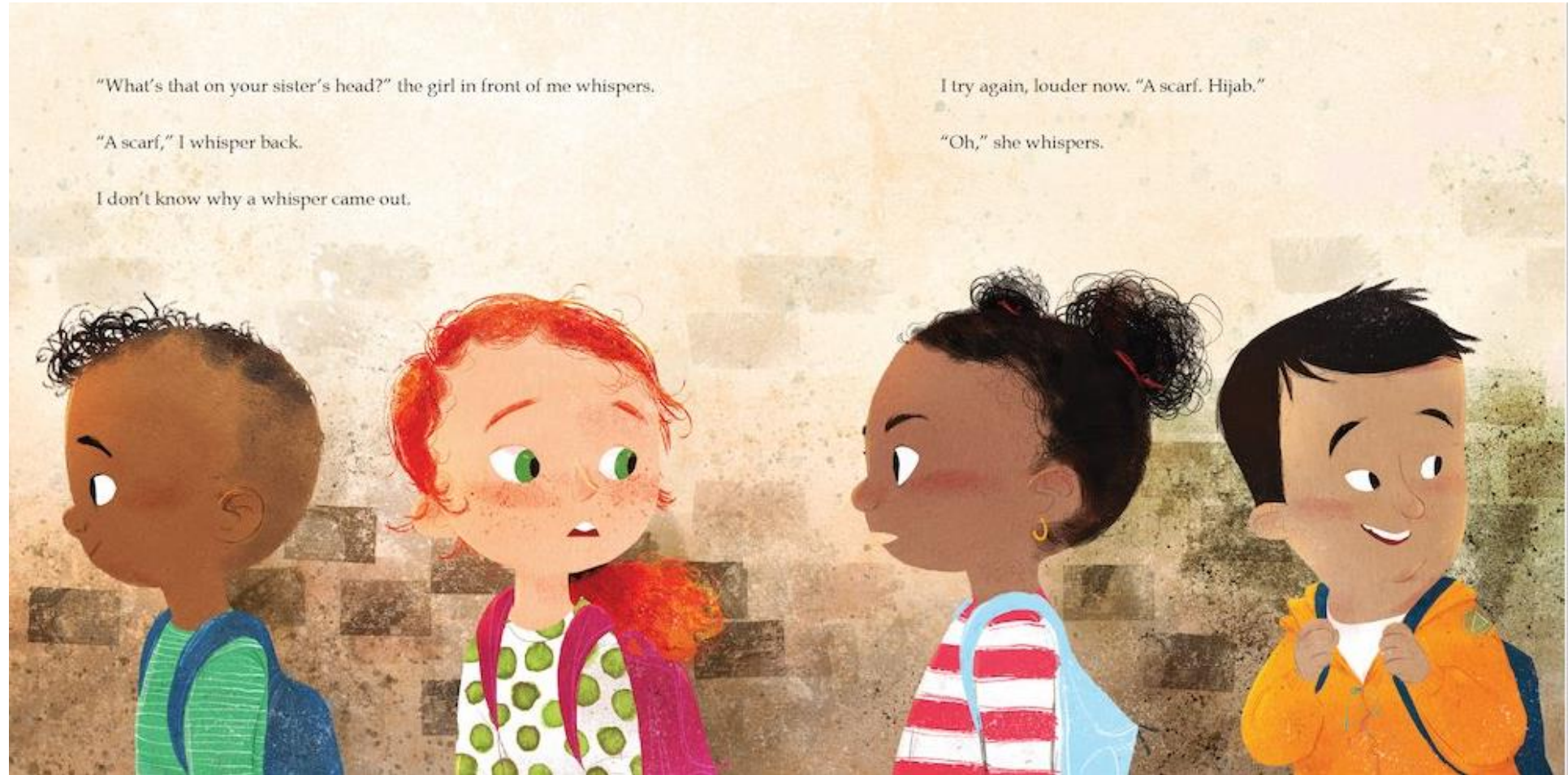


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Asiya's hijab isn't a tablecloth.  
Asiya's hijab is blue.

Only blue.

Asiya turns away. Her friends turn away.  
They race to the middle of the playground, their shoes  
pounding the pavement, playing tag.

*Mama: Don't carry around the hurtful words that  
others say. Drop them. They are not yours to keep.*

*They belong only to those who said them.*



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**Break out  
room**

How is Dana an inspiring figure for girls – Muslim and non-Muslim?

How has she overcome barriers to succeed, and how has her faith helped?

[\(119\) Inspiring Women: Dana Abdulkarim - YouTube](#)



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**God (Allah)**  
**Shahadah**  
**Muhammad (Pbuh)**  
**Salah (prayer)**  
**Mosque (masjid)**  
**Qur'an**  
**Ramadan**  
**Sawm (fasting)**

Beliefs and Rituals:

**Worship, pilgrimage  
and special places**

Where, how and why  
do people worship?

Keeping the five pillars:  
what difference does it  
make to Muslims?

**Ideas to look deeper at  
Salat and Sawm in Islam**



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## Salah – mindfulness/being present



*We devote ourselves to being as  
You want us to be, and we ask for  
Your help to achieve this;  
Guide us on the Straight Path;*

*Between one Salah to the next, you pick up dirt.*

*>> Shake Moody Jar <<*

*Each Salah is like taking a bath in a stream, all the  
dirt flows away.*

*>> Let the sand / glitter sett*



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## DAD

Has a beard because he's copying the greatest man who ever lived - I've never actually seen his face without it

Will never eat a beetroot

Also a scientist

Not too much hair left (he says it's because of his genes)

Rides a motorbike (Grandma tries to puncture the wheels because she doesn't think it's safe)



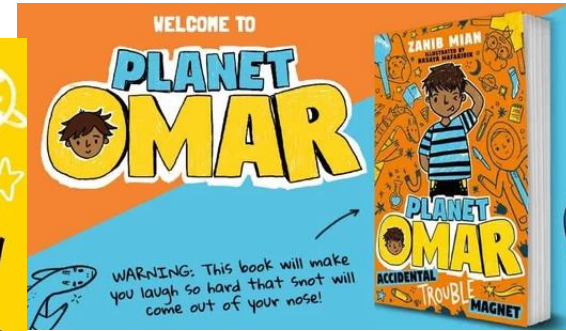
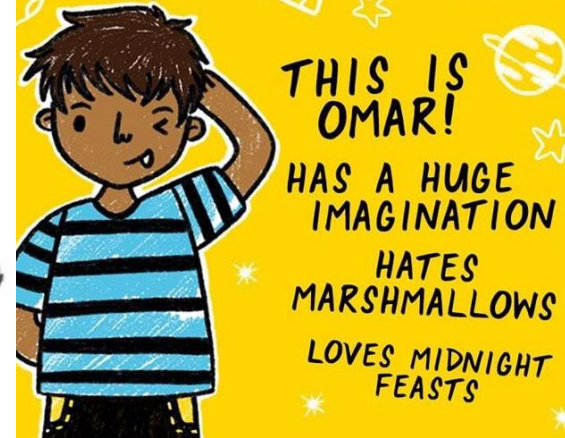
## MOM

Doesn't know how to say "no"

A scientist

Hardly ever seen without a cup of coffee in her hands!

This is what she looks like without her hijab on, when there are no men around who would be allowed to marry her if she didn't already have my dad



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There are duas for everything:

**eating** **SLEEPING**  
**WAKING UP**  
**PROTECTION**  
*knowledge*  
*leaving the house* 🏠  
*coming back into the house* 🏠

Basically, anything you can think of.

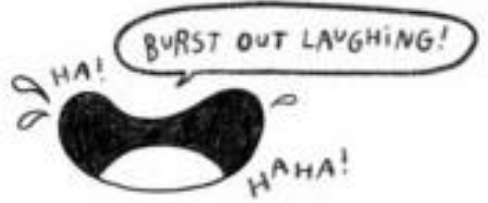


ISHA  
THE NIGHT PRAYER

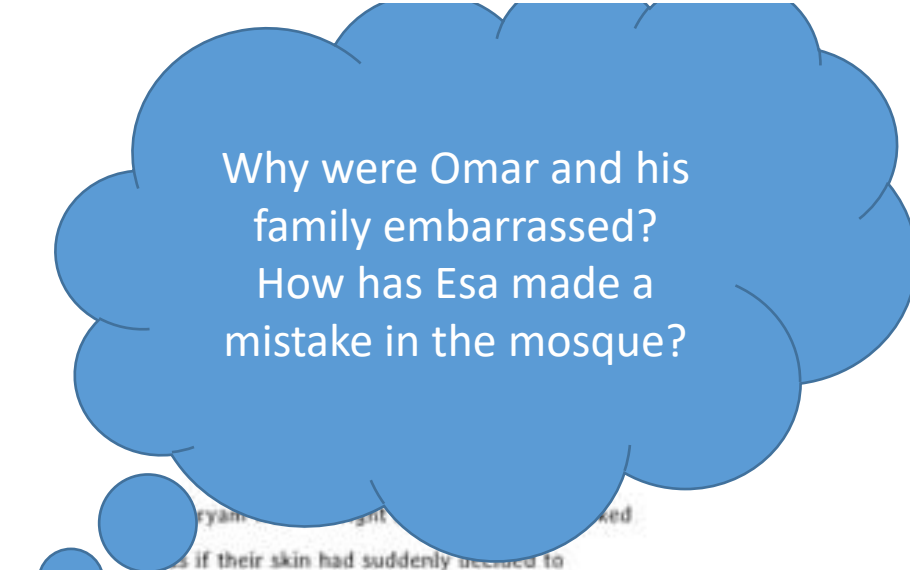
The loud noise of a whistle broke through the silence, followed by Esa's voice: 'One, two, three, four, five!' Then again:



And then the counting. It wouldn't stop. I couldn't help myself. How could I?!



right in the middle of my prayer. I put my hand over my mouth. I bit my tongue and



Why were Omar and his family embarrassed?  
How has Esa made a mistake in the mosque?

... if their skin had suddenly decided to  
... compete with Maryam's socks for pinkness.



And they were looking everywhere except up at people's faces like they usually do when they greet people after prayers. Mum was

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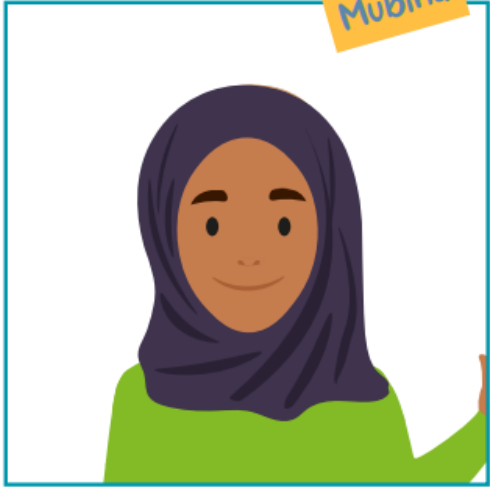
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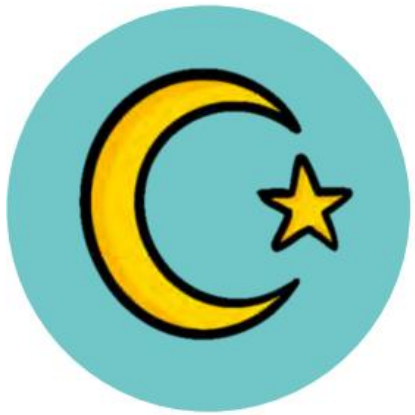


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Mubina



I pray because it gives me a connection with my Creator and makes me feel whole. In times of need it makes me feel safe and reassured that in the end it will all work out for the best. When all is well with my world then it gives me an opportunity to give thanks for all that I have been blessed with.



I pray throughout the day. This includes the obligatory act of prayer called salah. I aim to pray five times a day; some days are better than others. I also say a simple prayer when I wake and before I sleep. We call this a du'a to Allah, which involves me simply having a conversation with Allah, asking for his forgiveness, thanking him for all he has blessed me with, praying for those less fortunate and praying for my hopes and dreams to come true.



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## Support to write well: because, but, so\*

**Because**...explains why something is true

**But**...indicates a change of direction

**So**...what happens as the result

Prayer is significant to some Muslims

Prayer is significant to some Muslims **because** .....

Prayer is significant to some Muslims **but** .....

Prayer is significant to some Muslims **so** .....

**Choose and  
finish a  
sentence!**



**Joe Kinnaird**  
@josephkinnaird Follows you

Thanks to Joe Kinnaird and the Writing Revolution



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## Sawm: Fasting as self control

- Focus on ideas of self control and generosity for Ramadan
- Being 'hangry'!
- Hany El Banna; an inspiring British Muslim

[England's Moeen Ali: Ramadan fast makes me feel sharper - BBC News](#)

Make link to:

- *Why is Hana El Banna an inspiration to Muslims?*
- **Collecting outside mosques in Ramadan**



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The important thing about a cricket is that it is  
green,  
It chirps,  
It hops,  
It jumps,  
And sings all through the summer night.  
But the important thing about a cricket is that it  
is green.



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**Chat-  
What do you  
like?  
What would  
you steal?  
What would  
you adapt?**

The important thing about Ramadan is you don't eat when it is light outside.

It is a time were you obey Allah by praying or not eating.

It is a time were you remember people who don't have any food and they try to help

A time to train your mind when it is Ramadan.

A time for self control

But the important think about Ramadan is that you have control on you self.



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## Beliefs in action in the world

How and why do believers care for others and the world?

Justice and poverty: can religions help to build a fair world?

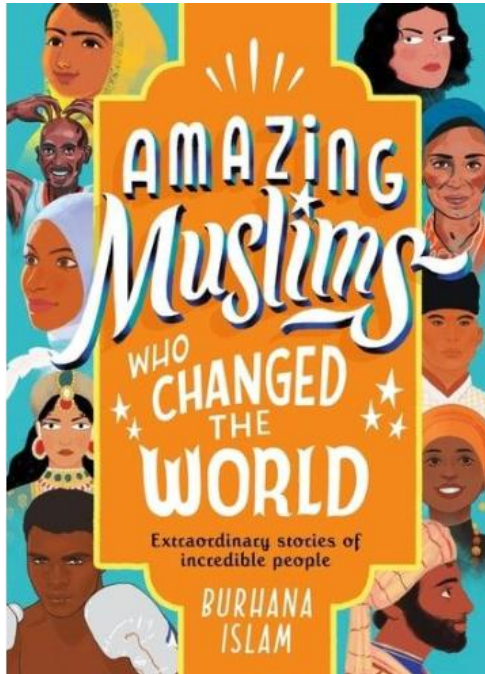
Who has made a difference to the world because of their faith? How and why?

**How can we go beyond the obvious examples to look at Muslims that have made a difference?**



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Hawa Abdi



[Dr. Hawa Abdi Foundation \(dhaf.org\)](http://dhaf.org)



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Hawa Abdi

**Breakout room:  
Would you use her  
story? How?  
What learning might  
come from it?**





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**Chat-**

**What do you like?**

**What would you steal?**

**What would you adapt?**

**Any questions at all?**

