

Learning About World Religions: Islam

How do the beliefs and practices of Islam shape Muslims' lives?

P R E V I E W

Carefully examine the images shown below. These images all relate to Islamic beliefs and practices. What questions do they raise? Write one question you would like answered about each image.

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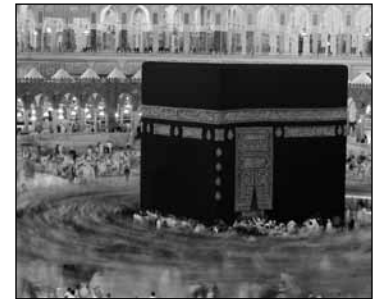
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Sections 3 to 10

If your class is doing the activity for this lesson, read your assigned section of Lesson 8. Then answer the questions for that section. You will take notes for the other sections during the class presentations. *(Note: If your class is not doing the activity, complete the Reading Notes after you read each section.)*

Section 3

1. What is the difference between the Qur'an and the Sunnah?

2. How are hadith related to the Sunnah?

3. How are the Qur'an and the Sunnah related to the Five Pillars of Islam?

Section 4

1. Explain the meaning of the two parts of the Muslim shahadah.

“There is no god but God...”

“...and Muhammad is the messenger of God”

2. According to Muslims, who is Allah?

3. What do Muslims believe about angels and about judgment?

Section 5

1. What is salat and what purpose does it serve?
2. Where and how often do Muslims pray?
3. Describe at least three of the rituals Muslims practice in their daily prayers.

Section 6

1. What is zakat and why do Muslims practice it?
2. How much of their surplus wealth are Muslims expected to give to charity?
3. What kinds of things does zakat pay for?

Section 7

1. What is siyam and when is it performed?
2. What rule about food do Muslims observe during Ramadan?
3. What does Ramadan encourage and teach?

Section 8

1. What is the hajj and what values does it promote?
2. What do Muslims do during the hajj?
3. What important sites do Muslims visit during the hajj?

Section 9

1. In your own words, explain the meaning of jihad.
2. What does the Qur'an tell Muslims to do regarding jihad, and how was this form of jihad interpreted by early Muslims?
3. How does jihad relate to Muslims and their personal struggles?

Section 10

1. What is shari'ah, and how did it develop?
2. How does shari'ah guide Muslim life?
3. How has shari'ah changed over time?

PROCESSING

For each of the eight sections of the star below, write a one-sentence explanation of that belief or practice of Islam. Then create one simple symbol or illustration to help explain it. Place your explanations and illustrations in or next to the appropriate section of the star.

