

# Islam

Eid al-Adha

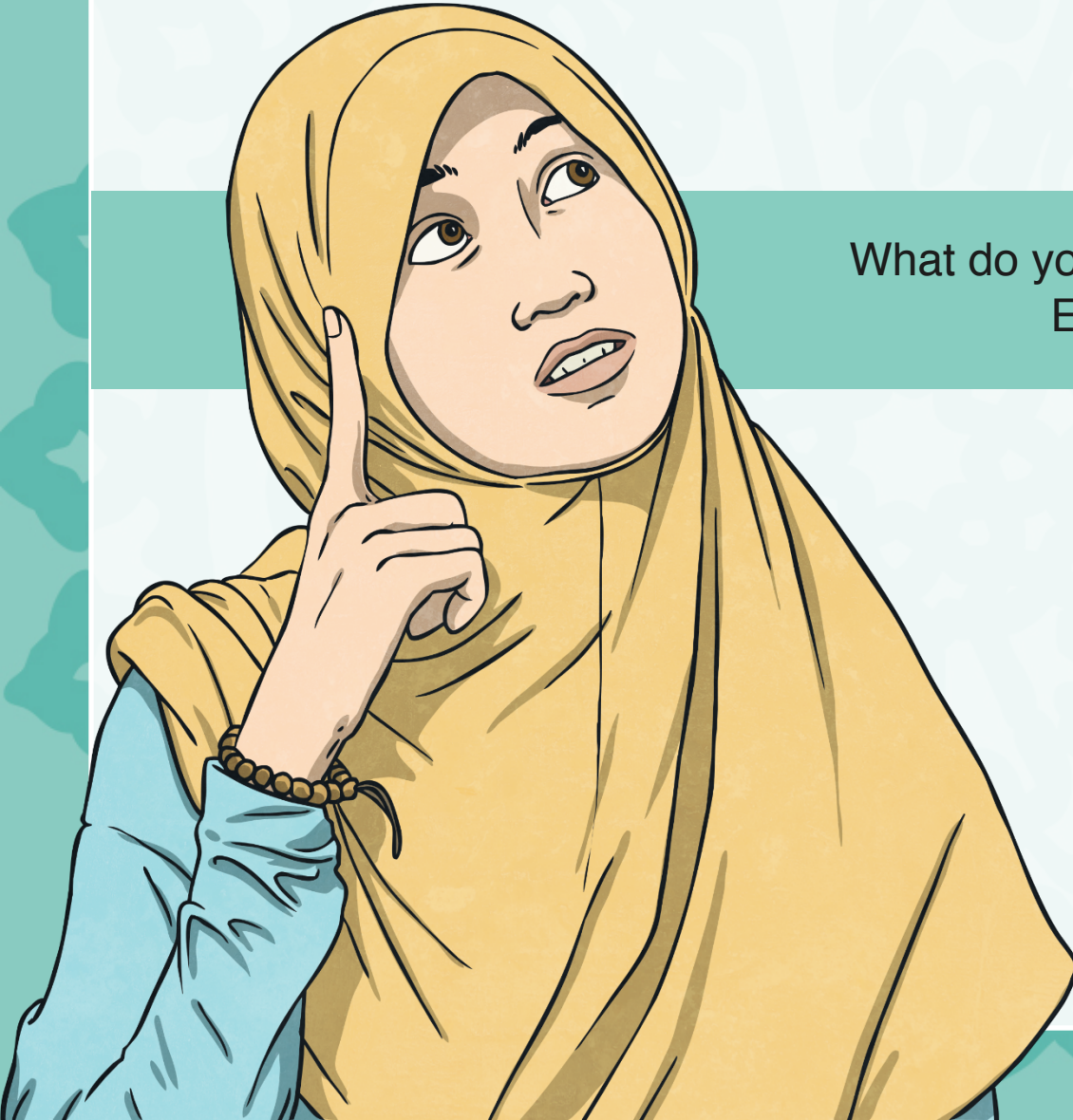


# Success Criteria

- To understand who celebrates Eid al-Adha.
- To understand why and how it is celebrated.

# Starter Activity

What do you already know about  
Eid al-Adha?



# Information About Eid

Eid al-Adha, also known as 'Big Eid', is a very important festival to Muslims all around the world.

It is known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice' because of one special story.

In this story, Allah commands Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) to give up his son, to which he agrees. This was a very difficult thing for him to do – a huge sacrifice.

Do you already know the story?



# The Ultimate Sacrifice

Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) was a special man, much loved by Allah. He had a very precious son called Isma'il (Peace be Upon Him) whom he had waited a long time for.

One night Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) had a dream and in this dream he saw a vision – a vision of Allah.

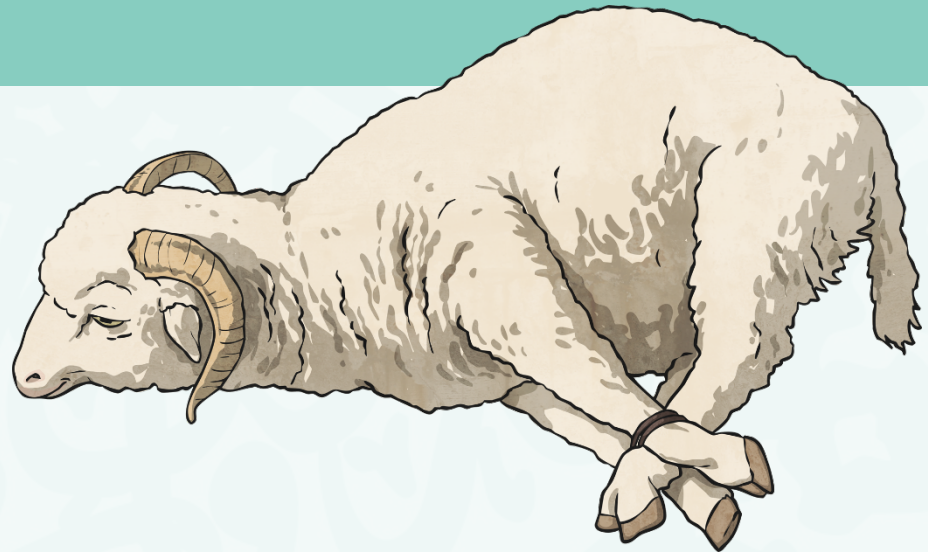
Allah also spoke to him and commanded him to sacrifice his son in order to show obedience and loyalty. This was a shocking thing for any father to be asked to do but Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) trusted in Allah and believed there must be a very good reason for being asked to do such a difficult and terrible thing.

# The Ultimate Sacrifice

The devil tempted Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) to disobey Allah's orders and save his son, but he ignored this.

As Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) was about to kill his son, Allah stopped him and sent down a ram to sacrifice in his place. Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) had followed Allah's commands and fulfilled the vision through his honest intentions.

His son was saved.



# Activity



Have you ever had to make a difficult choice?

What happened and how did you deal with it?

# So, why do Muslims celebrate Eid?

Every year on Eid al-Adha day Muslims around the world remember the sacrifice that Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be Upon Him) was prepared to make because he trusted in Allah.





## So, how do Muslims celebrate Eid?

Eid al-Adha is a public holiday in Muslim countries. In preparation for the big day, homes are decorated, cards are made and girls decorate their hands with mehndi patterns.

In remembrance of the story, Muslim families sacrifice a lamb or goat and share out the meat. (In the UK, this has to be done at a slaughter house.) One third goes to family, one third to friends and one third to the poor.

At Eid every family must give to charity to enable those less fortunate to celebrate this special time too.



# Activity

Watch the video via the link below and find out other ways in which Eid al-Adha Day is celebrated.



**Eid al-Adha**



# Hajj and Eid al-Adha

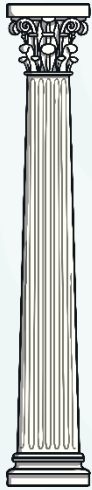
Eid al-Adha also marks the end of Hajj.  
The Hajj is pilgrimage (a spiritual journey) to Makkah  
(also known as Mecca), in Saudi Arabia.



# Hajj and Eid al-Adha

The Hajj is the Fifth Pillar of Islam.  
The Pillars are important practices which all Muslims should follow in their lives.

Testimony of  
Faith



Shahadah

Prayer



Salat

Fasting in  
Ramadan



Sawm

Charity



Zakah

Pilgrimage to  
Mecca

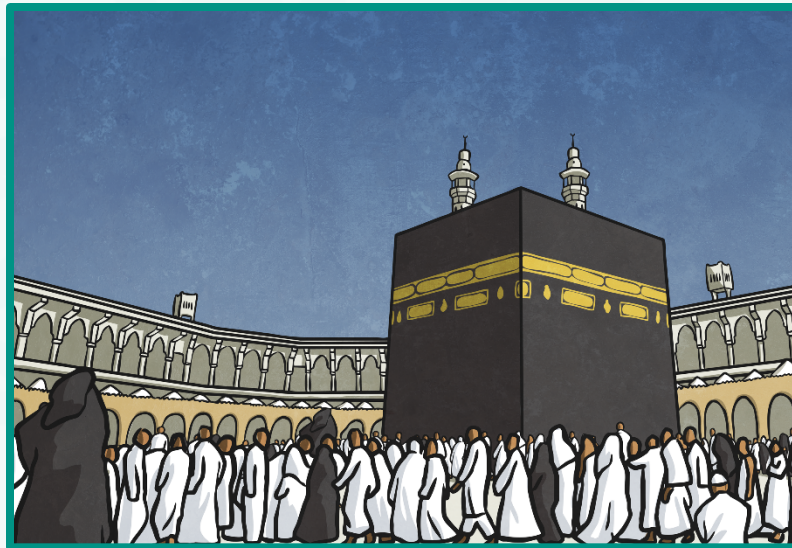


Hajj

# Hajj and Eid al-Adha

All Muslims who are fit and financially able to make the visit should go at least once in their lives. Every year around 2 million Muslims from all over the world make the journey.

Everyone wears simple clothes and performs acts of worship to renew their faith.



# Plenary

In 5 minutes, how many new facts can you write down about Eid al-Adha?

Be ready to share.



Create your own poster about  
Eid-UI-Adha.

Can you try to create your  
own information booklet.

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