



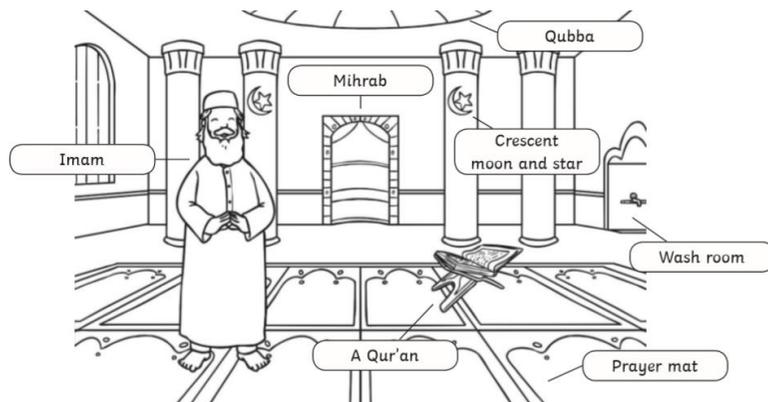
Fundamental Beliefs

- Muslim people demonstrate their faith by following **The Five Pillars of Islam** throughout their lives in order to achieve **harmony**.
- The **Qur'an** guides Muslims in the correct way to live their lives.
- Muslims are also guided by the **Hadith** (the sayings of Muhammed) and the way Muhammed lived and modelled this correct way of life, known as **Sunnah**.
- Stories about Muhammad and other prophets show Muslims how to live.
- Muslims believe in **Ibadah** - that everything is done in order to please Allah.
- Muslims believe that if they follow the straight path (**Shariah**) they will live with Allah in Paradise after the Day of Judgement.

Worship

- All Muslims must pray five times a day (Salah) at specific times and face towards the **Kaaba** in Mecca.
- Before praying, Muslims must perform **Wudu**, by following a special washing ritual, to prepare for being in front of God.
- On Fridays, all Muslims gather in the Mosque for prayer.

Key features of a mosque:



Family Life

- Traditionally, Muslim women are expected to raise children and be a good wife. However, in modern society women have the right to education, earning an income, choosing who to marry and choosing to divorce.
- Men and women are expected to dress modestly in loose clothing, and women may cover their hair or wear a veil.
- Traditionally, men are expected to provide for their family.
- Children are expected to treat their parents with respect.

Shariah	The straight path: a set of principles on how to lead a peaceful and harmonious life.
Crescent	The Muslim symbol of the moon and star.
Harmony	People living together peacefully.
Hadith	The traditions or sayings of the Prophet Muhammad, which is a major source of religious law and moral guidance
Ibadah	Muslim worship and servitude to Allah - the purpose of life
Qur'an	The Muslim holy book, which is written in Arabic and was revealed to Muhammad on the 'Night of Power'
Imam	The leader of prayer at the Mosque
Mihrab	Recess in the Mosque to indicate the direction of Mecca
Sunnah	The way of life modelled by the prophet Muhammed
Qubba	The dome structure in a Mosque
Kaaba	The building at the centre of the Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Muslims face the Kaaba when they pray.
Wudu	The washing ritual performed before prayer.