KS3 Religious Education: revision notes

Islam

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Beliefs

- Muslims believe in one God, **Allah**. **Tawhid** is the belief in the oneness of God.
- Muhammad is the final prophet. Muslims believe the angel Jibril (Gabriel) revealed the **Qur'an** to him, starting in 610 CE in a cave on Mount Hira.
- The **Qur'an** is the holy book, in Arabic. Muslims believe it is the exact word of God.
- Muslims also believe in angels, earlier prophets (such as Ibrahim, Musa and Isa) and the Day of Judgement.

The Five Pillars

- Shahadah: the declaration of faith, that there is no god but **Allah** and Muhammad is his messenger.
- **Salah**: praying five times a day, facing Makkah.
- Zakah: giving 2.5% of savings to the poor each year.
- **Sawm**: fasting from dawn to sunset during the month of Ramadan.
- **Hajj**: pilgrimage to Makkah, which Muslims should make at least once if they are able.

Worship and festivals

- Muslims worship at a mosque (masjid). Before prayer, they wash in a special way (**wudu**). Friday midday prayer (Jumu'ah) is especially important.
- Eid al-Fitr celebrates the end of Ramadan. Eid al-Adha remembers Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son, and happens during **Hajj**.
- The two main groups are Sunni and Shi'a Muslims.

Key terms

Allah	The Arabic word for God.

Your notes

Tawhid	The oneness of God.
Qur'an	The holy book of Islam.
Five Pillars	Five key duties of Muslims.
Salah	Prayer five times a day.
Sawm	Fasting during Ramadan.
Hajj	Pilgrimage to Makkah.
Wudu	Washing before prayer.

Your notes

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. What is the holy book of Islam?
2. Who is the final prophet in Islam?
3. How many times a day do Muslims pray?
4. What is Sawm?
5. What is Zakah?
6. What is Hajj?
7. What does Eid al-Fitr celebrate?
8. What is wudu?

Answers

1. The Qur'an
2. Muhammad
3. Five
4. Fasting during Ramadan
5. Giving 2.5% of savings to the poor
6. Pilgrimage to Makkah
7. The end of Ramadan
8. Washing before prayer

What to do next

Practise 10 questions on this topic

Try 3 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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