

Religious Education
Year 5 What are the Five Pillars of Islam?

Vocabulary	Word definition
Islam	The religion followed by Muslims. Islam means peace.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.
Qur'an	This is the Islamic holy text.
The Shahadah	The belief that there is no God but Allah and Muhammed is his messenger.
Salah	Praying five times a day.
Zakat	Making a charitable donation to the poor each year.
Sawm	Fasting during the month of Ramadan
Hajj	Attending a pilgrimage to Makkah once in your lifetime.

Key Questions - To think about

1. What does it mean to believe?
2. What do Muslims believe and why?
3. What is prayer? Why is prayer important to Muslims?
4. What is fasting and why do people fast?
5. What is a duty?
6. Why is it important for Muslims to complete the Hajj at least once in their lifetime?

Symbols/Images

Linked films and Books

The Qur'an

Going to Mecca by Na'ima B. Robert

Yan's Hajj: The Journey of a Lifetime

by Fawzia Gilani

