



Trailblazers Year A Autumn Term 2 – What is it like to live as a Muslim in Britain today? (RE) Overview, Vocabulary and Sticky Knowledge



What do I already know?

In Explorers, I learned...

- Religions use symbols to show belonging: some Christians wear a cross or use the symbols of a fish.
- Muslims believe that you should not show images of Allah or Mohammad as a sign of respect. They often use calligraphy and geometric patterns.

In Philosophers, I learned...

- Christians often show their faith in different ways. Before meals, sometimes a prayer is said (called Grace) to thank God for the food about to be eaten.
- Some Christians will go to a church or cathedral to pray and show respect to God. When here, they will often sing hymns and listen to parables (stories) from the Bible. It is also a chance to meet together with other members of the Christian community.

What will I now learn?

- Outline clearly a Christian understanding of what God is like, using examples and evidence.
- Give examples of ways in which believing in God is valuable in the lives of Christians, and ways in which it can be challenging.
- Express thoughtful ideas about the impact of believing or not believing in God on someone's life.
- Present different views on why people believe in God or not, including their own ideas.

Key Vocabulary:

Challenging
vocabulary.

Words to learn.

Words I should
know.

Denomination

Testament

Duty

Commandments

Cathedral

Christian God Jesus belief community
Family duty charity faith local
Global Church Chapel

Sticky Knowledge:

- There are 5 Pillars of Islam: Shahada (one God), Salah (prayer), Zakat (charity), Sawm (fasting), Hajj (pilgrimage).
- Muslims travel from across the world to Mecca. Most arrive by aeroplane from foreign countries. Pilgrims wear the 'ihram'. White cloth is worn, so all people are equal, whether rich or poor.
- Muhammad was born in Mecca in Saudi Arabia in AD 570. He worked as a merchant and became known for his honesty. He was a deeply spiritual person and would often meditate on Mount Hira. It was here the Quran was revealed to him by the Angel Gabriel.
- A mosque is an Islamic place of worship. It comes from the Arabic word masjid, which roughly translates as 'place of prostration' in English. To prostrate is to stretch on the floor in a position of submission. This is a major element of Islamic prayer.
- Friday afternoon is normally the busiest time at the mosque outside of major festivals. This is when Muslims say Jummah prayers. These are congregational prayers. The Qur'an recommends praying together where possible and Jummah is a duty for Muslim men.

