

KS2 Unit 11, Lesson 3: Shahada

Context: In this lesson: Children will be introduced to the 5 pillars of Islam and their importance to the daily life of a Muslim.

Overview:

- To learn what the Shahada is.
- To learn what submission means for Muslims.

Essential core:

Key belief – Islam (Submission to the will of Allah). Pupils should know and understand:

Know that Islam means “Submission (to the will of Allah)” and the word Muslims means someone who has willingly submitted themselves to Allah.

Understand that praying 5 times a day, which is prescribed in the Qur’an, is one way Muslims submit to the will of Allah. They do this by:

Being constantly reminded of Allah throughout the day, reminds them for what is important in their life and helps them straying from the path

The sujud position (prostration) reflects Muslim submission as a physical act.

Salah can take place anywhere, as God created everything

Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to what they have learnt about the Islamic belief in submitting to the will of Allah and the practice of Salah.

Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information

Resources: Shahada ppt

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7BTniWfJbY

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zstfgk7>

Vocabulary: - faith, declaration, obedience, Shahada, sawm, salat, Zakat, Hajj, pillars, Islam, Muslim

INTRODUCTION:

Today Safiyya has brought in the words of the Shahada - something that she says each time she prays. Why does she say it? Why is it so important?

BUILD UP: Recap the 5 pillars of Islam. Discuss the importance of obeying – relate to other faiths if applicable during your class discussion. Explain the first pillar as the declaration of faith.

How do Muslims show their declaration of faith? **(Assessment opportunity of knowledge and understanding of the unit so far.)**

Watch this one minute video that explains Shahada - the Moslem statement of what they believe.

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You may also wish to use the attached power point. This is fundamental to the Islamic religion and is their declaration of faith: - “There is no God except Allah; Muhammad is the prophet of Allah” (The first Pillar of the Five Pillars of Islam).

Discuss with the children; **Why do you think the Shahadah is the first and most important pillar of Islam?**

REFLECT:

How do you think obedience/submission shown to God (Allah) when a Muslim does any of the 5 pillars??
LA – children to create a poster/picture representation of Shahada – using images to represent both parts of Shahada .

A – use the scaffold of sentence openers to write a detailed explanation of Shahada.

MA – write a statement/explanation describing the 1st Pillar of Islam; children

EXT - write a statement about the belief that sums up their whole life.

PLENARY & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Whole class discussion

"There is no god but Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah." Why is saying the Shahada so important to Moslems?