

OPTIONAL Activities for LESSON 4: Salah (Pillar 2), Zakat (Pillar 3) and Hajj (Pillar 5)

SALAH

Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Song Activity – Learn the Salah Song!

5 Salah, 5 salah what are they...?

(Wiggle five fingers)

FAJR is the first one to start my day!

(Wiggle thumb and do thumbs up)

5 Salah, 5 salah what are they...?

DHUR, in the middle of my day!

(Wiggle 2 fingers)

5 salah, 5 salah what are they...?

ASR, now I'm more than halfway through the day!

(Wiggle 3 fingers and do a half-half gesture)

5 salah 5 salah what are they...?

MAGHREB, now the sun has gone away!

(Wiggle 4 fingers, then put them down when you say 'sun has gone away')

5 salah 5 salah what are they...?

ISHAA, now I am done for the day!

(Make sleeping gesture with hands)

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) - Allah SWT is talking to you in salah.

Here is one example of what Allah SWT says to you in salah. Allah SWT responds to every line of Surah Al-Fatihah.

You say	Allah SWT replies
Praise and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the universe	My servant has praised Me
The Most Compassionate, the Merciful	My servant has exalted Me
Master of the Day of judgement	My servant has glorified Me. Or My Servant has submitted to Me.
You (alone) we worship and You (alone) we ask help	This is between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.
Guide us along the Straight Path. The Path of those You have blessed—not those You are displeased with, or those who are astray,	This is for My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.

Isn't it an honour to get a response from Allah SWT? In Salah imagine reading Surah Fatiha with full meaning and knowing that Allah SWT's response. Wouldn't it be a meaningful conversation between You and Him? MashaAllah.

ZAKAT

Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Story – Zakat like an apple tree!

Think of Zakat like an apple seed. When you eat the apple, you leave the core (the inside of the apple). Inside the core are the seeds, the seeds are a very small portion compared to what you ate from the apple. If you put the seeds back into the ground and water it, an apple tree will grow, and you will get many more apples. If you think about Zakat just like the apple seed, a very small amount of your savings you give to the poor, but Allah SWT will give you so much more, just like the apple tree once the seed is planted. And just like the apple tree gives many more apples, Allah SWT gives many more hasanat/rewards for your Zakat!!

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) - Quiz

1. What is Zakat?

- One of the Five Pillars of Islam where Muslims are required to give some of their wealth to charity?
- Or**
- Where Muslims are required to fast between the hours of sunrise and sunset?

Answer: Option 1 is correct.

2. What percentage of wealth is must be given each year in charity?

- 3.2 %
- 2.5 %
- 5.2 %

Answer: Option 2: 2.5 % is correct.

3. What can be given as zakat? (Choose two)

- pets
- money
- sweets
- jewellery
- toys

Answer: Zakat can be given as money, gold and silver jewellery.

4. Who could zakat be given to? Describe how the donation could help.

- A homeless charity – donations to homeless charities could help provide clothing, food and shelter for homeless people.
- Refugees – donations to refugees could help to provide safe passage to people who are fleeing their homes due to conflict or natural disasters.
- A water aid charity – donations to a water aid charity could help to provide clean water for people around the world affected by water shortages, drought and poor sanitation.

5. When is Zakat al Fitr given?

- Dhul Hijjah
- At the end of the year
- Ramadan

Answer: Ramadan is correct.

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Homework - Charity Challenge

We can become more aware of some of what people who experience poverty go through by undertaking the following Challenge!

There are many Muslim charities in Australia and around the world Alhamdulillah! Many use Zakat donations to provide things such as water or food to those who may not have had a meal in days, emergency medical supplies in places where there are no hospitals, educational support to children who want to learn, but can't afford to go to school, or help for families who are homeless.

Your Challenge is to (preferably with the support of an adult):

- Research some of these Muslim charities and then explore the sort of help they provide
- Choose a charity you would like to support
- Make a plan for donating some money for your chosen charity. (Can you put aside some pocket money or Eid money? Can you put 5c in a money box each week? Can you ask family and friends to pitch in with you to increase your donation? How about earning some money by doing chores and putting some aside for donating? When could you donate? Today and in Ramadan?)
- Make sure you donate to your chosen charity project before Eid al-Fitr!
- Reflect on how your charity might have helped someone - be prepared to share about this after Eid al-Fitr in Term 2 inshaAllah!

HAJJ

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - Visual Activity

If you have access to an Interactive whiteboard, monitor/screen or Ipad with internet in the classroom, you can do a quick google search of “hajj kaaba” images and spend a few minutes exploring the images with students and allowing students to share what they know about Hajj.

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – Story of Hajj

For teachers with limited English – the video links on the website can substitute for the story if necessary but remember, children engage more if you provide eye contact, facial expressions, an enthusiastic voice and tell the story yourself.



Hajj started thousands of years ago with Prophet Ibrahim AS, his amazing wife Hajar and their brave son Ismail AS. Prophet Ibrahim AS was the best of the Prophets and Messengers, after Prophet Muhammad SAW. Allah SWT loved Prophet Ibrahim AS and his family so much because they always did what Allah SWT asked them to do, no matter how hard it was to do. And now, when we go to Hajj, we copy some of the things Prophet Ibrahim AS and his family did, to help us remember how to be good Muslims.

Let me tell you a bit of their story... A very long time ago, Allah SWT asked Prophet Ibrahim to go with his wife Hajar and their baby Ismail to a special spot in a faraway land in the middle of a desert. Prophet Ibrahim AS was to then leave his wife and baby there! Hajar felt very afraid at first and called after Prophet Ibrahim AS but then she realised and said to Ibrahim AS, **‘if Allah SWT told you to leave us here, then Allah SWT will look after us!’**

Hajar knew that, if they did what Allah SWT wanted, Allah SWT would definitely send her help. Hajar understood that Allah SWT knew what was best for her, even though being left all alone in the desert looked like a terrible, horrible thing!

So, Hajar sat there, in the hot, lonely desert, just her and baby Ismail... until all their food and water was gone... and baby Ismail started crying with hunger and thirst. Hajar couldn’t bear to see her dear baby like that, so she ran to the top of a small nearby small mountain (or hill) called **Al Safa** and looked for help but she found nothing to help her. So Hajar ran back down to baby Ismail and then to the top of another small mountain called **Al Marwa**, and looked for help, but found nothing and no-one there.

Hajar kept running anxiously between the two hilltops, over and over, and then finally, on the seventh time, at the top of Al Marwa, she heard a voice... Hajar calmed herself and listened carefully, trying to hear the voice again... Hajar called out, “O whoever you are, can you help me...?” Suddenly, Hajar saw Angel Jibril near where baby Ismail had been crying and kicking his tiny feet in the sand! Angel Jibril hit the ground with his heel (or wing) and water started flowing up from that spot! Hajar ran down to her baby and quickly gathered up the water gushing up from the ground! Hajar said “Zimi, Zimi” meaning “gather, gather” or “stop flowing away, stop flowing away” and she gathered up the water by making a little barrier and she drank until she was full!

Subhan Allah, do you know, we still have this delicious water, coming from this same spot today? It’s called Zamzam water and we drink it when we go to Hajj! We drink it after we run 7 times, between the same two mountains/hills, al Safa and Al Marwa, (now inside a big Masjid), copying Hajar.

Before Angel Jibril left Hajar that day, he told her, ‘Don’t be afraid - Allah SWT would look after them and one day her son Ismail AS and her husband Ibrahim AS would build the Kabbah there!’ This news must have made Hajar feel so much better, Subhan Allah! It wasn’t long before people arrived there, wanting to drink from Hajar’s Zamzam water. The people loved and cared for Ismail AS too. Hajar and her son stayed in that special spot, looking after the Zamzam water. More people arrived, and that dry, empty land soon became a big, busy, city – **the city we now visit for Hajj - Makkah!**

One day, Prophet Ibrahim AS came back (just like Angel Jibril had told Hajar) and built the Kabbah with Ismail AS in that same special spot, just near the Zamzam well. When they were finished Ibrahim AS made dua that the Kaabah would stay a special place for remembering Allah SWT and he called out to all the people to come make Hajj!

Allah SWT accepted Ibrahim's dua and not only asked all the Muslims to visit the Kaabah for Hajj and copy some things Ibrahim AS did but Allah SWT also asked Muslims to face the Kaabah (or in its direction) when we pray – this is called facing the **Qiblah**.

Ibrahim AS also made dua that his family would stay good Muslims, believing in only one God and Allah SWT accepted this dua too and made his son Ismail AS and many other family members amazing Prophets! Prophet Ibrahim AS loved and listened to Allah SWT so much that we also copy Ibrahim AS at Hajj when we pray at same spot Prophet Ibrahim and Ismail AS prayed (the Station of Ibrahim) and go visit special places called Mina and Muzdalifah.

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Hajj discussion

- Teacher to ask: What is that black building called?
Include the following in the discussion:
 - The Kabbah is a special place built for worshipping Allah SWT. It's about 15 metres high and has a huge black cloth covering it, named the kiswah, with beautiful Arabic writing in gold thread.
 - The Kabbah is the what we face towards when we pray salah. Facing in this direction is called facing the Qibla.
 - Visiting the Kabbah is an important part of Hajj but Muslims do not worship the Kabbah, we worship Allah SWT alone.
- Teacher to ask: How many people do you think are doing tawaf – ritual walking 7 times around– the Kabbah?
Include the following in the discussion:
 - Doing tawaf is one of the steps of Hajj and there were on average 2.4 million Muslims who do Hajj each year! That's enough people to fit people into the world's largest sport stadium 150 times! There's no bigger yearly gathering in the world!
- Teacher to ask: What colour clothes does it look like most people are wearing when doing Hajj?
Include the following in the discussion:
 - Men are usually wearing white Ihram clothes - to show we are humble and all equal before Allah SWT. Hajj rites and steps will be discussed in more detail in Term 3, Insha'Allah