

Teacher Supplementary Notes
Slide 1 of 10 - The Holy Qur'an
Slide 2 of 10 - Lesson Outline (outline learning objectives and activities from the slide)
Slide 3 of 10 - What is the Holy Qur'an?
<p>(A) Knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Holy Quran is the Holy Book for Muslims.• Muslims are followers of the religion of Islam.• Muslims believe that the Holy Qur'an is the Word of God (Allah).• The Holy Qur'an was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) by the Angel Gabriel through a series of revelations over a period of 23 years.• The first verse of the Holy Qur'an was revealed in the month of Ramadan (<i>a Holy Month where grown up Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset</i>). <p>(B) Ideas and insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch the video (link on slide) for an introduction to the Holy Qur'an.• What one fact can you remember from the video? Discuss with talking partner/relate back to the class. Write down the answers on a whiteboard/flipchart.
Slide 4 of 10 - What Does the Holy Quran Contain?
<p>(A) Knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Quran is about God (Allah), His attributes (qualities) and a person's relationship with Him. It tells Muslims how they can develop a strong bond (connection) with Allah.• It also contains guidance for Muslims on how to live a righteous life.• In the second Chapter of the Holy Qur'an (Sura Al-Baqarah) Allah says:• "This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous..."• The Holy Qur'an explains a Muslim's responsibilities to Allah and also their responsibility to look after all of Allah's creation (including other people, animals, the environment).• The Holy Qur'an also contains prophecies (a prediction of what will happen in the future) as well as stories about the Prophets. <p>(B) Ideas and insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you have a special or favourite book? Why is it special and what have you learnt from it?
Slide 5 of 10 - Facts about the Holy Qur'an
<p>(A) Knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The word 'Qur'an' means a Book of Truths which is meant to be conveyed to the world.• The Holy Qur'an is divided into 30 Parts and 114 Chapters. Each Chapter consists of individual verses.

The Holy Qur'an – KS1 Teacher Notes

- There are in total 6,348 verses in the Holy Quran!
- The original text of the Holy Qur'an is in Arabic and remains unchanged to this day. Muslims believe that Allah has protected and safeguarded the Holy Qur'an.
- Children begin learning the Holy Quran from a young age, often starting with a book of Arabic alphabets and phonics called the 'Yassernal Quran'. The Yassernal Qur'an helps children to identify the different Arabic letters and their sounds.
- Some Muslims have memorised all the verses of the Holy Qur'an. Such people are given the title 'Hafiz'. Children often try to learn some of the shorter chapters by heart.

(B) Ideas and insights

- Muslims learn to read the Holy Qur'an in Arabic from a young age, even if that's not their first language. Can you speak or read any other languages?
- Express ideas on the Holy Qur'an still being in its original form. Why would it be important to keep the text the same as the original?

Slide 6 of 10 – Looking after the Holy Qur'an

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- The Holy Qur'an is a very special book for Muslims and they treat it with a lot of respect.
- In Muslim homes, the Holy Qur'an is often placed on a high shelf. It must never be placed on the floor. Sometimes Muslims use a stand called a 'Rehal' on which to place the Holy Qur'an (picture on slide 6) whilst they are reading it.
- Hands must be clean when touching the Holy Qur'an.
- Muslims also cover their heads as a mark of respect when they are reciting the Holy Qur'an. Girls wear a scarf and boys wear a cap called a Topi.

(B) Ideas and insights

- Do you have a special book? How do you take care of it?

Slide 7 of 10 – Which other Holy Books are important to Muslims?

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- Muslims believe that all the Holy Books sent to Prophets before the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) are important.
- The Qur'an makes reference to five revealed Books including the Holy Qur'an itself (listed on slide).

(B) Ideas and insights

- Why do religions have Holy Books? How does this help the followers of the religion? Can you think of any books that have helped you to learn something?

Slide 8 of 10 - Arabic Alphabet

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(A) Knowledge and understanding

- The Holy Quran was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him) in Arabic.
- Arabic is written from right to left.
- Pronunciation of Arabic uses the depth of the throat and teeth touching to create phonetic sounds.
- Some equivalent English phonetic sounds do not exist in Arabic, such as P, G and V.

(B) Ideas and Insights

- Use the audio link on the slide to listen to the recitation of Chapter 1 of the Holy Qur'an.
- Explore other languages that are written and read from right to left (Urdu, Hebrew and Persian are examples).

Slide 9 of 10 - The Importance of teaching and learning the Holy Quran

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- The Holy Quran is a sacred text as it the Word of God (Allah).
- Muslims believe that learning to read the Holy Qur'an and studying its meanings brings great blessings from Allah.
- Muslims try to recite a portion of the Holy Qur'an each day.
- During the month of Ramadan, Muslims pay particular attention to reading the Holy Qur'an as this was the month in which the Holy Qur'an was first revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).
- Muslims who have learnt to read the Holy Qur'an well teach it to others as there is great blessing in doing this too.
- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that *'the best of you is the one who learns the Holy Qur'an and teaches it to others'*

(B) Ideas and insights

- How have children felt when trying to read a word they found difficult?

Slide 10 of 11 – Quiz: Online; link on slide.

Activities - See lesson plan