

Teacher Supplementary Notes
Slide 1 of 10 - Charity In Islam
Slide 2 of 10 - Lesson Outline (<i>outline learning objectives and activities from the slide</i>). <i>Starter: Play video before commencing slides. Link in Slide 2.</i>
Slide 3 of 10 - The Importance of Charity in Islam
(A) Knowledge and understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is charity? Charity involves giving money (for example through donations or fund raising) or assistance (for example giving someone a lift) to those in need.• Islam places great importance on charity• Charity has been mentioned in many parts of the Holy Qur'an (the Holy Book of Muslims). (B) Ideas and insights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask the children whether they have ever given money or donated items to a charity? How did it make them feel?
Slide 4 of 10 - The Importance of Charity in Islam
(A) Knowledge and understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charity has been mentioned in many parts of the Holy Qur'an (the Holy Book of Muslims).• One example of a verse about Charity can be found in Sura Al-Baqarah which is Chapter 2 of the Holy Qur'an (<i>read out the verse from slide</i>) (B) Ideas and Insights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does the verse from the Holy Qur'an on the slide show that charity is important for Muslims? (...<i>'have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve'</i>).
Slide 5 of 10 - The Example of the Holy Prophet Muhammad*
(A) Knowledge and understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Holy Prophet Muhammad* was extremely generous and encouraged Muslims to help others. He taught that "Every act of goodness is charity".• Examples of The Holy Prophet Muhammad's* charitable acts include: feeding the poor; giving water to the needy; helping orphans; helping those that are sick.• Muslims try to follow the many examples of kindness shown by the Holy Prophet Muhammad* in their everyday lives.

(B) Ideas and Insights

- Ask the children what they understand by the term ‘acts of goodness’? Invite children to some examples of ‘acts of goodness’ they did recently.
- Whose example do the children try to follow in their day to day lives and why?

Slide 6 of 10 - Charitable acts = acts of kindness

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- Muslims believe that volunteering time to help others and showing kindness are also forms of charity.
- There are many ways in which Muslims can be charitable e,g:
 - Donating food to the poor/homeless.
 - Helping the elderly or those in need.
 - Raising money for worthy causes.
 - Picking up litter and looking after the environment (this helps keep the community clean but also protects animals which Islam teaches Muslims to show kindness towards).
 - The Holy Prophet Muhammad* said that even smiling is an act of charity.

(B) Ideas and insights

- Ask the children to think of a time when they have been charitable. How did it make them feel? Invite them to share with the class.
- Ask the children why they think a smile is considered to be an act of charity.

Slide 7 of 10 - Islamic Charity

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- There are two main forms of charity in Islam.
- The compulsory charity is called Zakat.
- The voluntary charity is called Sadqah

(B) Ideas and insights

- Ask the children what they understand by the term ‘financial sacrifice’? From what they have learnt so far in the presentation, why do they think Muslims are encouraged to make financial sacrifices?

Slide 8 of 10 – Zakat

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- Zakat is one of the 5 pillars of Islam.

- Muslims give a portion of their unused wealth to help the poor and needy. This contribution is known as Zakat.
- **Additional information:** *Zakat is a yearly 'tax' of 2.5% which Muslims are required to pay on unused wealth that is in the form of gold, silver, currency or other assets held for more than a year. Muslims pay different amounts of Zakat depending on the value of their unused assets each year. For example, 2.5% of £100 is £2.50. 2.5% of £200 is £5.*
- Zakat is intended for the benefit of the whole of society. It reminds richer people to look after those who have less and ensures the gap between rich and poor does not increase endlessly.

(B) Ideas and insights

- Ask the children whether they have heard the phrase 'Sharing is Caring'? What do they think this means and why is it important? Have they ever given up something they no longer use to help someone else? Invite children to share thoughts.

Slide 9 of 10 – Sadqah

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- Sadqah is a voluntary donation that goes to any poor or needy person.
- Many Muslims make regular donations and raise funds for charities.
- Any simple act of kindness is also considered to be a form of Sadqah.

(B) Ideas and insights

- Muslim children are encouraged to start paying Sadqah from their pocket money so that they understand the importance of helping others from a young age. Some will have made and decorated their own 'Sadqah' box to put their money into. Ask the children whether they put money in the charity boxes at the shops?
- Can the children remember which charity they or the school raised money for? How did the children/the school do this?

Slide 10 of 10 - Quiz: Online; link on slide.

Activities - See Lesson Plan

Notes - * Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him