

Teachers Supplementary Notes
Slide 1 of 10 Pilgrimage in Islam - Hajj
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 – What is a Pilgrimage?
(A) Knowledge and understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a pilgrimage?• A pilgrimage is a sacred journey undertaken for a spiritual purpose.• A pilgrim is a person who goes on a pilgrimage. (B) Ideas and insights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you think pilgrims differ from other travellers? If so, in what way? (<i>Pilgrims are different from tourists: they travel for spiritual reasons</i>)
Slide 4 of 10 – Pilgrimage in different religions
(A) Knowledge and understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many of the world’s religions attach spiritual significance to places of pilgrimage.• The most famous Hindu pilgrimage is the Kumbh Mela which takes place at the River Ganges in India.• In Judaism, the key focus for pilgrimage is Jerusalem, the site of the ancient temple destroyed by Romans in 70CE of which the Western Wall remains. (<i>images on the slide</i>) (B) Ideas and insights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What other Pilgrimage or special journeys have you learnt about, or carried out?• Why do people go on pilgrimage? (<i>Pilgrimage demonstrates a worshipper’s devotion to their faith</i>).
Slides 5 and 6 of 10 – Pilgrimage in Islam
(A) Knowledge and understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Islamic, the pilgrimage is known as Hajj and it is one of the 5 pillars of Islam.• Muslims are required to go for pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca), a holy city in Saudi Arabia, at least once in their life if they are fit, can afford it and it is safe to do so.

- Hajj is performed during the Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah, two months and ten days after Eid ul Fitr (which marks the end of the Holy month of Ramadan).

(B) Ideas and insights

- Which people might not fit the conditions to go to on Hajj (eg those who are not in good health and those who don't have the financial means to make the journey)
- Looking at the Islamic Calendar, ask the children if they can spot which month Dhul Hijjah is? (*9th month*).
- Play the video on slide 6 to hear Maryam's experience of Hajj. Discuss the video: do the children think Maryam enjoyed the experience? What would she have learnt from this experience?

Slide 7 of 10 – The Holy City of Makkah (Mecca)

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- Makkah is the birthplace of the founder of Islam, the Holy Prophet Muhammad*
- The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) received his first revelation from Allah in Makkah.
- The Holy Ka'aba is in Makkah.
- The Holy Ka'aba stands in the middle of a large courtyard of Masjid al Haram or 'The Sacred Mosque'.
- Muslims face the Holy Ka'aba in Makkah when they Pray.
(*Point to the map of Makkah and the picture of the Ka'aba*)

(B) Ideas and insights

- Can the children recall the name of the Muslim Holy Book which was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad*? (*The Holy Qur'an*)
- Can the children find Makkah on a map of the world/Using Google Earth?

Slide 8 of 10 – How is Hajj Performed

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- The Hajj lasts for 12-13 days with 11 different steps during which pilgrims travel across different parts of Makkah.
- At this point teachers may wish to play the video 'The Wonders of Hajj' (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_4JIBJy640) – *internet access required*) which explains the various steps in the observance of Hajj and the story of Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him). The video is approx. 17 minutes. Alternatively, the steps of Hajj are also outlined in the Information Sheet to accompany Activity 2 and 3. This can be used as an alternative to explain the steps of Hajj if there is no time for the video).

(B) Ideas and insights

- Ask the children to share thoughts about the video – what did they find most interesting?
- What would the children most want to ask someone who has been on Hajj?

Slide 9 of 10 – Eid ul Adha

(A) Knowledge and understanding

- At the end of the Hajj, Muslims all over the world celebrate Eid ul Adha.
- Eid ul Adha is known as the Festival of Sacrifice.
- Hajj reminds Muslims about the story of Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) and teaches them about sacrifice.
- *Pause to ask the children: What is sacrifice? Invite responses.*
- Sacrifice in our daily lives can be when we give something up for the benefit of someone else, or to please someone else.

(B) Ideas and insights

- Ask children to share examples of what sacrifices they feel they make/or might have made?
- What does sacrifice teach us?
- Play the video on slide 9 to hear how Aimen celebrates Eid day.
- Do the children have any special days/events they celebrate (religious or other)? Invite them to share how they celebrate such days.

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

Activities - See Lesson Plan

Notes - * Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him