

LEARNING ISLAM THROUGH ACTIVITIES

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1. Learning the Shahadah

Ali and Aisha were chatting with their father.

"We're Muslims, aren't we dear children?" asked their father, Mr. Mehmet.

"Yes, we're Muslim, father!" answered Aisha.

"We say: Alhamdulillah, we're Muslim!" Mr. Mehmet corrected her. Then he continued:

"The Qur'an is our holy book. All of the things that Allah wants from us and advises us to do, commands us to do and forbids us from are written there."

"Are we Muslims because we read these things, Father?" Ali asked.

"No. To be a Muslim you must first say the Shahadah. After that we must try to carry out Allah's commands."



"What is the Shahadah, dear Father?"

"Repeat after me: **Ash-hadu an la ilaha ill Allah.**"

"Ash-hadu an la ilaha ill Allah."

"Wa ashadhu ana Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu."

"Wa ashadhu ana Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu."



"That's the Shahadah. It's how we declare that we are Muslims."

"What does it mean, father?"

"It means: 'I bear witness that there is no god but God, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.'"

"I believed that anyway," replied Ali.

"Me too!" exclaimed Aisha.

"Well now you've said it with your tongues," their father answered.

The two children were happy that they had declared that they were Muslims.

2. The Shahadah

To declare that we are Muslim
The Shahadah we must say.
To go one day to Heaven
Repeat these words today!



To think about our Prophet
The Shahadah we say too.
To Allah we make our prayers
Our tasbih we attend to!



Now take a tasbih in your hand
And the Shahadah let's repeat.
May blessings come upon you
And Iman that's so complete!



3. Riddle Corner



The base of our religion
In this sentence can be heard.
The Unity of Allah
Is witnessed in these words.
The Prophet's sacred mission
In a single phrase is confirmed.
What do we call this sentence,
To which we have referred?



Answer: The Shahadah

4. What did we learn?

1. Which is the meaning of the Shahadah?

- a) Allah is the Greatest
- b) I bear witness that there is no god but God, and that Muhammad is his slave and messenger.
- c) I bear witness to Allah's greatness.

2. Which of these is required in order to be a Muslim?

- a) Cooking food. b) Drinking water.
- c) Saying the Shahadah.

3. Who says the Shahadah?

- a) Muslims b) Christians
- c) Jews

5. Ramadan is Here!

In the picture below there is an Iftar table.
Can you mention all of the things that you see
in the picture?



6. How do we fast?

"Dad, will you teach me about Ramadan?" Ahmad asked.



"Of course, my son!" His father answered.
 "Ramadan is one of the holy months. Allah orders us to fast during this month."

"How do we fast?" asked Ahmad

"First we wake up before the sun comes up on the day we are fasting and eat something. This break-fast is called Suhoor. Our beloved Prophet suggested that we wake up to eat so we'll stay healthy. Then he told us to make our intention by saying: **Oh Allah, I am fasting during Ramadan for your approval.** When the sun rises the fast begins. We don't eat or drink anything all day. We break our fast when we hear the Adhan for Maghrib prayer. After that we can eat and drink. This meal is called Iftar. That is how we fast. We should also avoid doing or saying bad things."



“Does everyone have to fast, dad?” Ahmad asked.



“No, son,” Father replied. “Those who are sick, or very old or young, or traveling on long journeys do not have to fast.”

“When I grow up, I’m going to fast too!” exclaimed Ahmad.

“Mashallah! Good for you Ahmad,” Father said.

7. Ramadan has Come.

Ali and Aisha were talking in bed.



“Mom said that tomorrow is the first day of Ramadan. Let’s go to sleep so that Ramadan will come quicker,” said Aisha.

“Okay!” replied Ali. Twin brother and sister went to sleep. A while later they were woken up by a sound: **Boom boom**. Ali cheerily burst out of bed.

“Ramadan is here! I know because that’s the sound of a drummer!”

"I guess the others are already awake. Come on! Let's see what they are doing," said Aisha.



The twins left their room; and what did they see? Their whole family was already at the table.

"Ah! Are you guys eating?" Aisha asked curiously. "Why didn't you wake us up?"

"We're going to eat Suhoor dear," said Mother. "The two of you come and sit down since you're already awake."

Everyone said **Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim**. Ali and Aisha did too. Then everyone started to eat. When the time for Suhoor was over, everyone made their intention and started to fast.