

Disclaimer

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Eid Al-Adha

What Is Eid Al-Adha?

Eid Al-Adha is a Muslim festival.



What Is the Story of Eid Al-Adha?

- Allah (God) spoke to Prophet Ibrahim (Peace Be Upon Him) in a dream. He told Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to give up his son to show his love for Allah.
- Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) was about to give up his son. Allah stopped him. He told Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to give up a ram.

Allah was pleased with Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) because he had shown that he would do what he was told.



Celebrating Eid Al-Adha



Muslims might go to the mosque.

Some Muslims send cards to and give gifts to friends and family.



Muslims might help people by giving money to charity.

It is a special time for Muslims to give thanks to Allah for everything they have.

Questions

1. What is the missing word? Tick one.

Eid Al-Adha is a _____ festival.

- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim

2. Who spoke to Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) in a dream? Tick one.

- his son
- Allah
- Muslims

3. What did Allah tell Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to do? Tick one.

- give up his son
- go to the mosque
- go and pray

4. What did Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) have to sacrifice instead? Tick one.

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Eid Al-Adha is a Muslim festival. It is held on a different date each year. It is also known as the Festival of Sacrifice. Sacrifice means to give something up.

The Story of Sacrifice

- Allah (God) spoke to Prophet Ibrahim (Peace Be Upon Him) in a dream. He told Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to give up his only son as a sacrifice to show Allah that he would do as he was told.
- Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) loved his son but he loved Allah and knew he had to do what he had been asked.

- Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) prepared to sacrifice his son but Allah stopped him. He asked Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to sacrifice a ram instead.



- Allah was pleased with Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) because he had shown that he was obedient and did what he was told. It showed that he trusted Allah.

Celebrating Eid Al-Adha



Muslim families celebrate Eid Al-Adha by going to the mosque to pray.



They give thanks to Allah for the blessings they have received.



Muslims wear their best clothes and visit friends and family.

They might send cards and give gifts.

Did You Know...?

Women and girls might decorate their hands with mehndi. This is a paste made from dried henna leaves.



Questions

1. When does Eid Al-Adha happen? Tick one.

- the same day in winter every year
- the same day in summer every year
- a different date each year

2. Look at the section **Celebrating Eid Al-Adha**. Find and copy one word which tells us what kind of clothes Muslims wear at Eid Al-Adha.

3. Look at the section **The Story of Sacrifice**. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they happened in.

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- Allah told Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to sacrifice his son.
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4. How did Allah speak to Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH)? Tick one.

- he met him
- in a river
- in a dream

5. List **three** things that Muslims might do to celebrate Eid Al-Adha.

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Accept any three of the following:

- **visit friends and family, help people and give money to charity**
- **wear new clothes**
- **visit the mosque**
- **send cards and give gifts**
- **thank Allah for their blessings**
- **decorate their hands with mehndi patterns**

Eid Al-Adha

What Is Eid Al-Adha?



Eid Al-Adha is a Muslim festival. The date of Eid Al-Adha changes every year. It is also known as 'the Greater Eid' or 'the Festival of Sacrifice'. This is because of a special story about loyalty, **obedience** and **sacrifice**.

The Story of Sacrifice

One night, Allah (God) spoke to Prophet Ibrahim (Peace Be Upon Him) in a dream. Allah told Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to sacrifice his only son to show loyalty and obedience.

Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) loved his son dearly but he also loved Allah. He knew he had to do what he had been asked so he agreed. The devil tried to tempt Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) away from

doing it but the prophet ignored him.

Allah stopped Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) from sacrificing his son. He asked him to sacrifice a ram instead.

Allah was pleased with Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) because he had shown that he was obedient and trusted Allah.



Celebrating Eid Al-Adha



Muslim families celebrate Eid Al-Adha by wearing their best clothes. They go to the mosque and give thanks to Allah for the blessings they have received.



Muslims visit friends and family and they might send cards and give gifts.



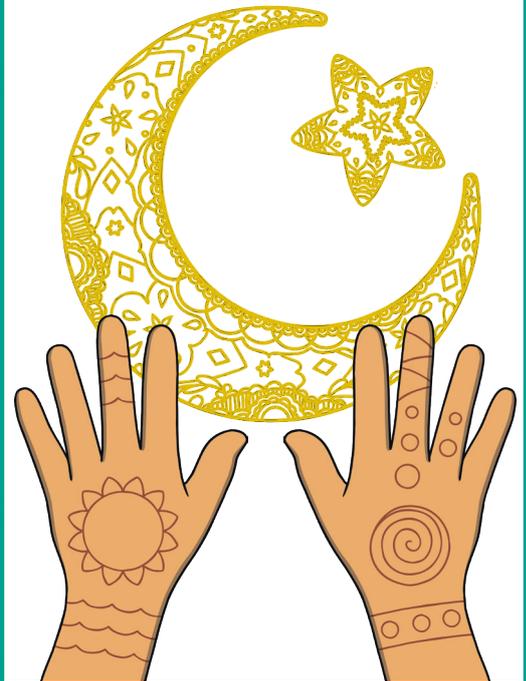
Some families will sacrifice a lamb or a goat. They will give meat to family, friends and the poor. People in the United Kingdom might pay for this to be done and given to the poor instead of doing it themselves.



Muslims might help other people by giving money to charity.

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Glossary

obedience: To be willing to obey and to do what you are told.

sacrifice: To give something up.

Questions

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2. How did Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) feel about Allah? Tick one.

he was angry with him

he loved him

he was afraid of him

3. Number the facts from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

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Find and copy a word that means 'to make something more attractive by putting things on it'.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Why does the date of Eid Al-Adha change every year?