



Unit 1.6 Who is Muslim and how do they live (part 2)?

Enquiry Questions

- Who was the prophet Muhammad and why is he important to Muslims?
- What can people learn from Muslim holy words?

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, in AD 570. He worked as a merchant and became known for his honesty. He was a deeply spiritual person and would often meditate on Mount Hira.

More than 1400 years ago Prophet Muhammad taught all Muslim people how to follow God. For Muslims, he is so special that when they talk about him and say his name they say 'Peace be upon him'. When they write his name they put the letters 'PBUH' after his name.

The stories of the Prophet are very important in Islam. They say a lot about what the Prophet Muhammad said and did, and these stories often teach Muslims an inspiring lesson. Muslims follow Allah (God), but they learn a lot from the Prophet's example.

Muslims believe that Allah sent down the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad through angel Jibreel/Gabriel.

The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims and is written in Arabic. Muslims believe it is the perfect word of God.

Muslims show respect for the Qur'an by washing their hands before touching it. When not being used, the Qur'an is often wrapped up in a special cloth and kept on a high shelf to show respect. It must never touch the floor and is placed on a special stand when being read. Many Muslims around the world learn the Qur'an off by heart!

The Qur'an is an essential part of everyday life for a Muslim, both at home and at the Mosque. The Qur'an teaches Muslims how to live a good life. Here are just a few rules which Muslims must live by: worship only one God, pray 5 times a day, give to charity, show respect and love to your parents, show forgiveness to others.

Key Vocabulary

Islam, Muslim, belief, Allah, Qur'an, prophet, Muhammed, Gabriel, revelation, respect, worship, prayer, respect, mosque