

KS2 Unit 3, Lesson 8: What is the Qu'ran?

Context: In this lesson Children will be introduced to the Qu'ran and its role in Muslim daily life and worship. **They will go on to see** how the obedience to the commands of the Qu'ran are lived out in the things that happen daily.

Essential core: Belief – Iman (faith)

- Know that Muslims believe that Muhammad had many revelations over 22 years.
- Understand that Islam teaches that Muhammad told many others what the revelations were. They wrote down the Words that had been revealed to Muhammad. What they wrote formed a book – the holy Qu'ran.
- Know that Muslims believe that the angel Gabriel was 'sent down' with God's holy book – the Mother of the Book. This was the book that was shown to Muhammad. So the Qu'ran is a copy of God's holy book.
- Understand that the Qu'ran is treated with great respect by Muslims, including that it is often kept in a stand, kept above all other books, is sometimes wrapped in a cloth, a Muslim will wash their hands before touching the book.
- Know that God's message is known as the 'Straight Path' or the Shariah
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to what they have learnt about the Islamic belief in submitting to the will of Allah.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information

Resources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mwjsw>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/texts/quran_1.shtml
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny2YH556PBM&t=241s>

Vocabulary: - Allah, Mohammed, Qu'ran,

INTRODUCTION

Look again at a copy of the Qu'ran. What language is it written in? (Arabic) It is divided into 30 Chapters called Sulas. Many key people in the Jewish and Christian Holy books are believed to be prophets in Islam (Jesus, Abraham, Adam etc) and some of their stories are retold in the Quran.

REFLECT

Look at the video about two Muslim boys. What do they tell us about the Quran and why it matters to them?

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Read more about the Qu'ran here

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You may wish to make an activity of turning Arabic religious words into attractive decorations,
<http://freeislamicalligraphy.com/#>

PLENARY & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What is "The Qu'ran"? Why is reading and obeying "The Qu'ran" so important to Muslim people?