

## Key Question

What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

## Key Understanding – The Five Pillars of Islam

<b>Shahadah</b> (belief)	Muslims say a declaration of faith.
<b>Salah</b> (prayer)	Muslims pray five times a day. Before prayer, they must wash themselves and then face Mecca whilst praying
<b>Zakat</b> (charity)	Muslims must donate to charities.
<b>Sawm</b> (fasting)	Muslims fast for one month during a time called Ramadan
<b>Hajj</b> (pilgrimage)	Muslims have to travel to Mecca once in their lifetime, if they can afford to

## Interesting Facts

The word 'Islam' means submission and obedience to Allah.

Muhammad is so respected by Muslims that they will say 'peace be upon him' after his name is spoken

There is always a fault sewn into the prayer mat. This deliberate mistake is there to remind Muslims that only Allah (God) can create perfection, not a mortal man.

No images of Allah, the Prophet Muhammad, people or animals are permitted by Islam; Allah is considered to be beyond human understanding and therefore cannot be portrayed in image, whilst pictures and statues of other figures are avoided because they could be mistakenly worshipped.

## Key Vocabulary

Islam	The second most popular religion in the world.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Prophets	Special messengers sent from Allah.
Five Pillars Of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Mosque	The Muslim place of worship.
Qur'an	The Islamic Holy Book.

## Key People

Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Muhammad	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam.

## The Six Main Beliefs

- 1 Belief in Allah as the one and only God.
- 2 Belief in angels.
- 3 Belief in the holy books.
- 4 Belief in the prophets and that Muhammad was the final prophet.
- 5 Belief in the Day of Judgement (the day when Allah decides if a person goes to heaven or hell).
- 6 Belief in predestination (the belief that Allah has already planned out what will happen).