

World population.

Islam is the world's 2nd biggest religion, and has about **1.8 billion** followers throughout the world.

Key beliefs

Muslims believe that there is only **one** God - **Allah**. According to Muslims, God sent a number of **prophets** to mankind to teach them how to live according to His law. Jesus, Moses and Abraham are respected as prophets of God. They believe that the **final Prophet** was **Muhammad**.

Year 7 Term 5: The life of Muhammad: where did Islam come from?

Islam

Tawhid

The belief that there is no God but Allah. Allah cannot be divided or split into parts.

Mecca (In the middle east) is the holy city for Muslims

The symbol of Islam



Muhammad

Muslims believe Muhammad was **Allah's** final and greatest **prophet**.

Muhammad received the **revelation of the Qur'an** and was:

- A great teacher
- A great role-model
- A military commander
- He set up the first Muslim community in **Mecca**

Muhammad must be respected but **not worshipped**



Tolerance

Mutual respect



Individual liberty

The 5 pillars of Sunni Islam



Declaration of faith
"There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger"



Prayer
Performing ritual prayers in the proper way 5 times a day



Fasting
Abstaining from food, drink, sex and other pleasures during daylight hours, in the month of **Ramadan**



Declaration of faith
Compulsory giving of 2.5% of one's income to charitable causes



Pilgrimage
It is the duty of every Muslim to perform the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime

Sources of authority



Laylat Al-Qadr commemorates the night on which God first revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad through Angel Jibril

For Muslims, the Qur'an is the **word of Allah** given to **Muhammad** through the **Angel Jibril (Gabriel)**. It was originally dictated in **Arabic** and the original words have never been altered.

The Qur'an is divided into '**Surahs**'. Along with the Qur'an, Muslims will also look to **the Hadiths** and **the Sunnah** to help them understand Allah's words

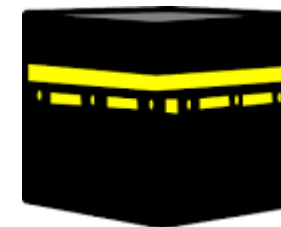
Pilgrimage

Once a year, Muslims from around the world gather together in **Mecca** and stand before the Ka'bah **praising** Allah together.

It is a **ritual** that is designed to promote the bonds of Islamic brotherhood and sisterhood by showing that **everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah**.

The Hajj makes Muslims feel real importance of life here on earth, and the afterlife, by stripping away all markers of social status, wealth, and pride. In the Hajj all are truly equal.

The Ka'bah



Worship

Muslims worship in **mosques**

A Muslim Religious leader is called an **imam**

