

## Assembly (5<sup>th</sup> and 6th Class)

### Based on Term 3 Lesson 6 Fit for Life

#### Islam

No Bible readings or songs are included in this assembly. It is a presentation of some of the learning from Term 3 Lesson 6.

The assembly ends with a prayer

You need:       to have taught lesson 6  
                      Have some visuals of Eid-ul-Fitr and Ramadan.  
                      Have a sign that says Halal and a picture of a headscarf.

Pupil 1	Last week in R.E. we learned about a world religion - Islam. In this assembly we are going to tell you a little about this religion. The name of the religion is Islam but its followers are called Muslims. We will tell you about a special celebration and about some rules for living.
Pupil 2	The celebration is called <i>Eid-ul-Fitr</i>
Pupil 3	It is a celebration after 29 days of fasting
Pupil 2	Fasting is when people do not eat or drink. For 29 days Muslims do not eat between sunrise and sunset.
Pupil 3	This fasting is called <i>Sawm</i> and it takes place in the month of <i>Ramadan</i> . Young children and very old or sick people do not have to fast during <i>Ramadan</i> but teenagers and adults are expected to do so.
Pupil 2	Muslims fast because <i>Allah</i> tells them to do so in their holy book the <i>Qu'ran</i> . They learn what it is like to be hungry and thirsty and also give money to the poor during the month of <i>Ramadan</i> .
Pupil 3	<i>Eid-ul-Fitr</i> is a time when Muslims celebrate and thank <i>Allah</i> for all they learned during Ramadan.
Pupil 2	There are prayers in the <i>Mosque</i> , cards and presents are given to friends and family, a special family meal is held often in the middle of the day, and new clothes are worn.
Pupil 4	This sign says <i>Halal</i>
Pupil 5	Muslims can only eat food which is halal which means allowed.

Pupil 4	In some places there are shops which advertise that they sell only halal food.
Pupil 5	In the <i>Qu'ran</i> there are rules about what foods can be eaten. No bacon, ham or pork can be eaten at all. Alcohol cannot be drunk. Other meat can be eaten if the animal has been killed in a certain way. Fish and vegetables are fine to eat.
Pupil 6	Muslims who follow the halal rules have to read labels carefully as there are often animal products hidden in many foods like gelatine in sweets.
Pupil 7	The <i>Qu'ran</i> also says that women must dress modestly. Muslims in different parts of the world understand this in different ways.
Pupil 8	Some women and girls wear headscarves called khimar, some cover themselves up completely wearing a niqab or burqa. Some Muslim women only wear headscarves when they are praying or reading the <i>Qu'ran</i> .
Pupil 1	We have learned a lot about Islam. We know that not all Muslims live in the same way in every part of the world.
Pupil 2	Understanding people of other faiths is important.

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**Dear God, as we learn about people who follow other religions help us to be respectful of the beliefs of others. Help us to learn about what is important to other people and to show kindness and generosity to everyone we meet. Amen.**