

Islam: What is it like to grow up in a Muslim family?

What happens when a Muslim baby is born?

The words of the **adhan** are whispered into the baby's ear.

The **adhan** tells the baby how to love God and that Allah loves them.

Names are chosen carefully. The meaning symbolises how the parents hope the child will grow up: to be good and kind and to love God.



Muslim family life

Family is very important to Muslims as it was created by Allah to keep people together.

Children are told stories which teach them how to care for nature and how Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was a special and loving man.

Muslims are taught that they are a part of a group.

They are taught to care for the elderly with kindness and respect.

Children should care for and respect their parents after Allah.

They eat special halal food.

Artefacts and symbols

The Qur'an

The religious book for Muslims.



Muslim Prayer

Muslims hear a 'call to prayer' which tells them it is time to pray.

They pray five times a day, every day. There are special words and movements which Muslims use to talk to Allah.

When Muslims pray, they face towards Mecca, a holy city.

Muslims can pray in mosques, prayer rooms, at home or anywhere else. The place has to be clean.

They pray to be close to God.

Key Vocabulary

symbolises

To have another meaning or represent something.

Allah

The common Arabic word for God.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

A man who is believed to have been sent to tell people about Allah and his message.

Mecca

The place where Islam began. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is believed to have been born here.

adhan

A call to prayer. It happens when a baby is born.

Muslim

A person who believes in one true God: Allah.

