

Religious beliefs and stories

Learning objective

- To learn to look for links between religious stories and beliefs.

Learning outcomes

- I can retell some religious stories.
- I understand what Christians, Muslims and Sikhs believe.
- I can point out similarities and differences between stories and beliefs.

Muslim beliefs



Muslims have the following main beliefs:

1. Belief in Allah as the one and only God
2. Belief in angels
3. Belief in the holy books (Qur'an)
4. Belief in the Prophets e.g. Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses), Isa (Jesus).

Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the final prophet.

5. Belief in the Day of Judgement

The day when the life of every human being will be assessed to decide whether they go to heaven or hell.

6. Belief in Predestination

That Allah has the knowledge of all that will happen but that this doesn't stop human beings making their own choices.

The Five Pillars of Islam are the five obligations that every Muslim must satisfy in order to live a good and responsible life.

The Five Pillars consist of:

- Shahadah: reciting the Muslim profession of faith
- Salat: performing prayers five times every day
- Sawm: fasting during Ramadan
- Zakat: paying an alms tax to benefit the poor (giving to charity)
- Hajj: pilgrimage to Mecca

A story from the Qur'an - The Prophet and the blind man

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) would sit near the Kabah and explain passages from the Qur'an to the people.

One day he was trying to explain the teachings to some ungodly chiefs hoping they would understand the messages and accept Islam into their lives. Meanwhile, a blind man named Abdullah approached him. He didn't realise the Prophet (peace be upon him) was speaking with these important men.

Abdullah broke into the conversation and asked the Prophet (peace by upon him) to teach him whatever Allah had taught him.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was cross that he had been interrupted. He spoke sharply to the blind man.

Allah didn't like the way the Prophet (peace be upon him) had spoken to the blind man who just wanted to learn more about his God and seek guidance.

Verses from the Qur'an (Surah Abasa 80:1-12) were revealed to him which made him think again about his behaviour towards the blind man.

From this moment the Prophet (peace be upon him) gave the blind man the greatest respect and made him governor of Madinah.