A HANDS-ON LESSON IN 7 PAGES

The 5 Pillars of Islam

أَرْكَانُ الإِسْلَامِ

The Prophet ﷺ said Islam is **built** on five. We teach it as a house: the shahadah is the foundation, the other pillars hold it up, and Islam is the roof.

بُنِيَ الإِسْلاَمُ عَلَى خَمْسٍ شَهَادَةِ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، وَإِقَامِ الصَّلاَةِ، وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ، وَالْحَجِّ، وَصَوْمِ رَمَضَانَ

"Islam is built upon five: testifying that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing the prayer, giving the zakah, Hajj, and fasting Ramadan."

al-Bukhari 8 · Muslim 16 (Muslim's wording: fasting Ramadan, then Hajj)

ONE PILLAR A DAY

A simple 6-day plan

Day 1 · Shahadah	Say it together, learn the meaning, cut and glue the foundation.
Day 2 · Salah	Pray one prayer side by side; add the Salah pillar.
Day 3 · Zakah	Sort some coins into "ours" and "for others"; add the Zakah pillar.
Day 4 · Sawm	Older children try a short morning fast if healthy; add the pillar.
Day 5 · Hajj	Find Makkah on a map, read Al 'Imran 3:97, add the last pillar and the roof.
Day 6 · Quiz	Do the worksheet for your child's age (pages 5 to 7).

How to use this pack

1. Print page 3 (the house mat) and page 4 (the pieces) on card if you can.
2. Cut out the pieces on page 4 along the dashed lines.
3. Glue one piece a day onto the mat, in order, and talk about that pillar.
4. On the last day, ask your child to cover one pillar with a hand: what happens to the roof? A Muslim keeps all five.
5. Shapes and words only: no faces on the pillars and no little people in the house.

READ THE BOLD LINE TO LITTLE ONES

The Five Pillars

1 Shahadah — الشَّهَادَتَانِ

"I believe and I say it"

None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, and Muhammad ﷺ is His Messenger. The foundation: without it, nothing else stands.

Muhammad 47:19

2 Salah — الصَّلَاةُ

"I pray five times a day"

Fajr, Dhuhr, 'Asr, Maghrib and 'Isha, facing the Ka'bah. Children are commanded to pray from seven.

al-Baqarah 2:43 · Abu Dawud 495 (hasan sahih, al-Albani)

3 Zakah — الزَّكَاةُ

"Muslims share their wealth"

Once a year, a Muslim whose savings are big enough gives a set part to those in need. Every Muslim, young or old, is included in zakat al-fitr.

al-Baqarah 2:43 · al-Bukhari 1503

4 Fasting Ramadan — صَوْمُ رَمَضَانَ

"No food or drink from Fajr to Maghrib"

For the whole month of Ramadan, grown-up Muslims fast for Allah. Children practise little by little before puberty.

al-Baqarah 2:183

5 Hajj — الحَجُّ

"Visiting the House of Allah once in a lifetime"

Every Muslim who is able must go to Makkah for Hajj once in a lifetime.

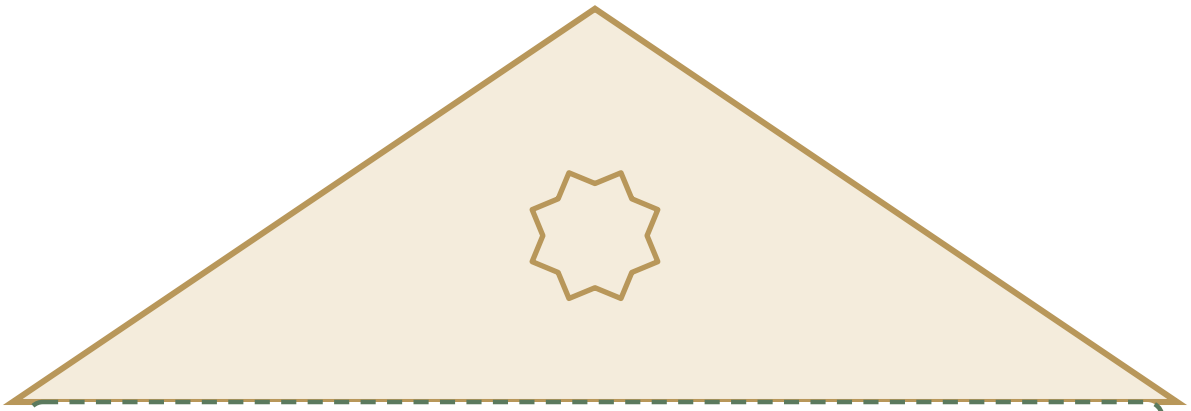
Al 'Imran 3:97 · Muslim 1337

Islam and iman: the 5 pillars of Islam are what we **do** (say, pray, give, fast, visit). The 6 pillars of iman are what we **believe** in the heart. Both are in the hadith of Jibril (Muslim 8).

GLUE THE PIECES FROM PAGE 4 HERE

Build the House of Islam

Name _____ Date _____



glue the roof here

pillar

pillar

pillar

pillar

glue the foundation here

CUT ALONG THE DASHED LINES

Pieces to Cut Out

The roof, four pillars and the foundation, sized to fit the mat on page 3. Glue the foundation first: everything rests on it.

Islam الإِسْلَامُ

Salah
الصَّلَاةُ

Zakah
الزَّكَاةُ

Sawm
صَوْمُ رَمَضَانَ

Hajj
الحَجُّ

Shahadah: the foundation
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

For toddlers (3 to 4): skip the cutting. Hold up five fingers and name one pillar on each, starting with the thumb for the shahadah.

AGES 4 TO 6 · SAY IT OR CIRCLE IT

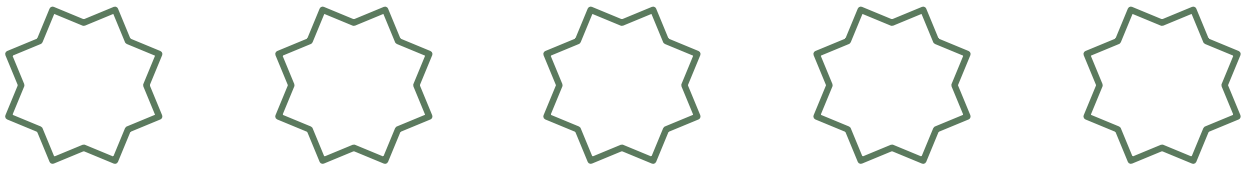
My 5 Pillars

Name _____ Date _____

1. How many pillars of Islam are there?
   3 | 5 | 7
2. Which pillar do we do five times a day?
   Salah | Hajj | Zakah
3. In which month do Muslims fast?
   Ramadan | Rajab | Shawwal
4. Where do Muslims go for Hajj?
   Makkah | Madinah | Jerusalem
5. Finish it: *La ilaha ...*
   illallah | Allahu akbar

Count the pillars

Colour one star for each pillar as you say its name.



Shahadah | Salah | Zakah | Sawm | Hajj

Which one can I do today?

Draw a line from the pillar to what you can do today.

Salah	Say la ilaha illallah
Zakah	Pray next to my parent
Shahadah	Hand over zakat al-fitr

AGES 7 TO 9 · WRITE THE ANSWER

The 5 Pillars Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

1. Who told us that Islam is built on five?

2. Write the five pillars in order.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

3. What does *la ilaha illallah* mean?

4. Name the five daily prayers.

5. Who must give zakat al-fitr?

6. How many times in a lifetime is Hajj obligatory, and for whom?

AGES 10 TO 12 · THINK AND EXPLAIN

The 5 Pillars: Think Deeper

Name _____ Date _____

1. Why is the shahadah called the foundation, not just “pillar number one”?

2. What is the difference between zakah and sadaqah?

3. Read al-Baqarah 2:183. What is the purpose of fasting, according to the ayah?

4. What does “for whoever is able” in Al ‘Imran 3:97 tell us about Hajj?

5. Which of the five pillars can you already practise today, and how?

FOR PARENTS

Answer key

1. **Ages 4–6:** 5 · Salah · Ramadan · Makkah · illallah. Matching: Shahadah → say la ilaha illallah; Salah → pray next to my parent; Zakah → hand over zakat al-fitr.
2. **Ages 7–9:** (1) The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (al-Bukhari 8). (2) Shahadah, salah, zakah, fasting Ramadan, Hajj. (3) None has the right to be worshipped except Allah. (4) Fajr, Dhuhr, ‘Asr, Maghrib, ‘Isha. (5) Every Muslim, young or old (al-Bukhari 1503). (6) Once, for whoever is able (Al ‘Imran 3:97; Muslim 1337).
3. **Ages 10–12:** open answers. (1) No other pillar is accepted without it. (2) Zakah is a fixed duty on wealth that reaches a set amount; sadaqah is any amount, any time. (3) “That you may become righteous” (taqwa). (4) Hajj is only obligatory on one who is able. (5) For example salah, and practice fasts.