

*We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. This term P3/4's RME topic is The Role of the Imam*

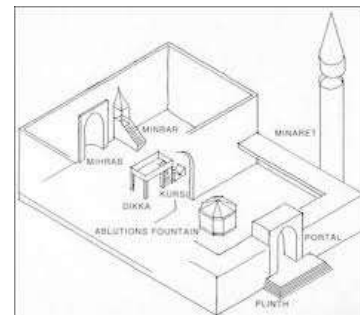
## Lesson 2: The Mosque

Living close to a mosque is important for Muslims. They are required to pray five times a day, but most of those prayers can be said at home or work.

The Friday service, just like a Christian Sunday service, includes a sermon and is considered the most important part of the week. Working Muslims use their lunch hours to attend.

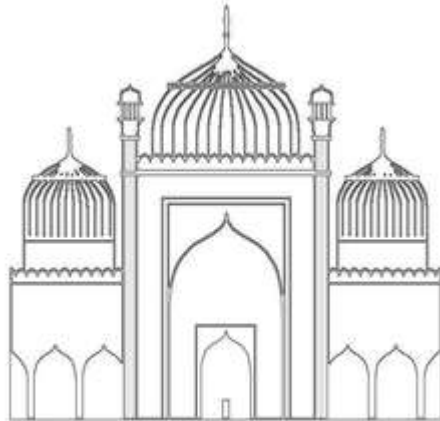
A mosque is more than just a place of prayer. It's a social gathering. It's a place for helping out the poor, the elderly, for holding weekend school for the kids.

### The main features of a Mosque



- Minaret is very tall, has a balcony.
- Mihrab is a semicircular position in the wall of a mosque that indicates the qibla (the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca) and shows the direction that Muslims should face when praying.
- Call to prayer on a Friday (Adhan). Muslims pray 5 times a day - dawn, mid-day, afternoon, after sunset, evening.
- Most mosques have one or more domes, (qubba). A dome is not a requirement like the mihrab, but is as a symbolic representation of the vault of heaven.
- Ablution fountain is where Muslims wash before they pray. Prayer and cleanliness are very important to Muslims.
- Sahn is the open courtyard where Muslims meet without disturbing others.

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3 things I know about mosques.

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