

P4 Week of 01.02.21

We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. This term P4's RME topic is Eid-ul-Adha

Lesson 3: Festival of Eid ul Adha

What Is Eid-al-Adha?

- Eid-al-Adha is also called The Festival of Sacrifice or Greater Eid.
- It is the second most important festival in the Muslim calendar and a public holiday in Muslim countries.
- It marks the end of the Hajj, which is the pilgrimage to the city of Makkah, that all devout Muslims must complete at least once in their lifetimes.

Why Is Eid-al-Adha An Important Festival For Muslims?

The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to.

Allah (God) appeared to Ibrahim in a dream and asked him to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to Allah.

The devil tempted Ibrahim by saying he should disobey Allah and spare his son.

As Ibrahim was about to kill his son, Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead.

What Happens During Eid-al-Adha?

- Muslims all over the world, who can afford it, sacrifice a sheep (sometimes a goat) as a reminder of Ibrahim's obedience to Allah.
- They share out the meat among family, friends and the poor, who each get a third share.
- Eid usually starts with Muslims going to the mosque for prayers, dressed in their best clothes, and thanking Allah for all the blessings they have received.
- At Eid it is obligatory to give a set amount of money to charity, to be used to help poor people to buy new clothes and food so that they too can celebrate.



Celebration food

It is traditional for those families who have more than enough at Eid-ul-Adha to buy twice as much as they need and give it to the poor.

At Eid ul-Adha, many Muslims make a special effort to pray and listen to a sermon at a mosque. They also wear new clothes and visit family members and friends.

Eid-ul-Adha expects the sacrifice of an animal for meat, usually sheep, as a commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience of a command from Allah.

This means that there are dishes containing lamb and mutton.

Muslims eat special sweet meats, meat dishes with cream, almonds and pistachios, rice pudding with edible silver foil and dried fruits.

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Draw and label your favourite foods.

