

Eid-al-Adha Religious Festival Story



Religious Education KS1

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Eid-al-Adha is also known as 'The Festival of Sacrifice' or 'Greater Eid'. It is a four-day public holiday in Muslim countries. It celebrates the end of the Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca, on the tenth day of the twelfth month of Dhul-Hijja. It commemorates Ibrahim's devotion to Allah, when he was prepared to sacrifice his son, Isma'il.

Pilgrims continue to sacrifice animals at the village of Mina, on the journey from Mount Arafat to Mecca. If they can afford it, Muslims across the world sacrifice an animal, and at least a third of the meat is distributed to the poor who are unable to make such a sacrifice.

The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when Allah ordered him to. As with many other festivals, prayers are said and presents given.

The Story of Ibrahim and Isma'il



Ibrahim is commanded by Allah to take his son to offer a sacrifice at Mina.



Ibrahim obeys Allah even though he does not want his son Isma'il to die. However, Ibrahim shows Allah that he will always do what Allah asks him to do.





However at the last minute, Allah provides a sheep for Ibrahim, so he can sacrifice the animal and not Isma'il.





Muslims celebrate this event to remind themselves that they must always do what Allah asks or expects from them.





Questions

Discuss with the children what part of the story they liked best and why?

Talk to the children about how they feel when they do as they are told. Talk about times when they do not do as they are told.

Ask the children what is precious to them, and ask them to try to explain why.