The Five Pillars of Islam

Activity Pack for Kids



1 Poster
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7 Match it up
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This pack belongs to: _____

The Five Pillars!



Look, say the Arabic word, and learn each pillar.

1



الشَّهَادَة Shahada

DECLARATION OF FAITH

I say there is only one God, Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger.

2



الصَّلَاة Salah

PRAYER

I pray five times a day: Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha.

Fajr · Dhuhr · Asr · Maghrib · Isha

3



الزَّكَاة Zakat

GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED

Every year, grown-ups give a small share of their savings to people in need.

4



الصَّوْم Sawm

FASTING IN RAMADAN

In Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset and think of others.

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الحَجّ Hajj

PILGRIMAGE TO MAKKAH

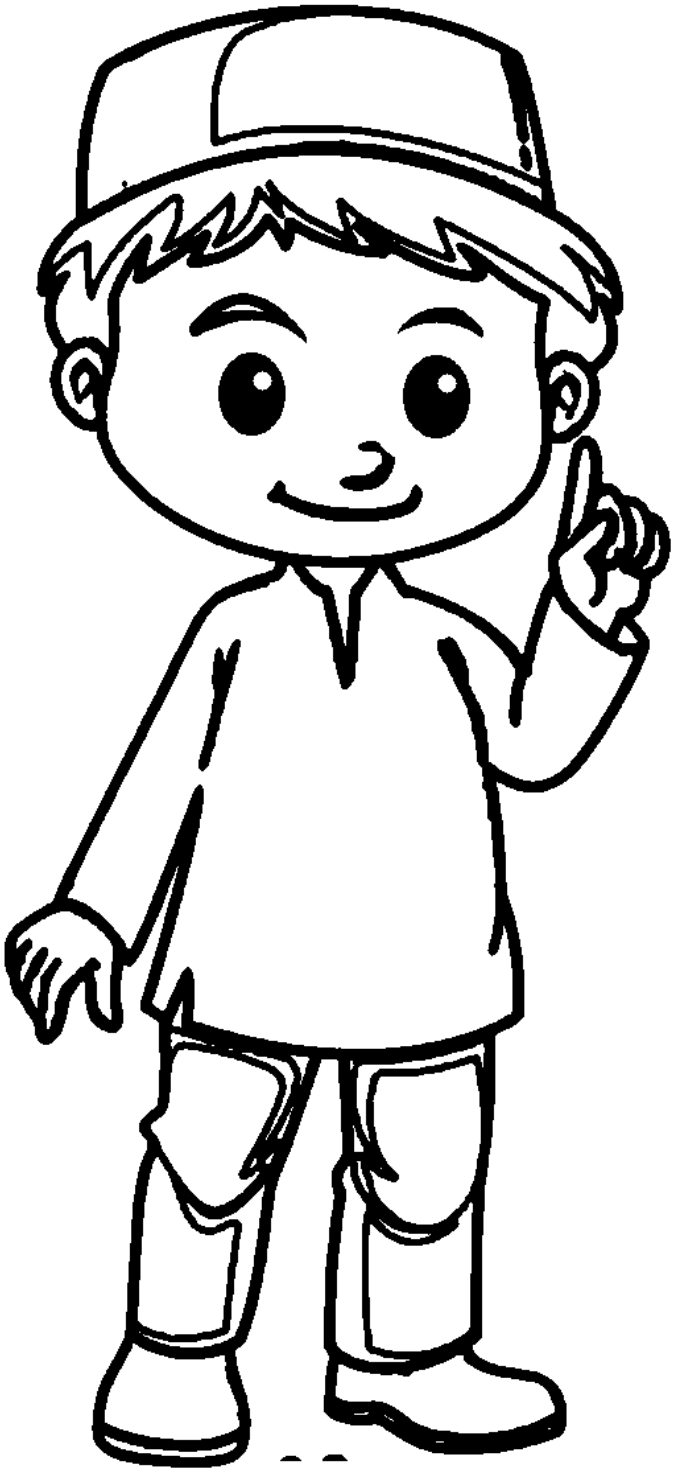
Once in a lifetime, Muslims who are able travel to Makkah for Hajj.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught that Islam is built on five pillars (Sahih al-Bukhari 8, Sahih Muslim 16). Read one card at a time and say the Arabic word together.

Color the Shahada Boy



Color the boy. He is pointing up for the Shahada.



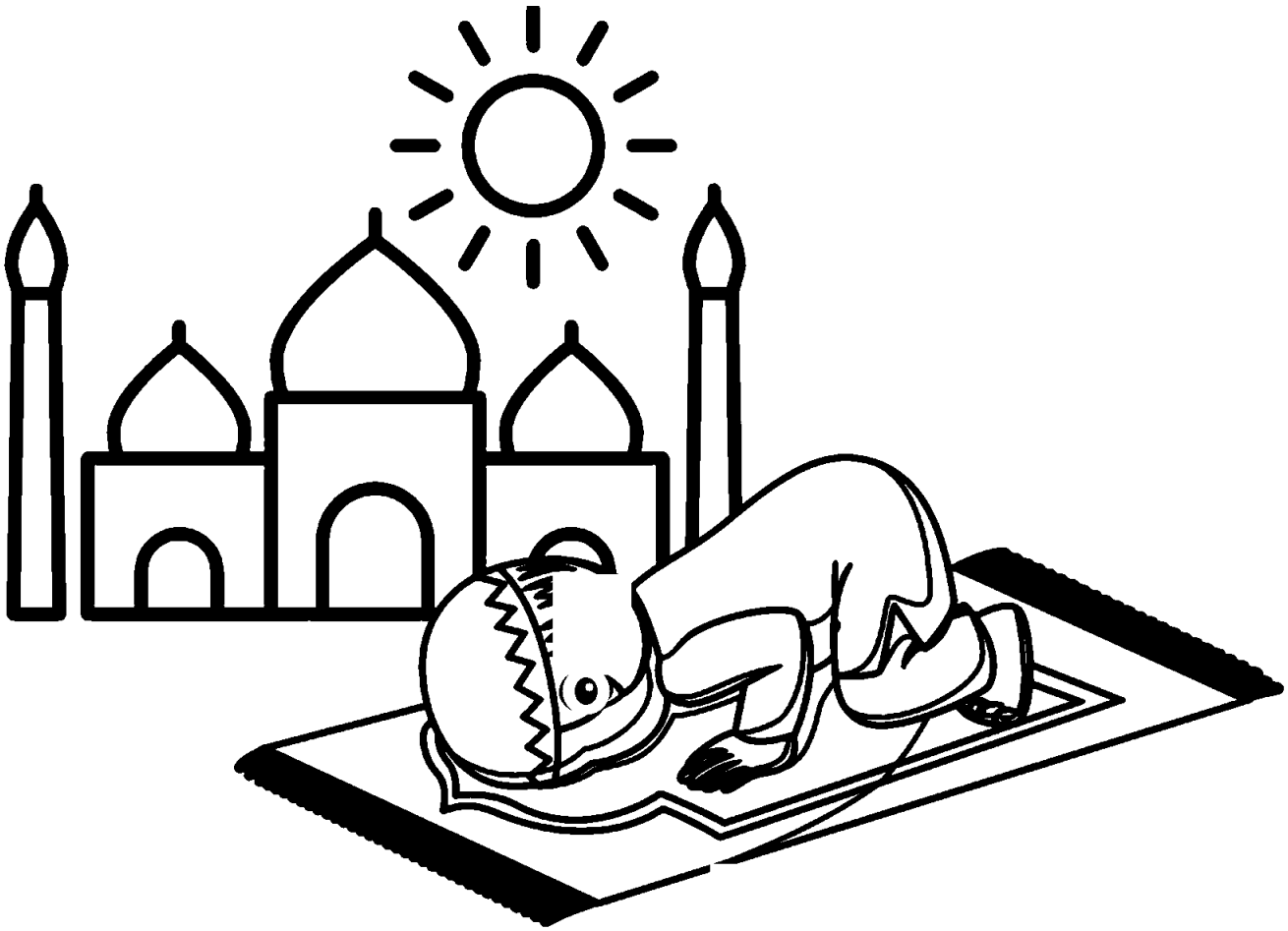
Pillar 1: Shahada Declaration of faith

Teacher/parent note: Ask: What is he saying with his finger up? (Allah is One.)

Color Time to Pray



Color the boy praying on his mat next to the mosque.



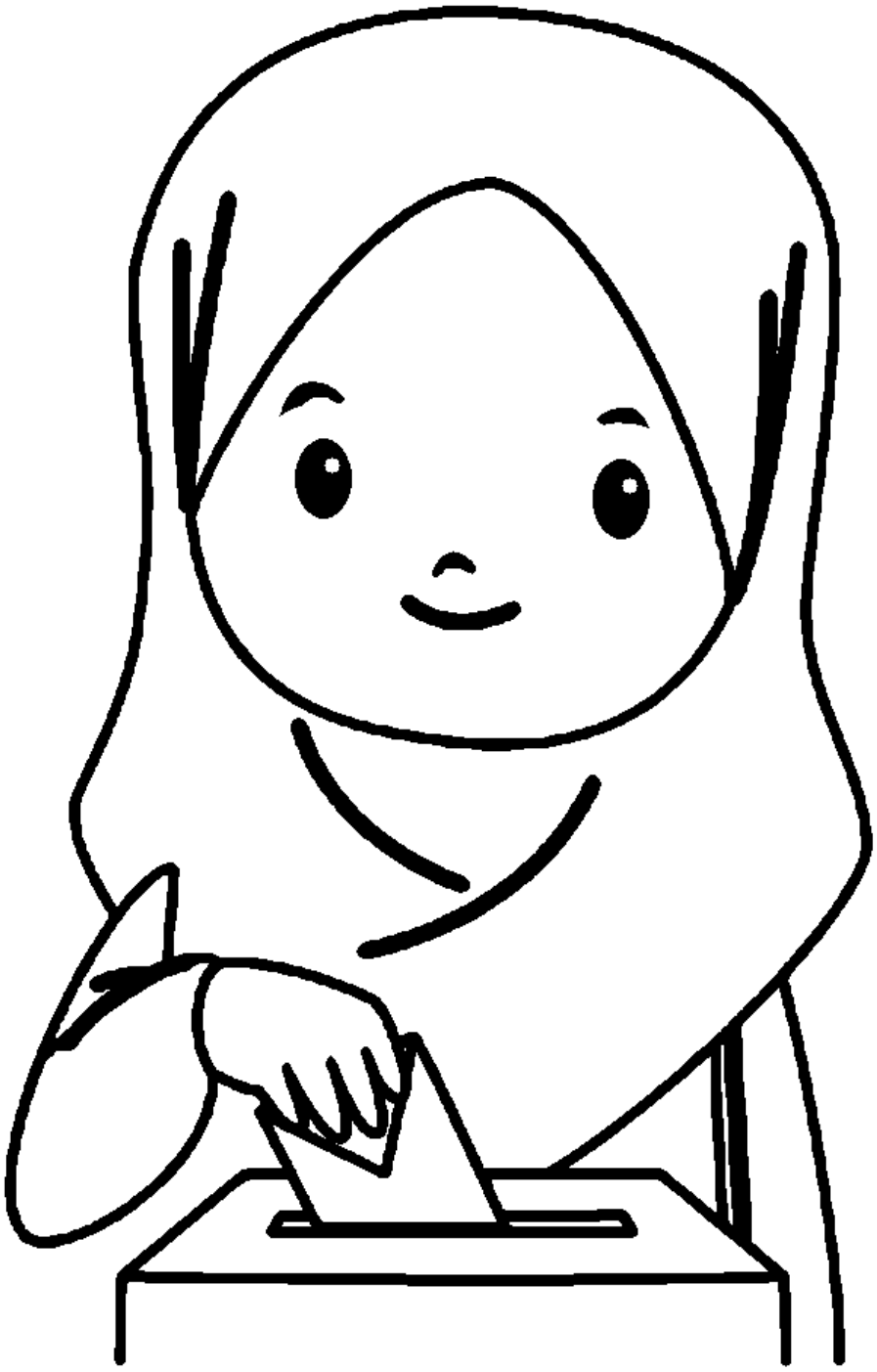
Pillar 2: Salah Prayer

Teacher/parent note: Ask: How many times a day do we pray? Can you name the five prayers?

Color Giving to Others



Color the girl putting her gift in the donation box.



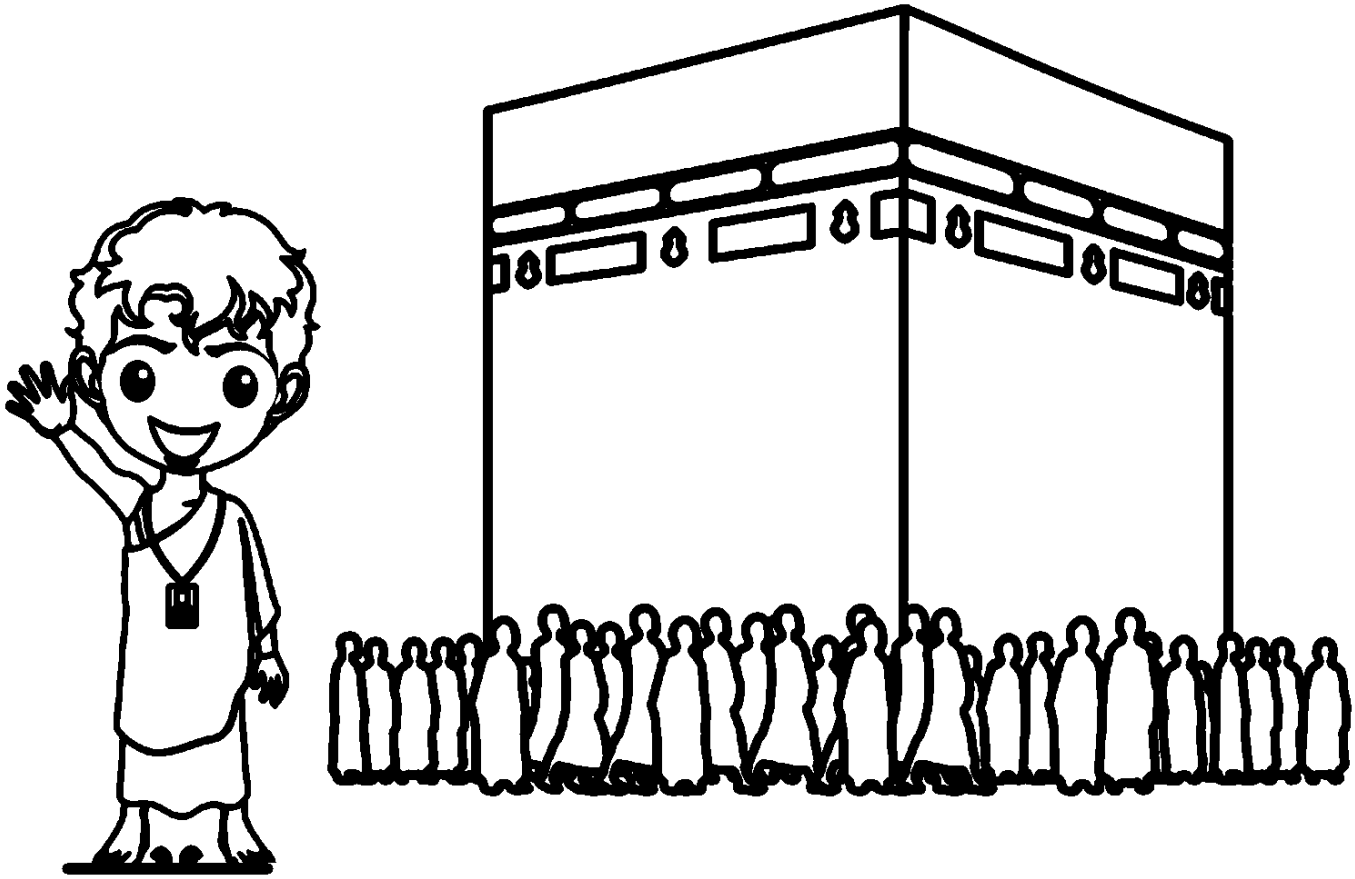
Pillar 3: Zakat Giving to those in need

Teacher/parent note: Zakat is given by grown-ups. Children can still give a small gift and learn to share.

Color the Hajj Kaaba



Color the Kaaba and the people visiting Makkah.



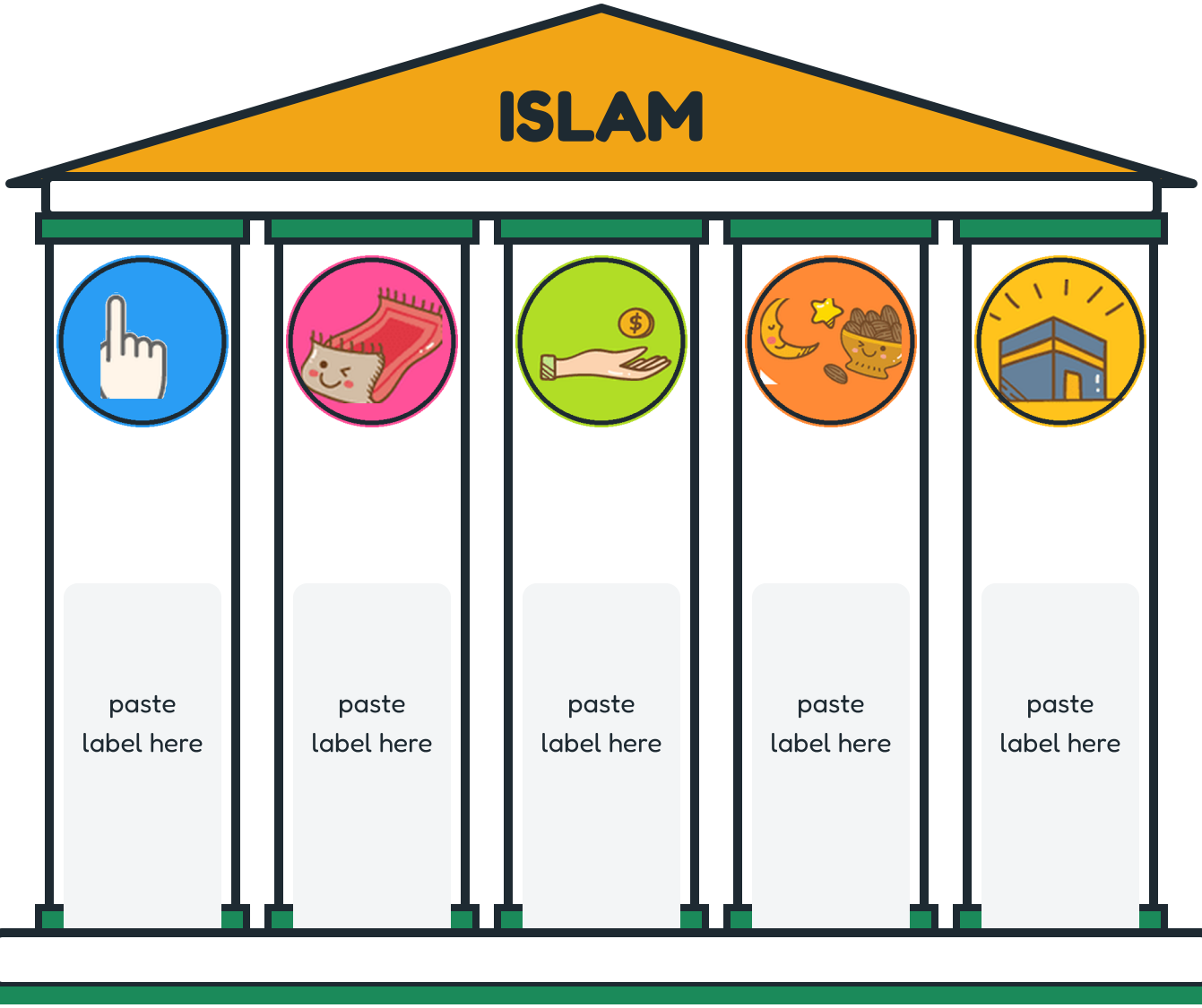
Pillar 5: Hajj Pilgrimage to Makkah

Teacher/parent note: Ask: Where is the Kaaba? Who goes to Hajj, and how often?

Build the House of Islam



Cut the labels. **Paste** each one under its picture. **Color** the house!



Cut on the dashed lines

الزَّكَاة **Zakat**	الحَجّ **Hajj**	الشَّهَادَة **Shahada**	الصَّوْم **Sawm**	الصَّلَاة **Salah**

Teacher/parent note: Islam is often described like a building with five pillars. Ask: "What happens to a roof if a pillar is missing?" Children can say each pillar aloud as they paste it.

My Pillar Hand



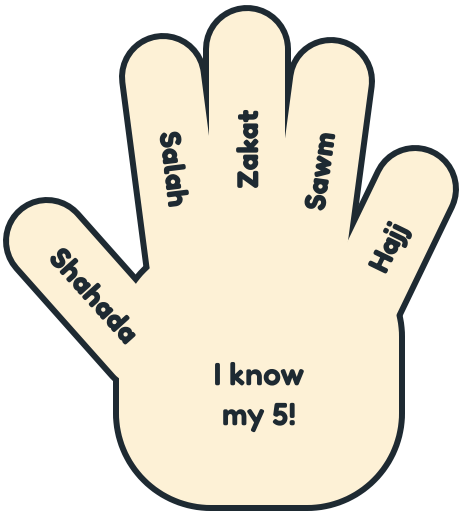
Trace your hand. **Write** one pillar on each finger.

Finished example

Each finger holds one pillar. Use this order, or make up your own:

Thumb: Shahada Pointer: Salah Middle: Zakat

Ring: Sawm Little: Hajj



1. Put your hand here, fingers spread.

2. Trace around it with a pencil.

Trace your hand here

Use your right or left hand — either is fine!

3. Write a pillar on each finger.

4. Draw a star on your favorite pillar.

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

Teacher/parent note: cut the finished hand out and display it. Children can "count" the pillars on their fingers when they recite them.

My Fold-Up Book

Color, **fold** and **cut** one sheet into an 8-page book.



How to fold



1. Fold in half (left over right) and open. Then fold both edges to the middle and open. You now have 8 boxes.



2. Fold in half again (left over right). Cut from the folded edge along the red dashed line, only up to the crease.



3. Open the sheet. You should see a slit across the two middle boxes.



4. Fold it in half the short way (top over bottom), with the slit on the fold. Push the two ends toward each other so the slit opens like a diamond.



5. Flatten the pages into a book, with the cover on top. Page numbers help you check.

Teacher/parent note: cover, 5 pillar pages (one per page), a drawing page and the "I am a Muslim" back page. Pages 2–3, 4–5 and 6–7 face each other.

1

My Book of the
Five Pillars

أَرْكَانُ الإِسْلَامِ

by: _____

2

Pillar 1

الشَّهَادَة

Shahada

Declaration of faith

I say there is only one God, Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger.

3

Pillar 2

الصَّلَاة

Salah

Prayer

I pray five times a day: Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha.

4

Pillar 3

الزَّكَاة

Zakat

Giving to those in need

Every year, grown-ups give a small share of their savings to people in need.

5

Pillar 4

الصَّوْم

Sawm

Fasting in Ramadan

In Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset and think of others.

Pillar 5

الحَجّ

Hajj

Pilgrimage to Makkah

Once in a lifetime, Muslims who are able travel to Makkah for Hajj.

7

My favorite pillar is

Draw it here:

8

I am a
Muslim
أَنَا مُسْلِم

I am learning the five pillars of Islam, one step at a time.

My name: _____

Which Pillar Is It?



Read the story. **Circle** the pillar it shows.

1



Giving part of your savings to people in need

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

2



Waking up before dawn to eat a meal before fasting in Ramadan

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

3



Saying: "I bear witness that there is no god but Allah"

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

4



Standing in a straight line with others to pray Dhuhr

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

5



Traveling to Makkah to walk around the Kaaba

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

6



Breaking the fast with dates and water at sunset in Ramadan

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

7



Praying Fajr when the sun is just about to come up

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

8



Telling a friend that Muslims believe Allah is One and Muhammad is His messenger

Shahada Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj

Teacher/parent note: read the situations aloud with younger children. Ask "How do you know?" Remember: children are not required to fast or pay zakat yet — they are learning about it.

Match It Up!



Draw lines: name, then picture, then meaning.

Name	Picture	Meaning
الشَّهَادَة **Shahada**		Fasting in Ramadan from dawn to sunset
الصَّلَاة **Salah**		Pilgrimage to Makkah, once in a lifetime for those who are able
الزَّكَاة **Zakat**		Praying five times every day
الصَّوْم **Sawm**		Giving a share of savings to people in need each year
الحَجّ **Hajj**		Saying that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is His messenger

Teacher/parent note: for a quick check, ask children to read each meaning aloud before drawing the second line.

Pillars Path Game



Roll, **move**, and say what the pillar means!

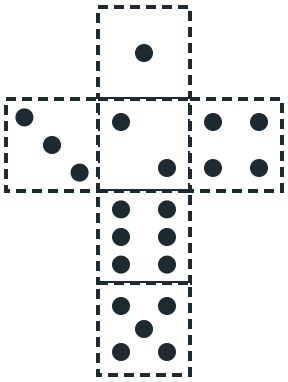
1 **START** Go!	2	3	4 **Shahada** Say what it means	5	6 **Kind deed** Name one. Move 1
12 **Zakat** Say what it means	11 **Kind deed** Name one. Move 1	10	9	8 **Salah** Say what it means	7
13	14	15	16 **Sawm** Say what it means	17	18 **Kind deed** Name one. Move 1
24 **FINISH** I know the 5 pillars!	23	22	21	20 **Hajj** Say what it means	19

How to play (2–4 players)

1. Cut out a token each (and the die, if you have no real die). Put tokens on **START**.
2. Take turns: **roll** and **move** that many spaces along the path.
3. On a **pillar space**, say what that pillar means. If you can, jump ahead 2 spaces. If not, stay and learn it from a friend!
4. On a **kind deed** space, name one kind thing you can do. Move ahead 1.
5. Jumps do not trigger a second space. First to reach **FINISH** wins!



Tokens: cut out and stand on a bottle cap.



Teacher/parent note: print on thin card for a sturdier board. Fold the die net along the dashed lines and tape the edges.

Say the Shahada



Read it, **say** it, **trace** it, **write** it. Say it 3 times: ◯ ◯ ◯

Part 1: Allah is One

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa-Allah

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah.

أَشْهَدُ	أَنْ	لَا	إِلَهَ	إِلَّا	اللَّهُ
ash-hadu	**an**	**la**	**ilaha**	**illa**	**Allah**
I bear witness	that	no	god	except	Allah

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Now write it yourself:

Part 2: Muhammad is the messenger

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan rasulu-Allah

And I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

وَ	أَشْهَدُ	أَنَّ	مُحَمَّدًا	رَسُولُ	اللَّهِ
wa	**ash-hadu**	**anna**	**Muhammadan**	**rasulu**	**Allah**
and	I bear witness	that	Muhammad	messenger of	Allah

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Now write it yourself:

Teacher/parent note: when we say or write the name of Prophet Muhammad, Muslims add "peace be upon him." Help children with the sounds first; writing practice can be done over several days.

Pillars Quiz



Circle the right answer. You can do it!

1 Pick one

How many pillars of Islam are there?

A 3 B 5 C 7

2 True or false

Muslims pray five times a day.

True False

3 Pick one

Which pillar means fasting?

A Salah B Hajj C Sawm

4 True or false

Zakat is giving a share of savings to people in need.

True False

5 Pick one

Where do Muslims travel to for Hajj?

A Jerusalem B Makkah C Istanbul

6 True or false

Children must fast the whole month of Ramadan.

True False

7 Pick one

Which prayer is prayed at dawn?

A Maghrib B Isha C Fajr

8 Pick one

What is the first pillar called?

A Shahada B Zakat C Hajj

9 True or false

Hajj is once in a lifetime for those who are able.

True False

10 True or false

Muslims fast from sunset to dawn in Ramadan.

True False

Name: _____

My score: _____ / 10

Answer Key



Answers and notes for teachers and parents.

Page 7: Build the house

Left to right: Shahada, Salah, Zakat, Sawm, Hajj.

Page 8: Pillar hand

Any order is fine; the example uses the same order as the poster.

Page 10: Which pillar is it?

#	Pillar
1	**Zakat**
2	**Sawm**
3	**Shahada**
4	**Salah**
5	**Hajj**
6	**Sawm**
7	**Salah**
8	**Shahada**

Page 11: Match three columns

Name	Picture (top to bottom)	Meaning (top to bottom)
Shahada	picture 2	meaning 5
Salah	picture 4	meaning 3
Zakat	picture 1	meaning 4
Sawm	picture 5	meaning 1
Hajj	picture 3	meaning 2

Page 14: Quiz

#	Answer	Why
1	**B**	Five pillars.
2	**True**	Salah is five times a day.
3	**C**	Sawm = fasting.
4	**True**	Zakat helps people in need.
5	**B**	Pilgrims go to Makkah.
6	**False**	Not required yet: children are learning and may practice a little.
7	**C**	Fajr is the dawn prayer.
8	**A**	Shahada is the first pillar.
9	**True**	Once, if able.
10	**False**	Fasting is from dawn to sunset.

Ages and time

Activity	Age	Time
2 Poster	5–10	10 min
3–6 Coloring	5–8	15 min each
7 Build the house	5–8	20 min
8 Pillar hand	5–10	15 min
9 Fold-up book	6–10	30 min
10 Which pillar?	6–10	15 min
11 Match it up	5–8	10 min
12 Path game	6–10	25–40 min
13 Shahada	6–10	15–20 min
14 Quiz	7–10	15 min
16 Certificate	all	5 min

Materials

Printer and paper (thin card for the game board and tokens), scissors, glue stick, tape, pencils, crayons or markers, a die (or use the cut-out die), bottle caps for tokens, a blank sheet for hand tracing practice.

Tips for adults

- Children are not required to fast or pay zakat. They are **learning**; praise any step they try.
- Zakat is commonly taught as 2.5% of savings above a minimum amount, given once a year by adults who qualify.
- Hajj is for those who are able, once in a lifetime; the five prayers are Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha.
- Say “peace be upon him” after the Prophet’s name. For details of practice, follow your family’s or teacher’s guidance.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT





I know the Five Pillars of Islam!

Awarded to

_____



الشَّهادَة

Shahada



الصَّلاة

Salah



الزَّكاة

Zakat



الصَّوم

Sawm



الحَجّ

Hajj

Great job learning Shahada, Salah, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj!

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