

Why do Muslims celebrate



A resource for Schools.

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Muslims celebrate **Eidul Fitr** after Ramadan to mark 29/30 days of fasting, other forms of worship, and good deeds.

It is a gift from God Almighty.





Ramadan



Ramadan reminder (fasting)

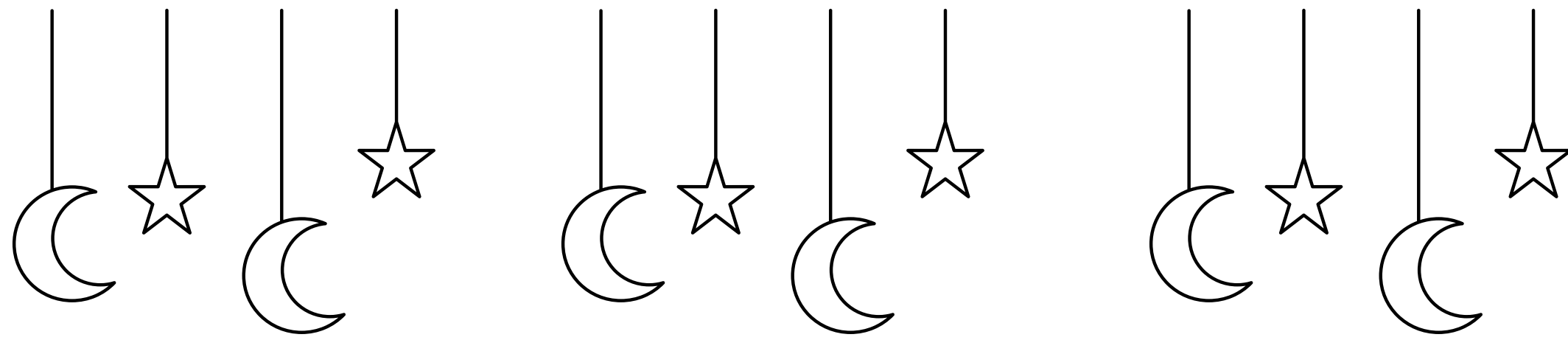


The month of forgiving, and giving.

The revelation was sent down during Ramadan.

Muslims perform more worship, give more charity, and show more kindness to others.

? Do you know anyone who was fasting during Ramadan? What do you think about fasting?



Ramadan is a very important month on the Muslim calendar as they observe fasting. Fasting is one of the pillars of Islam.

?  Do you know the other 4 Pillars? Why do you think they are pillars?



Why do Muslims have to fast?

Muslims believe that human beings have been created to worship the One **God**. He is their creator.

Muslims believe the Quran is the word of God for all of humanity to access. Once you believe it is the word of God, you become a Muslim (submit to God).



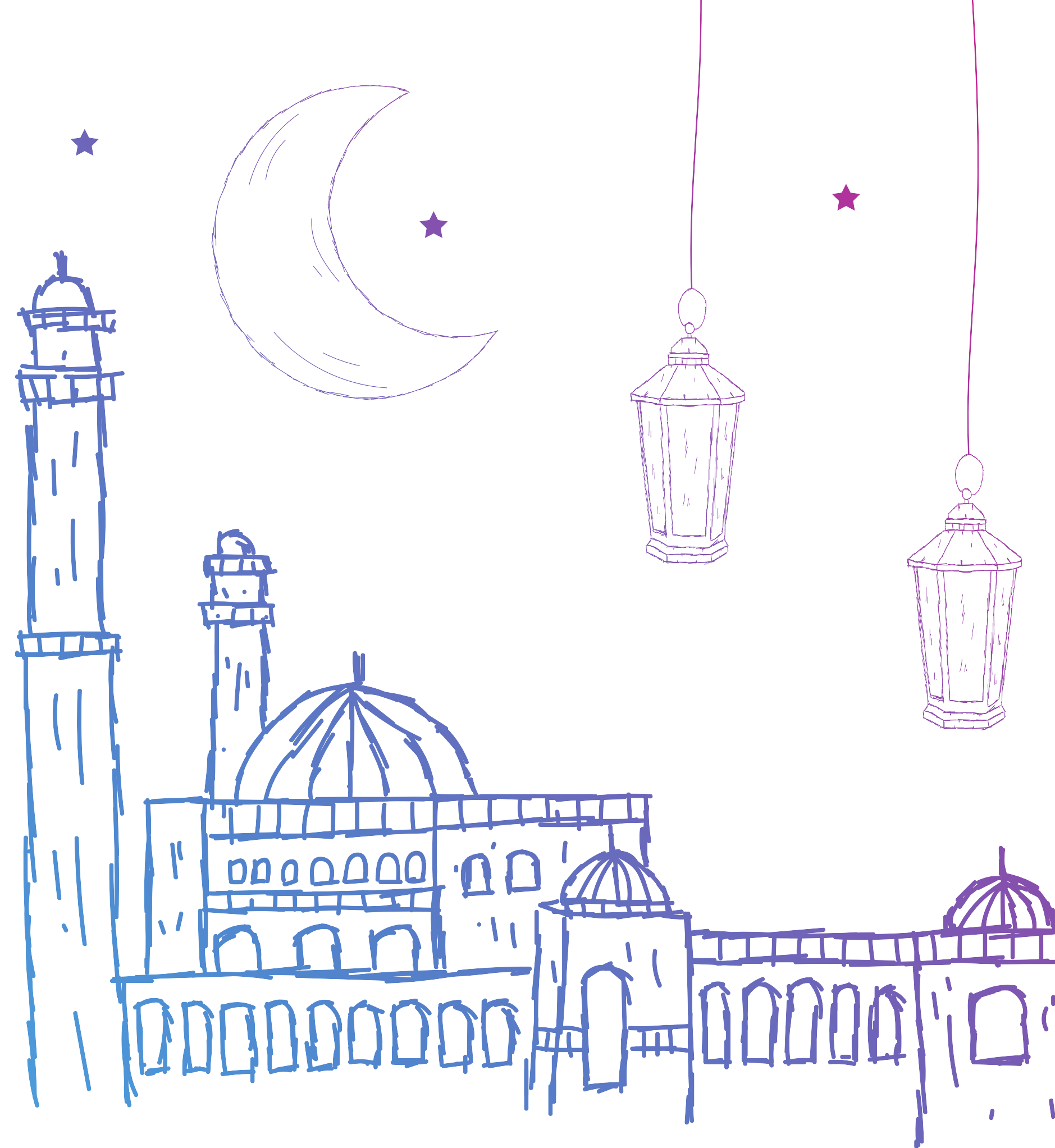
Do you know what is inside the Quran?

Why is it in Arabic?

Why do Muslims fast?

When you submit to God (Muslim), it means you will try your best to do everything He asks of you and keep away from things He does not approve of.

Fasting is an act of obedience. Muslims are instructed to fast for many powerful reasons. It is also good for physical and mental well-being.





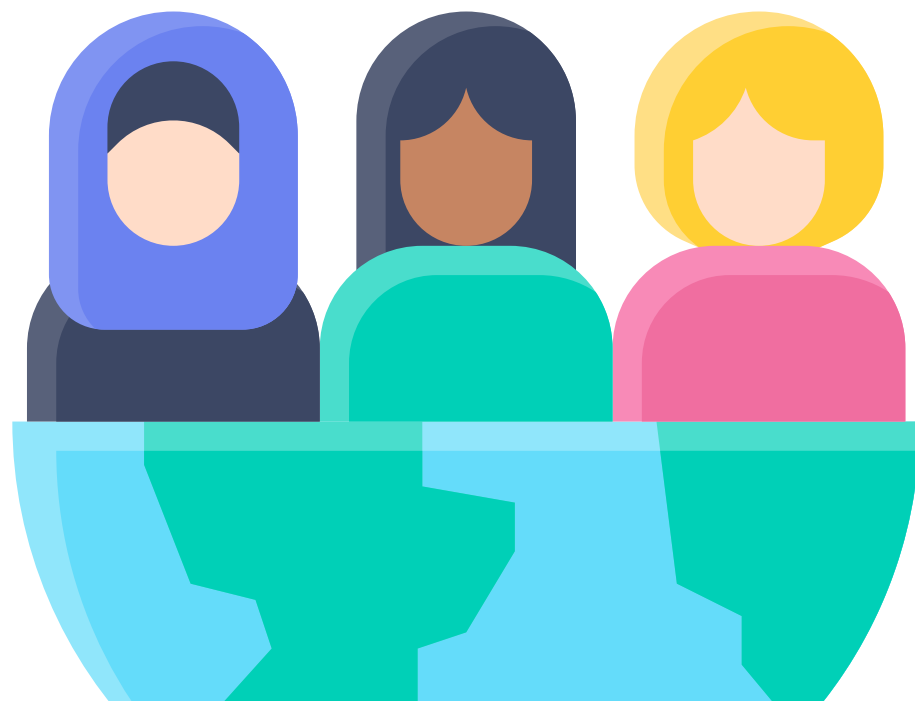
Eidul Fitr



An estimated 2.2 billion people will celebrate **Eid ul Fitr** around the world.



Islam is not a religion exclusive to Arabs or Asians, you can be from any part of the world and be a Muslim.
(Believe and then submit to God).



What does the word **Eid** mean?

Eid comes from the word gathering or assemble.



Eid literally means joy/ festival.

What does Fitr mean?

Fitr is related to Iftar which is the evening meal that Muslims eat to break their fast. This day is the end of 29/30 days of fasting.

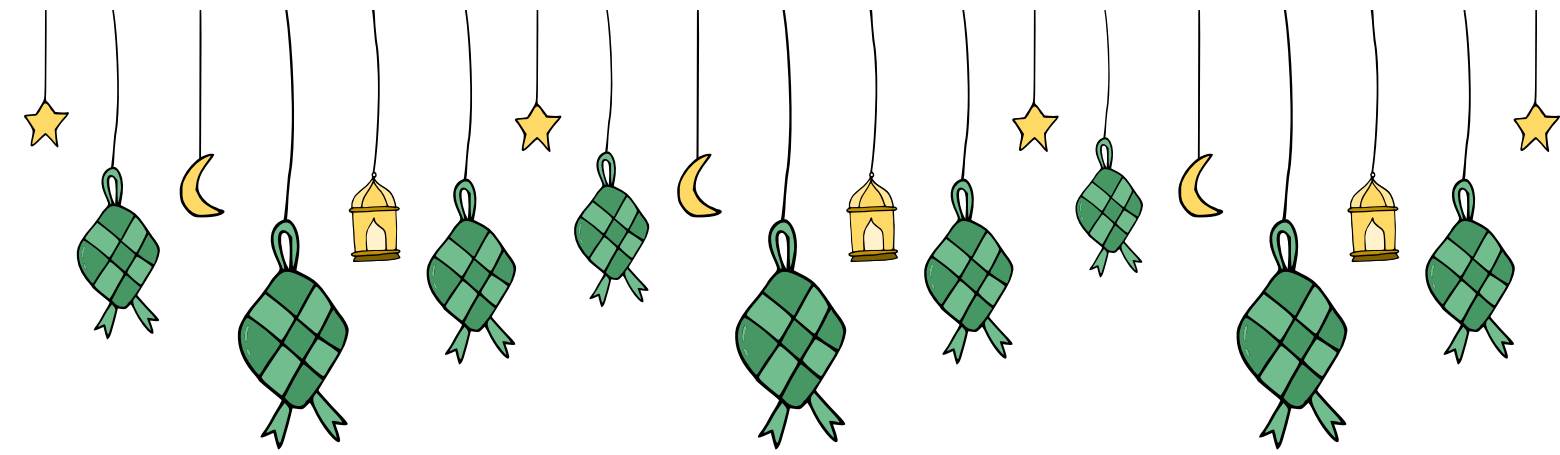




Zakat al Fitr



What does Zakat al Fitr mean?



Zakat Al-Fitr

Each family member needs to pay a small amount which is collected and given to those who are in need. This needs to be done before the Eid prayer. Even when Muslims are celebrating, they do not forget about those who are suffering or in need.

How do Muslims greet each other on Eid?



Eid Mubarak
Have a blessed Eid



Is Eid all about just having a jolly?

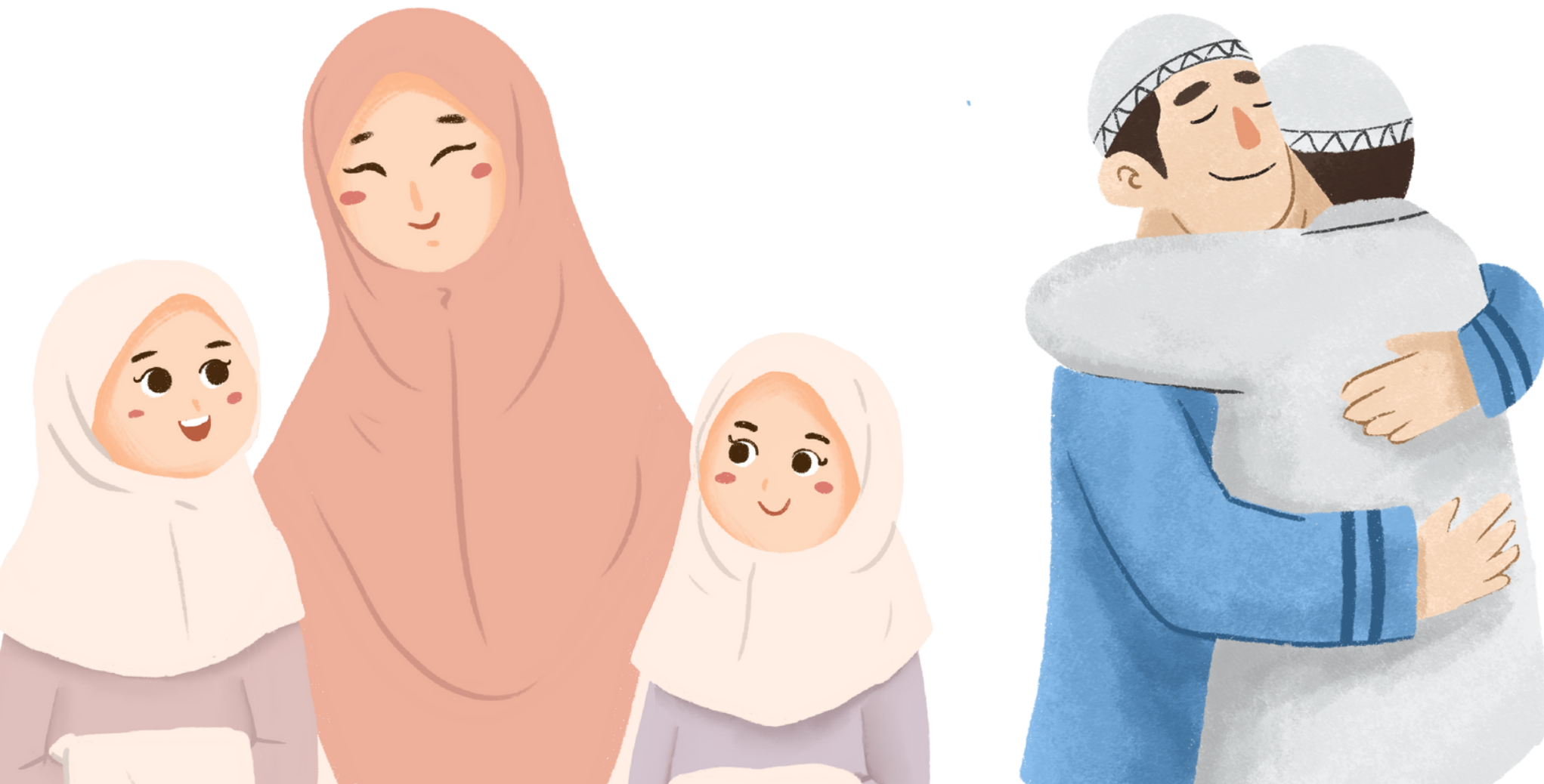


Eid has a deeper significance beyond large gatherings, parties, and feasts. All this is great fun and encouraged, but there is a deeper significance for Muslims.

The deeper meaning

Eid Mubarak

Happiness that
roots back to
receiving the Grace
of God and His
blessings.





The deeper meaning of Eid



The deeper meaning

Eid



Eid is symbolic of the lessons learned from Ramadan, the change to become a better person, and the nearness to God attained during Ramadan.

Its a way of celebrating the worship Muslims did during Ramadan.

The journey now begins



Eid Mubarak

Muslims ask

What have we
learned from
fasting and how
can we bring
change in our life
to become the
better self?



Eid a new beginning

During Ramadan, Muslims try very hard to become even closer to their Creator.

Once fasting stops, the real work begins.

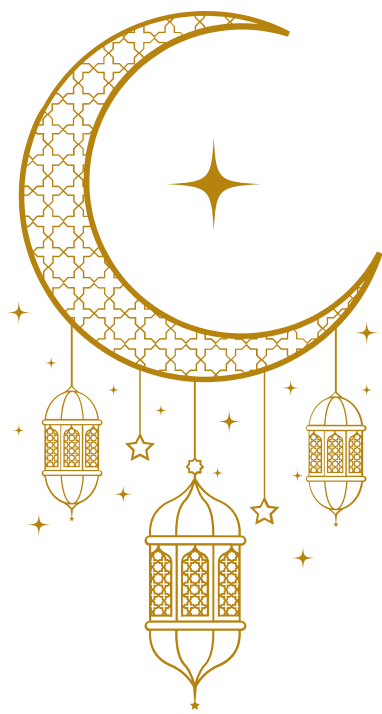
It starts by trying to hold onto that level of faith and improve all year round.



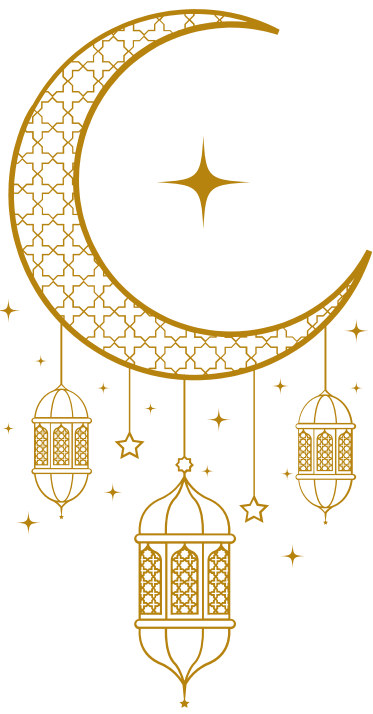


The moon





Why is the crescent moon a symbol of the Islamic faith?



Eid Al Fitr officially begins when the first sight of the moon is seen in the sky. Muslims start fasting when they sight the moon and again for Eidul Fitr.

This is one of the reasons that the crescent is symbolic in the Islamic faith.



What do Muslims do on Eid?





Eid Al Fitr

What do Muslims do at the mosque during Eid?

The most important thing on Eid is praying at the mosque.

People also meet and greet.

There is a special Eid prayer and sermon. On this day people feel humbled as they celebrate.



What do Muslims do on Eid?

People will wear their best clothes

Pray at the Mosque

Family gatherings

Everyone hopes that God has forgiven them in Ramadan for any past mistakes and Eid reminds us of the beautiful favours of God on us, food, family, and love.





Thank you for listening

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