

The book cover features a large, stylized archway on the left side, set against a background of a yellow wall with a repeating geometric pattern. The archway frames a scene where two children, a boy and a girl, are holding hands and looking out at a city skyline. The text 'A look inside THE MOSQUE' is centered within the archway. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by yellows, oranges, and light blues.

A look  
inside **THE**  
**MOSQUE**

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# A look inside **THE** **MOSQUE**



**AHLAN**

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Minaret:

A tall, thin tower used as a high point from which to make Azan (the call to prayer)

God is greater and more important than anything else  
There is no God but God  
Come to prayer. Come to success

MUSLIMS ARE CALLED TO PRAYER BY THESE WORDS. THIS CALL TO PRAYER, OR AZAN

LET'S MUSLIMS KNOW THAT IT IS TIME TO PRAY.

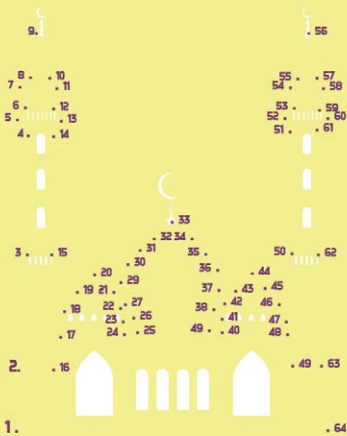
We have heard the Azan. Let's go, Bilal.

YOU COME WITH US TOO



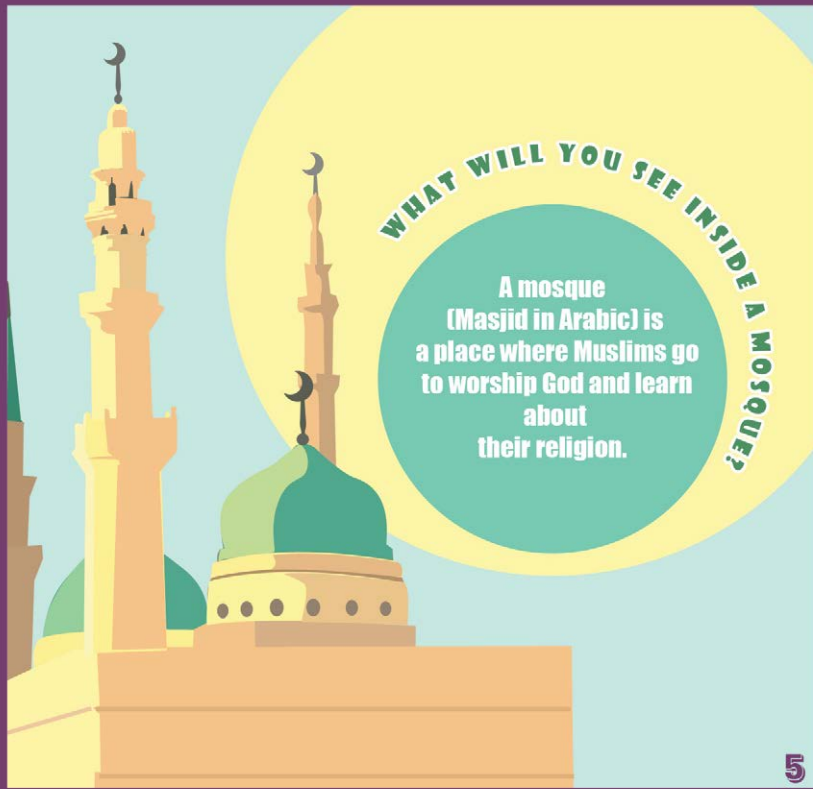
# PLAY With me

Join the dots to find out where we are going...



Do you know what this place is called?

.....



WHAT WILL YOU SEE INSIDE A MOSQUE?

A mosque (Masjid in Arabic) is a place where Muslims go to worship God and learn about their religion.

The main hall of a mosque is a bare room. No furniture is needed, as worshippers sit, stand, bow, and prostrate directly on the floor, which is often covered with large prayer carpets. There may be a few chairs or benches on which to sit to assist elderly or disabled worshippers.

There are no pictures or statues. Muslims believe that there can be no image of God. Instead, along the walls and pillars are inscriptions of verses from the holy book of Islam, the Noble Qur'an, and also the Most Beautiful Names of God.

Splendid geometric and floral patterns (known as arabesques) and calligraphic designs usually adorn the main doors, walls, and pillars. Glass lamps of various colors are often hung from the ceiling with chains to lighten the interior of the mosque.

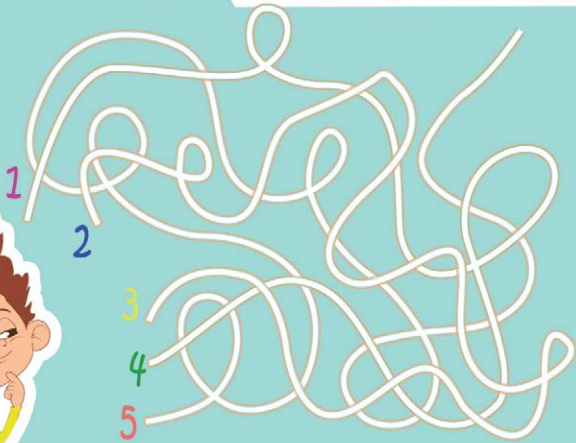


**Mihrab**  
a niche marking the direction of Mecca, towards which all Muslims should face when praying

**Minbar**  
a raised platform from which the Imam (leader of congregational prayers) gives sermons

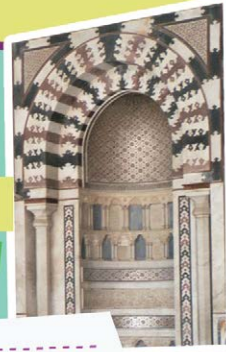


Help Belal find the right way to the mosque



THINK WITH ME

WHAT  
is  
THIS  
structure  
called



?

What is the name of the structure from where the Imam gives the sermons?



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## How should you behave inside the mosque?



We remove our shoes and place them on the rack in the entryway out of respect for the place and to avoid dirtying the carpets.



We enter quietly to avoid disturbing other worshippers. As we walk in we avoid passing in front of a person praying, and then we sit or pray in any free space.



We greet people with Salam (saying: peace be upon you) when we enter or leave the mosque.



We keep the mosque clean, tidy, and pleasant smelling because it is the House of God.

# Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

- 1-IN SOME MOSQUES THE MUEZZIN (CALLER TO PRAYER) CLIMBS UP THE....TO GIVE THE CALL TO PRAYER
- 2-MUSLIMS FACE TOWARDS THE .....WHEN THEY PRAY
- 3-MUSLIMS.....FIVE TIMES ADAY
- 4-AN.....LEADS THE PRAYER
- 5-THE SACRED BOOK OF ISLAM IS CALLED THE.....
- 6-THE ARABIC NAME FOR GOD IS .....

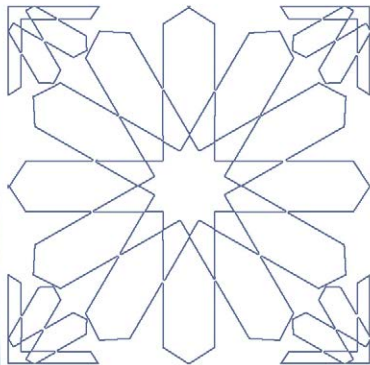


## DOWN

- 1-A COMPLEX GEOMETRIC OR FLORAL DESIGN USED IN ISLAMIC ART IS CALLED....
- 2-.....IS THE MONTH WHEN MUSLIMS FAST FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET
- 3-MUSLIMS MUST PERFORM.....BEFORE THEY PRAY
- 4-THE IMAM STANDS ON THE .....TO GIVE THE SERMON
- 5-ON ENTERING THE MOSQUE, YOU ....PEOPLE WITH SALAM
- 6-YOU REMOVE YOUR .....BEFORE STEPPING INSIDE THE MOSQUE



ARTTime



Color in this  
Islamic design



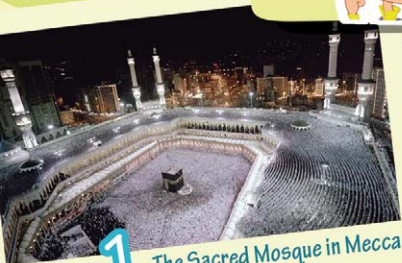
Draw your own Islamic  
design



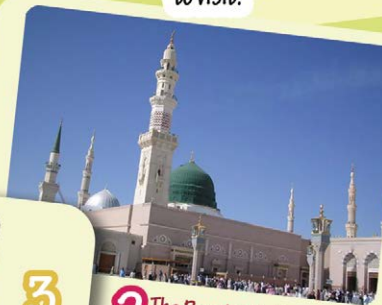


# DO YOU KNOW?

In Islam there are three mosques that Muslims are recommended to visit.



1 The Sacred Mosque in Mecca



2 The Prophet's Mosque in Madinah

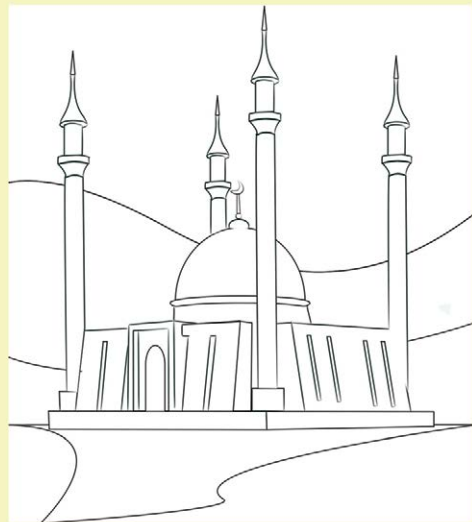


3 The Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem

The first house of worship of God alone on earth was the Ka`bah in Mecca.

# Art Time

Color me in



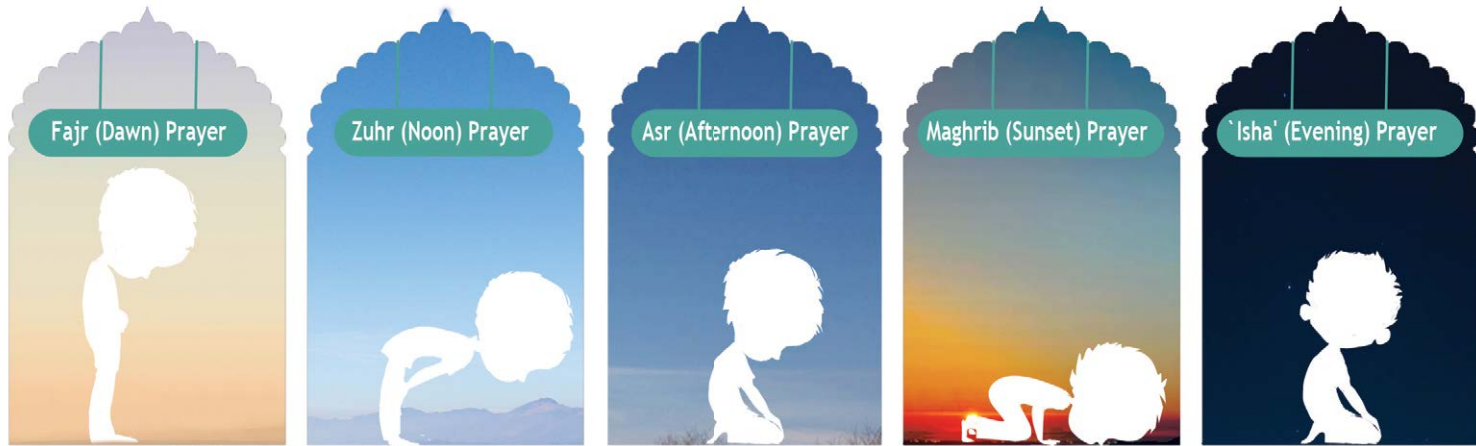
Crossword puzzle answer

Across: 1-Minaret 2-Mecca 3-Pray 4-Imam 5-Qur'an 6-Allah

Down: 1-Arabesque 2-Ramadan 3-Ablution 4-Minbar 5-Greet 6-Shoes

# How OFTEN DO MUSLIMS PRAY ?

Muslims pray five times a day. The times of the five prayers are spread throughout the day to maintain a constant connection with God and His Guidance. These five prayers are:



Ablution is necessary before prayer.

Each prayer takes 5 to 10 minutes to perform and consists of a series of actions – standing, bowing, prostrating twice, and sitting – during which verses from the Qur'an and supplications are recited.

One complete cycle is called a unit of prayer (Rak'ah in Arabic).

The Dawn Prayer consists of 2 units; the Noon, Afternoon, and Evening Prayers each consist of 4 units; and the Sunset Prayer consists of 3 units.

## Join each prayer to its correct timing

The Noon Prayer  
is performed at 12 o'clock  
midday

The Night Prayer  
is performed any time  
between twilight and dawn

The Sunset Prayer  
is performed immediately  
after sunset

The Dawn Prayer  
is performed at daybreak  
before sunrise

The Afternoon Prayer  
is performed midway  
between noon and sunset

FAJR

ZUHR

ASR

MAGHRIB

ISHA'



### PRAYING TOGETHER IN THE MOSQUE BRINGS MUSLIMS TOGETHER

All five prayers are held in congregation  
in the mosques every day.

The congregation is led by a person called an Imam.  
The people in the congregation stand behind the Imam,  
in straight parallel rows, facing the direction of Mecca (Qiblah).

They stand side by side, bow side by side,  
and prostrate humbly side by side to the  
One and Only God.

## WHAT IS ISLAM



### It's

the belief in only one God.

Allah is the Arabic word for God. He is the same God worshipped by Jesus, Muhammad and all the prophets.

He is the Creator of everything.

Islam is an Arabic word which means voluntary submission to God alone. The root of the word Islam comes from the word salam, meaning peace. It is through submission to God's Will that a person finds peace

A Muslim is a person who submits to God by choosing to follow His Guidance in every part of their life.

Muslims amount to a quarter of the world's population, which is about 1.6 billion people.

## Pillars of Islam

1  
TESTIMONY OF FAITH  
(SHAHADAH)  
TO SAY AND BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH AND THAT MUHAMMAD IS HIS MESSENGER.

2  
PRAYER  
(SALAH)  
TO OFFER THE FIVE OBLIGATORY DAILY PRAYERS.

3  
OBLIGATORY CHARITY  
(ZAKAH)  
TO GIVE 2.5% OF ONE'S EXTRA WEALTH ANNUALLY TO THE POOR AND NEEDY.

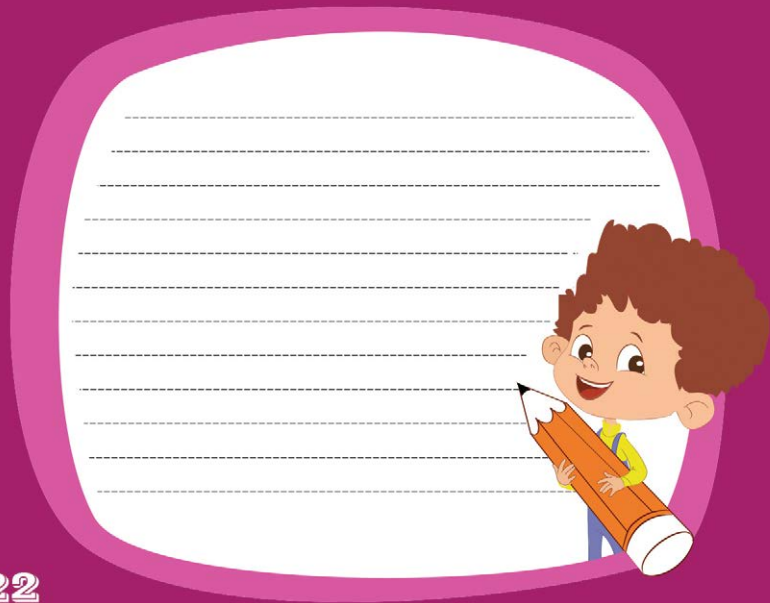
4  
FASTING  
(SAWM)  
TO FAST (I.E., NOT TO EAT OR DRINK FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN THE MONTH OF RAMADAN.

5  
PILGRIMAGE  
(HAJJ)  
TO MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA AT LEAST ONCE IN A LIFETIME, IF ONE IS ABLE TO AND CAN AFFORD THE JOURNEY.

Islam is based on five pillars. These pillars are the five key religious duties that Muslims must perform



IF YOU HAVE A MOSQUE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD  
THAT YOU HAVE SEEN OR VISITED WITH YOUR SCHOOL,  
FAMILY, OR FRIENDS, WRITE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE



Draw or  
attach  
a picture  
of  
the mosque  
you have  
seen  
or visited  
here

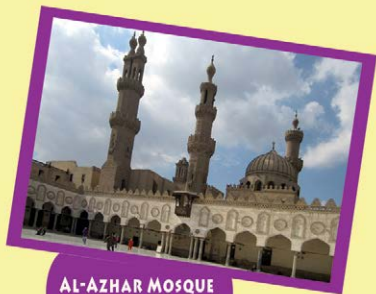




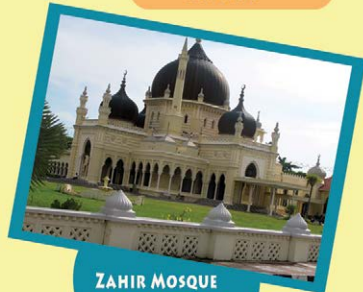
## Famous Mosques Around the World



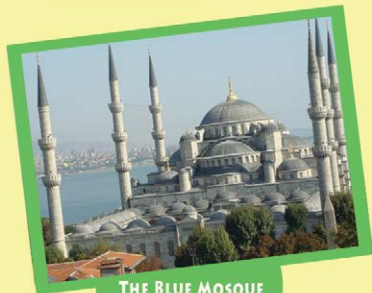
COLOGNE CENTRAL MOSQUE  
GERMANY



AL-AZHAR MOSQUE  
EGYPT



ZAHIR MOSQUE  
MALAYSIA



THE BLUE MOSQUE  
TURKEY

End of the Tour

Join Bilal and Sarah on their visit to the mosque. Learn how they are called to the daily prayers. Head inside the mosque with them and take a look at its architecture, etiquette, and worship through this delightful book full of pictures, games, puzzles, and information about Islam.

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