



# RE - What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?

## Key Vocabulary

Muslim	Are people who follow or practice Islam.
Islam	Islam is a religion. Followers of Islam are called Muslims.
Allah	Refers to the Muslim God. It is the Arabic term for God. Allah is the main word for God and is one of the 99 names for God.
Ramadan	Is the ninth month in the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting.
Mosque	An Islamic place of worship for people of the Muslim faith.
Mecca	A place in Saudi Arabia that Muslims go once in their lives on a pilgrimage. It is the most sacred Muslim place in the world.
Subha beads	A string of 99 beads that represent the 99 beautiful names for God.
Qur'an	The Muslim holy book which is the work of God. It is treated with great respect and placed on a special wooden stand to be read.
Tasbih Beads	Beads hanging around the Mosque for worshippers to help think about Allah
Minaret	Most Mosques have at least one minaret which is a tall thin tower. A man stands at the top and calls Muslims to prayer.
Mihrab	An alcove in the wall shows the direction the worshippers need to face. This is the direction of Mecca.

Sudha Beads



The Qur'an



Mosque



Minaret



Mecca

## Key Knowledge

- Muslims believe in the Five Pillars of Islam - faith, fasting, charity, prayer and pilgrimage.
- Muslims believe that God is One and Prophet Muhammad.
- Muslims believe that it is impossible to fully capture what God is like in one word so they use 99 different beautiful names.
- Muslims worship in a Mosque - mosques have a number of important features. A shoe rack, prayer mats, washroom, the Qur'an, tasbih beads, minaret and mihrab.
- Islamic art represents all art created in the Islamic empire. Islamic art rarely contains images of people or animals. The patterns are geometric and consist of repeating, interlaced or overlapped shapes arranged in complex, intricate patterns.

## The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.



Mihrab