

A | I | praise is due to Allah; we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and from our sinful deeds. Whomever Allah guides, there is none to misguide him; and whomever He leads astray, none can guide him. We bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, alone, and we bear witness that Muhammad (ﷺ) is His servant and Messenger. We pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His peace and blessings upon Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family, as well as upon all the noble Companions and those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement.

The present series covers a number of interesting topics that affect our everyday lives, and it is geared towards Muslim children born and brought up in the West, as well as Muslim children and adults in all parts of the world.

As colourful artwork appeals to children, we have produced the present series in beautiful colour illustrations that are bound to attract the young readers' attention, stimulate them and amuse them. We have, at times, used pictures of human beings and animals for the same purpose, but with the heads separated from the bodies, after consulting with some Muslim scholars from Al-Madinah, Saudi Arabia, who approved doing so as long as these publications are geared towards a younger audience. This will certainly stimulate young Muslim readers and amuse them, now that we live in a world that abounds with attractive publications that are, in the main, meant to pollute their thinking and keep them away from the right track.

Our aim here is to provide an alternative that is purely Islamic and, at the same time, one that keeps up with the latest advances in material production to stay level with non-Muslim publications.

We pray to Allah to reward our endeavours and to make the present series abundantly beneficial to our young readers.

These are Arabic writings used as symbols:



Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

Peace be upon him

May Allah be pleased with him

May Allah be pleased with her

**Ramadan** is a very important month for Muslims.

It is a month that gives Muslims the chance to gain lots and lots of rewards from **Allâh**.

It is an opportunity to better our conditions, to become stronger Muslims and to get closer to **Allâh**.

# Ramadan

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SALAT

**Ramadan** is one of the five pillars of **Islam** and comes once a year. It lasts for 29 to 30 days depending on the sighting of the moon.

In this great month, Muslims fast every day from dawn to sunset.

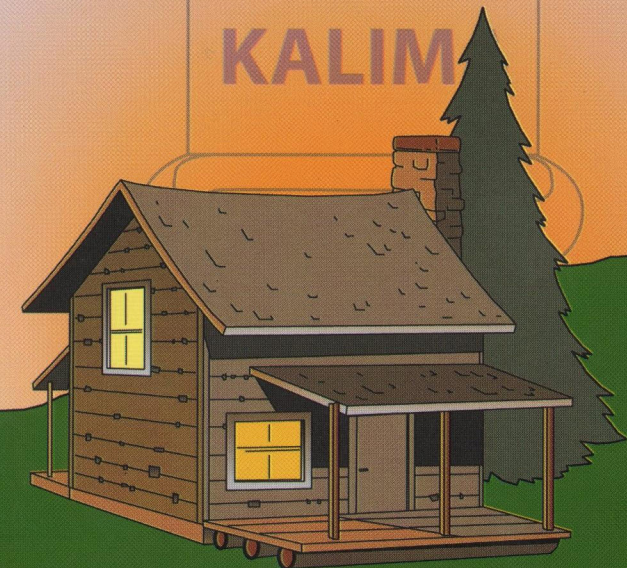
# RAMADAN

Between these two times, we do not eat or drink. Our last meal is just before **dawn**, and we start eating at **sunset**; this is when our fast ends.

ZAKAT

HAJJ

KALIM





The first day of **Ramadan** begins when the new moon of this month is sighted. We must remember that, according to the Islamic calendar, a new **moon** marks the beginning of a new Islamic month.

So, usually  
after the Maghrib Salat,  
we know if  
it is **Ramadan**  
the next day.





We start the month by offering the **Tarawih prayer**, which is offered straight after the Isha prayer.

This is an optional prayer and you do not have to offer it; however, we must remember that **Ramadan** is a month of many opportunities, and one of the opportunities of gaining lots of rewards from **Allâh** is by offering the **Tarawih prayer**.

The **Tarawih prayer** can be offered at home or in the Masjid. Men, women, boys and girls are all allowed to go to the Masjid and offer the **Tarawih prayer**, or they may offer it at home. It is better, however, to offer it in the Masjid.

