

How Islam Began - In Ten Minutes

Teachers' Notes

Some suggested discussions and activities for your class.

Discussion Questions:

- How do you think Muhammad must have felt when Jibra'il first appeared to him in the cave?
- Why do you think the ruling families of Makkah were so against Muhammad and the Muslims?
- What events in Muhammad's life do you think led him to care for the poor and downtrodden?
- What is it about the Qur'an that makes it so special to Muslims?
- Why do you think that Mosques are never decorated with pictures of people or animals?

Activities:

- Draw your own timeline to show the main events of Muhammad's life – but remember: don't attempt to draw Allah, Muhammad or any of his friends.
- Calligraphy (the art of beautiful writing) is especially important in Islam. Find the Arabic alphabet online and have a go. Don't forget: Arabic is written right to left.
- Find out how Muslims show respect to the Qur'an.
- Have a look at a Qur'an and find the first words to be revealed to Muhammad in Surah (chapter) 96 which is called Al-Alaq (The Bloodclot).
- There are lots of stories about Muhammad's life - find out some more about the Night Journey, or the various battles; or find some new stories that aren't mentioned in the film.

The story of Muhammad (pbuh) in brief.



Key Words:

Allah	Jibra'il
Muhammad	Qur'an
Prophet	Madinah
Makkah	The Night of Power
Ka'bah	The Night Journey

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