

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LESSON NOTES FOR UPPER PRIMARY (P.4 – P.7)

CREATION

Order of God's creation

1st day: light

2nd day: sky

3rd day: vegetation

4th day: sun, moon and stars

5th day: animals

6th day: man (Adam)

NOTE: The universe had already been made even before creation began. (Gen 1: 1-2)

Guiding questions about creation.

- 1- Name the place where Adam and Eve were made to live.
- 2- What did God make as a summit of his creation.
- 3- How was Adam special from other creatures?
- 4- Why did God create man last?
- 5- Why did God make Sabbath a day of resting?
- 6- How did man break off his relationship with God?
- 7- How did God complete his plan of salvation?
- 8- Which creature is blamed for the fall of man?
- 9- Give the meaning of Genesis and exodus.
- 10-Why did God create Eve?

God's punishments to Adam and Eve.

- They were sent out of the Garden of Eden.
- Man was to sweat for all that he ate.
- Woman was to undergo a lot of labour pains.
- The snake had to bite man.
- They had to die

The creature blamed for the fall of man was the **snake / serpent / Satan / devil.**

Consequences / results of sin in the world.

- suffering
- hatred
- worries

- envy
- misery
- jealousy
- unhappiness
- wars
- death
- fear etc

God completed his plan of salvation by sending his only son Jesus Christ to come and die for mankind.

The son of Adam who killed the brother was Cain.

Possible causes of Abel's murder by Cain.

- Envy
- jealousy
- hatred
- dislike
- intrigue etc

God punished a murderer by becoming a wanderer / homeless he was cursed.

Other bad things happening in our communities.

- ❖ robbery
- ❖ thuggery
- ❖ killing others
- ❖ Sex abuse i.e rape, defilement, abortion, prostitution etc.
- ❖ kidnapping
- ❖ abduction
- ❖ Homo sexuality. etc.

Things that can be done for the good of the community.

- Take part in self help projects.
- Help those in need.
- Respect elders as well as young ones.
- Forgive those who wrong us.
- be obedient to community members
- Do voluntary work.
- Keep law and order.

How I can show love to my fellow pupils.

- ✓ By forgiving them.
- ✓ By respecting them.
- ✓ By sharing with them.
- ✓ By helping them.
- ✓ By obeying them.
- ✓ By advising them.
- ✓ By associating with them.

Guiding questions:

- 1- What was the symbol of God's covenant with Noah?
- 2- Give the meaning of these names (i) Abraham (ii) Sarah
- 3- Which covenant did God make with Abraham?
- 4- Which responsibility did God give Noah?
- 5- Why did God give that responsibility to Noah?
- 6- Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac?
- 7- Name the two sons of Isaac and his wife Rebecca.
- 8- Which son of Isaac is said to be the founder of Israel?
- 9- Name two of the twelve sons of Jacob.
- 10- Which son was sold to Egypt by his brothers?

THE EXODUS

Exodus was the movement of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. (Canaan)

God called Moses on mountain Sinai in order to send him to Egypt to rescue the Israelites from slavery.

Moses asked for a helper because he was not a good speaker (stammerer)

Moses led the Jews across Red sea. Joshua succeeded Moses and led the Jews across the Jordan river to their promise land. (Canaan)

Question

Give the difference between Cana and Canaan.

The plagues or disasters / punishments sent to Egypt by God.

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| ▪ Water turned into blood. | ▪ darkness |
| ▪ frogs | ▪ locusts |
| ▪ gnats | ▪ death of animals |
| ▪ boils | ▪ Death of the first born males. |
| ▪ hailstones | |

Moses was born in Egypt but later ran away because he had killed an Egyptian slave driver.

Pass over: (Pascal) was the day celebrated to mark when the death angel passed over the land of Egypt killing the first male boys.

The collective name for the first books in the Old Testament is Pentateuch.

God's commandments to Moses on mountain Sinai

(Exodus 20: 3-17 and Deut: 5:1 -21)

- 1- Worship no God but me.

- 2- Do not make yourself any images and bow down to worship them.
- 3- Do not use my name for evil purpose.
- 4- Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- 5- Respect your parents (father and mother)
- 6- Do not commit murder.
- 7- Do not commit adultery.
- 8- Do not steal.
- 9- Do not accuse any one falsely.
- 10- Do not admire another man's wife, house, slaves etc

The two major commandments are:

- (i) Love your God with all your heart, soul and mind.
- (ii) Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

Question:

Who is your neighbour?

A neighbour is a person who helps you in need. The Ten Commandments were originally made for the Israelites.

Leaders and messengers of God and their messages.

Moses: Fulfilled the deliverance of the Jews from slavery and also received the Ten Commandments on mt. Sinai.

Samuel: Instituted the kingdom and anointed David.

Elijah: Preached trust and true worship.

Amos: Preached justice, repentance and God's judgment.

Isaiah: Preached the coming of the Messiah (redeemer)

Jeremiah: Preached hope for the future and the new covenant.

Hosea: Preached forgiveness and hope.

Jonah: Preached repentance to the people of Nineveh

John the Baptist: Preached repentance and prepared for the Messiah.

Importance of commandments to Christians.

- ★ Commandments guide us to be faithful.
- ★ They instill discipline and good morals to us.
- ★ Commandments unite us with God.
- ★ They give us good Christian life.
- ★ They help us not to commit sins.

Importance of prophets in Christianity.

They foretell what is to take place in future.

They give God's messages.

They give warnings in times of danger.

Questions:

- (i) In which way is the work of prophet similar to that of Angels?
- (ii) In which way is the work of prophet different from that of Angels?

Why the following people are remembered in the Bible.

ABRAHAM

- ❖ He showed faith to God.
- ❖ He made a covenant of circumcision with God.
- ❖ He agreed to sacrifice his son.
- ❖ He accepted to go to the promised land.
- ❖ He was chosen to be the father of all nations.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

- ❖ He baptized Jesus Christ
- ❖ He preached about baptism, forgiveness and repentance.
- ❖ He fasted in the wilderness/ desert.
- ❖ He preached about the coming of the Messiah.
- ❖ He was God's messenger.
- ❖ He was the last messenger of God.

MOSES

- ❖ He received the Ten Commandments.
- ❖ He led the Israelites out of Egypt.
- ❖ He performed miracles in front of the Pharaoh.
- ❖ He struck the rock to receive water.
- ❖ He showed obedience to God.
- ❖ He wrote books of Torah or Mosaic law.

Question:

Which commandment:-

- (i) Protects us from HIV and other STDs.
- (ii) Brings us closer to our parents.
- (iii) Makes us feel contented with what we have.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS:

The angel who announced the birth of Jesus Christ was Gabriel.

Mary could not believe what the angel had told her because she was still a virgin.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in around 6 B.C

Joseph and Mary had to escape with baby Jesus to Egypt because King Harold wanted to kill him.

The first people to see baby Jesus were the shepherds and the people who came from the East to visit baby Jesus were called Magis (wise men)

Gift presented to baby Jesus by the Magis.

Frankincense

Gold

Myrrh

King Harold wanted to kill Jesus because he thought that he was a political leader.

The birth of Jesus has saved man from the original sin of Adam and Eve.

TRINITY

This means the existence of one God in three persons.

The three persons in the holy trinity.

God the father

God the son

God the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his apostles to guide and protect them.

Fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fruits of the holy spirit

Joy

Love

Peace

Patience

Goodness

Kindness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self control

Gal: 5:22-24

gifts of the holy spirit.

fear of God

understanding

counsel

wisdom

love of knowledge

gift of healing

interpretation of languages.

distinguishing between spirits.

miraculous powers.

The Holy Spirit came on the apostles on the Pentecost day.

The miracle performed by John and Peter at the beautiful gate was to heal a lame man.

The apostles were in Jerusalem when they received the Holy Spirit.

What happened after the apostles had received the Holy Spirit?

- They spoke different languages.
- They started preaching good news.
- They performed certain miracles.
- The Christian church started spreading.

Question:

Differentiate between an apostle and a disciple.

An apostle is one of the twelve men chosen by Jesus to help him in the work of teaching while a disciple is any follower Jesus.

Examples of Jesus' apostles.

Simon Peter: Was the first to be called by Jesus.

Thomas: doubted the resurrection of Jesus.

Judas Iscariot: betrayed Jesus Christ for 30 silver pieces.

Mathias: replaced Judas Iscariot.

John: Was loved most by Jesus.

Simon Peter: denied Jesus three times before the cock crowed.

John and Peter: Healed a lame man at a beautiful gate.

Simon Peter: became the leader of Jesus after Jesus had ascended to heaven.

Judas Iscariot: committed suicide at Akeldama (field of blood)

MARTYR:

A martyr is a person who accepts to die for his or her religion.

The first Christian martyrs in the Bible was st. Steven

He was stoned to death.

THE UGANDA MARTYRS

The Uganda martyrs were killed under the orders of Kabaka Mwanga

He ordered for the death of Uganda martyrs because;

- They preached against the traditional culture.
- They disobeyed him.

The first Uganda martyrs were:

- mark Kakumba

- Yusuf Lugalama
- Noah Serwanga

Other examples of the Uganda martyrs include;

St Kizito, st. Kaloli Lwanga, Joseph balikudembe, Baanabakintu, Matia Mulumba, Anatoli Kirigwajjo etc

Lessons learnt from Uganda martyrs

- To have faith in God
- To have courage
- To have hope
- To have love

What happened at the baptism of Jesus?

The Holy Spirit came in form of a dove.

A voice was heard saying: "This is my son with whom I am well pleased"

Types of baptism

- Baptism by the spirit.
- Baptism by fire
- Baptism by the water.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS:

- 1- **Baptism:** It initiates one into God's family.
- 2- **Confirmation:** It strengthens our faith.
- 3- **Holy Communion:** makes us remember the death of Jesus.
- 4- **Holy Matrimony:** Unites man and woman as husband and wife.
- 5- **Penance:** Reconciles Christians with God.
- 6- **Holy orders:**
- 7- Anointing the sick.

We communicate to God through prayers.

Types of prayers:

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| - supplication prayer | - prayers for praise |
| - petition prayer | - Invocation prayers. |
| - thanks giving prayer | - Prayers for guidance. |

Why Christians pray?

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| - To ask for forgiveness from God. | - To communicate to God. |
| - To strengthen their faith. | - To ask for their needs. |

- To thank God
- To ask for blessings.
- To get rewards.
- To come closer to God.

Requests made in the Lord's prayer.

- Give us our daily bread.
- Forgive us our sins.
- Not to take us into temptation
- To deliver us from evil

Why Christians sing and even dance during the time of prayer.

- To praise him
- To show happiness
- To thank him
- To ask for help.

Temptations of Jesus by the devil.

- To turn stones into food.
- To jump from the highest point of the temple and fall down.
- To bow down and worship him.

Jesus taught using parables.

What is a parable?

A parable is a short story with a hidden meaning.

Lessons we learn from the following parables.

(i) The prodigal son

Forgiveness, repentance, reconciliation and love.

(ii) Good Samaritan

Helpfulness, love, perseverance.

(iii) The sower

Faith, endurance, perseverance.

(iv) The mustered seed

The growth of faith.

(v) Workers in a vine yard

God is always far in rewarding his people.

How Jesus showed love to mankind.

- He healed the sick.
- He raised the dead
- He fed the hungry
- He died for them
- He made the crippled to walk.
- He made the blind to see etc.

RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD.

The main Christian religion practiced in Uganda.

- Catholics
- Protestant (Anglican)
- Orthodox
- SDA

Other world religions include:

- Islam
- Hinduism
- Bahai etc
- Buddhism
- Judaism

Similarities between Christianity and Islam

- Both believe in one God
- Both believe in the holy books.
- Both believe in his angels
- Both believe in his prophets
- Both believe in the day of judgment
- Both believe in life after death.
- Both have special days for worship.

Differences between Christianity and Islam.

- Christians fast for 40 days while Moslems fast for 30 days.
- The holy place for Christians is a church while that of Moslems is the mosque.
- Christians pray on Sunday while Moslems go for Juma prayers on Fridays.

GOSPEL

Gospel means good news.

The life and the teaching of Jesus.

Gospel writer.

- St Mathew
- St. mark
- St. Luke
- St. John

The Holy Spirit inspired the above people to write the gospel.

Note:

Resurrection: means victory over death.

Incarnation: means when God became man in Christ.

Transfiguration: means the glorious change which occurred when Jesus appeared together with Elijah and Moses.

Activity:

Jesus taught using parables. In the parable of the sower. The seeds fell in four different types of soil.

March list A with list B**A**

Good soil

Rocky soil

Thorny bushes

Way side

B

produced no grain

dried up

eaten by birds

multiplied thousand folds.

Some Christian names and their meanings.**Male****Name****meaning**

Dominic

from the Lord

Douglas

dark blue

Duncan

brown worrier

Edgar

a happy spear

Edward

lucky guardian

Edwin

a happy friend

Ellas

the Lord is my God

Emmanuel

God is with us

Eric

always ruling

Francis

literally

Fred

a peaceful ruler

Geoffrey

peace

Gordon

spacious fort

Grace

a religious virtue

Henry

power

Herbert

bright army

Hilary

cheerful

Isaac

laughter

Jackson

mercy of the lord

Jacob

cheated

James

a servant of God.

Jeff

peace

Jeremiah

may God be exalted

John

the mercy of the Lord

Jonathan	given
Jordan	to flow down.
Joseph	the Lord added
Joshua	the lord the saviour
Jude	God heals.
Justine	obedience and devotion to the law.
Kelly	A visitor of churches
Keneth	Handsome
Kevin	born handsome
Michael	who is like God
Mohammed	the praised one
Nathan	given
Nelson	champion
Nicholas	victory to the people
Norman	anortherner
Oliver	peace
Oscar	beloved
Owen	well born
Pascal	Passover
Patrick	noble man
Paul / Pauline	modest / changed man
Pearl	a child from the light of the moon
Peter	a rock or a stone.
Philip	a lover of hourses
Richard	a strong ruler
Ronald	counsel by power
Samuel	heard by God
Saul	a requested child
Simon	a listener
Steven	a crown
Thomas	a twin
Travor	large home dwelling
Victor	the one who wins a battle.

Vincent	conquering
William	seeking protection
Wilfred	wanting peace

Female names

Abigail	her father rejoiced
Agatha	good
Agnes	pure
Aisha	prospering, fit, olive, well
Alice	nobility
Amada	lovable, deserving love
Amelia	worker
Angella	a messenger
Ann / Anna	god has graciously favoured me.
Annabel	lovable and beautiful
Barbara	foreign
Beatrice	one who brings blessings.
Bridget	strength
Carol	hymns song at Christmas
Clare	clear and famous
Deborah	bee
Diana	perfect light
Dina	he just judged me
Dorcus	gazelle
Doreen	a daughter of thin
Dorothy	the girl of God
Edith	victory
Edina	delight
Elaine	the bright one
Elizabeth	God is my oath
Enid	life
Esther	myrtle
Eunice	good victory

Eve/ Evita	life
Evelyn / Eveline	a wished for a child
Fiona	white and fair
Florence	flowering
Gertrude	a strong spear
Gladys	a ruler
Gloria	glory and fame
Grace	a religious virtue
Harriet	power
Hellen	a bright one
Hilda	battle
Norah	honour
Irene	peace
Isabel / Isa	God's my oath
Jane	the grace of the Lord
Jennifer	Lord
Jessica	one who protests
Joan	the grace
Josephine	the lord added from Joseph.
Joy	to rejoice
Joyce	cheerful
Judith	jewess
Julian	compassionate and sensitive
Juliana	compassionate and sensitive
Justine	obedience and devotion to the law.
Kate	pure
Leah	a builder of the house of Israel.
Lillian	purity
Linda	wise and supple
Lorna	needing to be found.
Lucy	light
Lydia	from Lydra
Marble	lovable

Martha	a lady
Mary	sweet smell of the sea
Matilda	strong in the battle
Melanie	dark skinned
Nadia	hope
Nancy	God has graciously favoured me
Naumi	my light
Natasha	of or from one's birth
Nelly	a bright one or light
Noel	born on 25 th December
Olga	holy
Oliver	peace
Oprah	a gazelle
Pamela	as sweet as honey
Patricia	a noble lady
Pearl	a child from the light of the moon
Phoebe	the shining one
Priscilla	former
Rachael	to secure
Rhoda	a rose
Rhona	bright and famous
Rose	virgin or gift of angels.
Rosemary	sweet dew of the sea.
Ruth	companion or a friend
Sabina	sweet
Solome	God's peace and wholeness.
Samantha	heard by God
Sarah	a prince
Celina	heaven
Sharon	a plane or a field
Sheila	un seeing
Sophie	wisdom
Stacey	resurrection

Stella	star a heavenly being
Suzan	a lily
Sylvia	a woman of the forest
Theresa	a harvest
Tracy	stem or stock
Vanessa	of myrtle
Veronica	a true image
Victoria	victory
Violet / viola	plants and flowers
Virginia	virgin queen
Vivian	alive
Winfred	a friend of peace

ISLAM

Question:

What is Islam?

Islam is the total submission to the will of Allah.

The first prophet in Islam was Adam and the last prophet was Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H

Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca in 570AD

Relatives of Prophet Muhammad

Abdallah – father

Abudu Muttalib – grandfather

Abu Mutalib – uncle who brought him up

Amina – mother

Khadijah – first wife.

Pillars of Islamic practice (ibadat)

- 1- Belief in one God and prophet Muhammad as his last and greatest messenger (shahada)
- 2- Pray five times a day (salat)
- 3- Giving alms (zakat)
- 4- Fasting during the holy month of Ramathan. (saum)
- 5- Making a pilgrim to Mecca (Hija)

Six pillars of Islamic faith (Iman)

- 1- Believe in one God.
- 2- Believe in angels

- 3- Believe in holy books
- 4- Believe in inspired prophets
- 5- Believe in God's decree
- 6- Believe in the Day of Judgment.

Duties of the following people.

Iman: he leads Moslems in prayers.

Muazin: he calls Moslems for prayers.

Sheikh: he is a person who is well versed in the Quran and sharia law.

District khad: he heads Moslems in a district.

Chief khad: He heads all Moslems in the country.

Prophets and their books.

- 1- Tawret (Torah) – Musa (Moses)
- 2- Zabul (psalms) – Dauda (David)
- 3- Injil (gospel) – Isah (Jesus)
- 4- Quran – Muhammad

Importance of fasting to Moslems.

- It brings them closer to Allah.
- It helps to purify their hearts.
- It helps them to be forgiven their sins.
- It trains the mind to control itself.
- It helps them to be happy.
- It helps them to sacrifice the desire for food and other things.
- Those who fast are blessed by Allah.
- It protects them from evil.

What a true Moslem shouldn't do during fasting.

- Not play sex during day time for married people
- Not masturbate
- Not eat during day time.
- Not brush with toothpaste during day time.
- Not over work him/her self.

NB: Muslims fast in the holy month of Ramadhan.

Fasting begins at the sight of the new moon in the sky.

People excused from fasting.

- pregnant mothers
- mothers in the periods.
- Breast feeding mothers.
- Those on long journeys.
- The aged
- The sick
- Those who are insecure
- The young ones
- The insane

They may fast again after solving their problems.

Zakat –fitri is the money collected from rich Moslems before the end of Ramadhan to enable the needy / poor Muslims to have a nice celebration.

SWALLAHS

Swallahs are the five compulsory prayers performed by Muslims.

Time table for swallahs.

- 1- Subuh – between dawa and sunrise 5:00am – 6:30am
- 2- Zuhr – between 1pm – 4pm
- 3- Aswir – between 4pm and sunset
- 4- Mangrib – between sunset and 7:30pm
- 5- Isha – between 7:30 and midnight.

Rakas in each swallah.

Subuli – 2 rakas

Zuhur – 4 rakas

Aswir – 4 rakas

Mangrib – 3 rakas

Isha – 4 rakas

NOTE:

- Friday prayers for Muslims are called Juma prayers.
- Khatuba is a special sermon before the Juma prayers.
- Things to be talked about in the khutubar may include;
 - politics
 - economic
 - religious
 - cultural etc

Taraweeh: are the prayers said during the month of Ramadhan every after Isha prayers.

Conditions which can spoil prayer.

- vomiting
- talking
- eating
- laughing
- unnecessary movements
- bleeding
- dancing
- sleeping etc

When and where is Wudho taken?

Before visiting the Kaaba

When going for prayers.

One has to undergo total ablution incase of:

- sexual intercourse
- menstruation periods for ladies.

Tayammum: It means dry ablution

Conditions that may necessitate Tayammum

- When there is no water at all.
- When water is very dirty.
- When one is allergic to water.

Importance of prayer / worship in Islamic life.

- To ask for forgiveness from Allah
- To strengthen their faith.
- To fulfill the second pillar of Islam.
- To communicate to God.
- To ask for their needs.
- To create brotherhood with other Muslims.
- To thank God.
- To ask for blessings.
- To get rewards from Allah.
- To come closer to God.
- For purification.

What a mature Muslim should do before prayers.

- ❖ Must be clean and pure.
- ❖ Dress properly.
- ❖ Perform Wudhu
- ❖ Remove the shoes.
- ❖ Face the right direction.
- ❖ Have the intention (Niya)
- ❖ Pray from a clean place.
- ❖ Have the knowledge of time.

Note:

The direction where Moslems face when praying is called Qibla (The direction of the Kaaba)

Question:

What is a ka'aba?

- It is the house of Allah in Mecca.

- It is a stone building found in the courtyard of the great mosque in Mecca / black stone
- It is the first house of worship on earth.

What Muslims consider to be unclean.

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| - blood | - feaces | - urine |
| - vomiting | - pigs | - pus etc |

Prophets among Muslims

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| ○ Adam | ○ Yoqub (Jacob) |
| ○ Ibrahim (Abraham) | ○ Ayub (Job) |
| ○ Ishaq (Isaac) | ○ Yahaya (John the Baptist) |
| ○ Ismail (haggar) | ○ Yusuf (Joseph) |
| ○ Dauda (David) | ○ Isaa (Jesus) |
| ○ Musa (Moses) | ○ Muhammad |

Prophets and their roles.

- creation – Adam
- faith – Abraham
- patience and endurance – Ayub
- deliverance – Musa
- perfection of Islam – Muhammad

Hejira: was Muhammad's flight from Mecca to Medina.

The Hejira occurred in 622 AD.

Importance of the year 622AD to the Islamic faith.

- It was the year when Muhammad migrated from Mecca to Medina.
- It was the dating of the Islamic calendar.
- It was the year when the first Islamic state was founded at Medina.

Question:

Why did Muhammad go to Taif?

He went to Taif to take refugee.

Before he took refugee he had been tortured / panted with stones for his faith.

Why the Mecca Pagans were against Muhammad?

- He preached against the idols which were worshipped around Mecca.
- His message annoyed them.
- He claimed to be the prophet of Allah.

Importance of Juma prayers to Moslems.

- ✓ They enable Muslims to assemble together.
- ✓ They enable Muslims to remember their God.
- ✓ They enable Muslims to listen to khutuba (sermon)
- ✓ They enable Muslims to institute the programmes for the week after.
- ✓ They enable Muslims to evaluate all the activities of the previous week.
- ✓ They enable Muslims to collect zakat.

Prayers which can be cut short are;

Zuhr, aswir and Isha

What a Moslem should keep clean.

The body, the clothes and the place of prayer.

Things done on a dead Muslim (Mayit)

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| - Wash the body | - Pray for the body |
| - Cloth the body | - Bury the body |

Sources of sharia law / Islamic law

- Quran
- Hadiths
- Ijtiihad (person reasoning in reference to Ijma and Qias.

HIJA

Is the holy journey to Mecca.

A Muslim man who has performed the Hija is called a Haji and a woman is called a Hajat.

A haji goes to Mecca to fulfill the fifth pillar of Islam while Umra is optional / voluntary worshipping.

Pillars of Haji (Hijah)

- To have intention (Niyya) for performing the Hija.
- To be present at the assembly at Ararat.
- To go around the Kaaba seven times
- To tread up and down from the mountain of Safa to the mountain of Marwa.
- To cut off the hair.

Conditions before performing the Hija

- Leave enough money at home.
- Appoint a will
- Carry enough money

- You must be a true Muslim.

Why Muslims perform Hija.

- To get the title of Haji / Hajat
- To join the feast of slaughtering
- To visit the kaaba or holy places.
- To get blessings.
- To fulfill the fifth pillar of Islam
- To be forgiven with other Muslims.

ZAKAT

Means alms giving

It is any form of assistance given to the needy Muslims.

Why Muslims give Zakat?

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| ✓ To fulfill the fourth pillar of Islam | ✓ To strengthen their faith in Allah. |
| ✓ To please Allah. | ✓ To practice self restrains. |
| ✓ To get rewardings. | ✓ For good health |
| ✓ To be forgiven their sins. | ✓ To restrain your self from certain thing. |
| ✓ To keep away in evil thinking | |
| ✓ To have sympathy for need Muslims. | |

People supposed to get Zakat

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| • Widows | • The sick |
| • Orphans | • Preachers |
| • Those on study | • Those under slavery |
| • The poor | • Those on Jihad |
| • The aged | • New converts |
| • Zakat collectors | • Travelers. |

Types of water one may use for wudhu

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| - From the well | - From the river |
| - From the lake | - From the stream |
| - Rain water | - Tap water etc |

NOTE: The celebrations that make the end of Ramadhan are called Iddi-el-Fitri

Idd Aduha is a feast of sacrifices to remember when prophet Ibrahim was going to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Meaning of different Islamic terms.

1. **Assalam Alaikum:** Is the Islamic greeting which means “ peace be upon you”
2. **khalima Shahadat :** There is none truly worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad is his last and greatest Messenger.
3. **Allah Akibar:** This means God is great.
4. **Sulat Al Fatina:** This is the opening surah in the Quran which is compulsory for recitation during prayer. It is compared to Genesis in the Bible.
5. **Ihsan:** Means good deeds.
6. **Kafir:** Any one who does not accept Allah and Muhammad as his messenger.
7. **Ma'muma:** A group of Muslims (congregation) attending prayers under an Imam.
8. **Zialatu Nabi:** This means visiting the city of Medina and the holy tombs in it.
9. **Fuqura:** This means “The poor Muslims”
10. **Maskin:** This means the needy Muslims.
11. **Hejira:** Muhammad’s flight from Mecca to Medina.
12. **Jihad:** Holy wars fought by Muslims.
13. **Miraj:** Muhammad’s journey to Heaven.
14. **Caliphs:** This refers to Muhammad’s successors. Examples of caliphs include; Abubaker, Umar, Uthman Ali etc.
The first caliph was caliph Abubaker

Note:

The first person to accept Islam was lady Khadija followed by caliph Abubaker.

15. **Taraweeh:** This is the prayer said during the Ramadhan month every after Isha prayers.
16. **Khutuba:** This is used to describe the sermon (preaching) before prayers.
17. **Al-Azin:** It means to call Muslim for prayers.
18. **Hadith:** These are the teachings of prophet Muhammad
19. **Tawheed:** The belief that there is no any other God but Allah the only and the only one.
20. **Kafir:** Any one who does not accept Allah and Muhammad as his messenger.
21. **Umra:** Optional / voluntary journey to Mecca.
22. **Ihsan:** This means good deeds.

Groups of people excused from missing a prayer.

- When one is sick.
- When one is menstruating
- When one is too young
- When one is breast feeding

- The insane / mad
- When one is fast asleep
- When one is too old / aged
- If there is heavy rain.
- If he fears for his life
- If food has been served.
- If one is traveling along journey.

How Ibrahim showed obedience to Allah.

- He accepted to sacrifice his son Ismael
- He accepted to go to the new land.
- He accepted to be circumcised.
- He accepted to destroy the idols which were around the ka'aba.
- He accepted to build the Ka'aba.

How religious organizations have contributed to the development of Uganda.

- ☐ The building of schools.
- ☐ The building of hospitals.
- ☐ Through financial agencies / They have built financial institutions.
- ☐ Through moral education.
- ☐ Creation of employment.
- ☐ Through projects / safe water projects.
- ☐ Through mobilization
- ☐ Through training programmes
- ☐ Through road construction and repair.
- ☐ Through payment of taxes.
- ☐ They have built orphanages / help the disabled.
- ☐ Through peace negotiations.
- ☐ They provide labour.

Actions of self examination that Muslims are expected to carry out daily.

- ✓ Ablution
- ✓ You should have the intention to carry out the right thing / leave bad things.
- ✓ Dressing well.
- ✓ Reciting the Quran
- ✓ Prostrating during prayer.

MARRIAGE

- Marriage is the union of a man and a woman as a husband and wife.
- It is the foundation on which family life is built.

The purpose of marriage

- To bear children.
- To have company
- To have protection in case of danger.
- To increase family income.

Pre-conditions for choosing a suitable partner.

- Family approval for each.
- Mutual cultural background.
- Good reputation
- Good family background
- The boy should be older than the girl.
- The boy's economic status should be higher than that of the girl.\

Types of marriages

1- Customary marriage:

This is the type of marriage that takes place according to the African customs and traditions. The payment of dowry (bride price) is involved.

2- Religious marriage:

This type of Marriage is conducted according to religious beliefs and practices of people involved.

Religious marriage is usually conducted by the priest or Imam. During the ceremonies the couples exchange promises and these promises are called Wedding vows each partner promises love, respect, obedience faithfulness etc.

3- Civil marriage:

These marriages take place in government officers. During the ceremony, the couples exchange wedding vows just like in religious marriages.

How to protect true marriage from breaking up.

- ★ By avoiding adultery
- ★ By being faithful to each other.
- ★ By forgiving each other.
- ★ By being respectful to each other.
- ★ By loving each other
- ★ By obeying each other
- ★ By being kind to each other.

- ★ By being honest to each other.
- ★ By being sincere to each other.

Factors that can lead to broken homes (divorce)

- Being unfaithful
- Being disobedient to each other
- Failure to show love, respect and kindness to each other.
- Being dishonest to each other.
- Being unforgiving to each other.

Similarities between the Quran and the Bible.

- Both are holy books.
- Both were written by inspired people.
- Both are used in swearing.

The order of Islamic months of the calendar.

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| 1- MUharan | 5- Jamadal – Awwal | 9- Ramadhan |
| 2- Safur | 6- Jamadal –than | 10-Swawal |
| 3- Rabil-Al-Awwal | 7- Rajab | 11-Dhuli-Hijja |
| 4- Rabil – Al- than | 8- Shaban | 12-Dhuli – Khadi |

- Muslims fast in the holy month of **ramadhan**.
- Muslims prepare for fasting **shaban**
- Muslims gather in Mecca to worship in the month of **Dhelli-Hijja**
- Prophet Muhammad was born in the month of Rabil-Al-Awwal

Punishments recommended by sharia law.

- 1- Stealing – to cut off the limb
- 2- Adultery – to stone to death
- 3- Treason – to nail on the cross (crucification)
- 4- Murder – to kill the offender.

Note: The first foremost duty of every faithful Muslim is to pray.

Why Muslims are allowed to marry more than one wife.

- For family planning purposes.
- For the control of women without husbands.
- For the control of widows.

People whom a true Muslim shouldn't get married to;

- Father / mother
- Brother / sister

- Uncle / aunt
- Sons / daughters
- Nephews / nieces
- Cousins etc

What prophet Muhammad teaches about the following people

- Children – to respect their elders and juniors.
- Elders – to respect each other as an example to the young.
- Poor – they should earn a living through their sweat stop begging.
- The sick – have trust in Allah. Know that he brings and takes away .
- Parents – train their children to know Allah.
- Leaders – know that you will give the accountability of your leadership.

Know that power comes from God.

The common Angels of Allah

- ★ Gibril carries messages
- ★ Mikhael – brings rain
- ★ Munkar and Makiir – they interview the dead in the grave soon after death.
- ★ Aliidu and Raqiibu – they register all our deed during our life time.
- ★ Israfiir – he is responsible for dooms day.
- ★ Izaheal – he kills life (in charge of death)
- ★ Ridhiwan – he is in charge of paradise.
- ★ Malik – he is in charge of hell fire.

Both Ridhiwan and Malik are gate keepers.

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