

Eid Al-Adha

What Is Eid Al-Adha?

Eid al-Adha is a Muslim festival which celebrates the great love that one man had for Allah.

The Story of Sacrifice

Prophet Ibrahim had a son whom he loved very much. One night, Allah spoke to Prophet Ibrahim in a dream. Allah told Prophet Ibrahim that he wanted him to sacrifice his only son to demonstrate his love for Allah.

Prophet Ibrahim was very sad because he loved his son but also loved Allah.

With sadness, he agreed.



Just as Prophet Ibrahim was about to sacrifice his son, Allah stopped him. He asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice a male sheep instead.

Allah was pleased with Prophet Ibrahim because he had proved his love for Allah, and was willing to kill his son for him.

Celebrating Eid Al-Adha

Some Muslims might:

- go to the mosque to praise Allah and give him thanks for the good things they have;
- share meals with family and friends;
- send cards and give gifts;
- decorate girls' and ladies' hands with mehndi patterns.

It is an important time for Muslims to think about Prophet Ibrahim's love for Allah and for them to try to be more like him.



Useful Words

Allah means God.

Sacrifice means killing a living thing as a gift to Allah.

Muslim – people who follow the religion Islam

Questions

1. What religion would you follow if you celebrated Eid al-Adha?

- ☐ Christianity
- ☐ Islam
- ☐ Hinduism
- ☐ Buddhism

2. What does Eid al-Adha celebrate?

- ☐ The love a father has for his son
- ☐ The love a man had for Allah
- ☐ The love a man had for himself
- ☐ The love a man showed his son

3. How did Allah speak to Prophet Ibrahim?

- ☐ Face to face
- ☐ Through an animal
- ☐ In his sleep
- ☐ While he prayed

4. Find and choose one word which means 'showed'.

5. Why did Prophet Ibrahim agree 'with sadness' to do what Allah asked?

6. The text says that Muslims might thank Allah 'for the good things they have'. Give an example of what that might be.

7. How might a Muslim celebrate Eid al-Adha? Tick two.

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By sending cards to family and friends

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By going to a church to pray

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By decorating their hands with special patterns

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By eating on their own

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Prophet Ibrahim agreed 'with sadness' to do what Allah had asked because he loved his son and did not want to kill him, but he loved Allah too.

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Answers will vary. Possible answers: family, friends, home, food, clothes.

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What Is Eid Al-Adha?

Eid al-Adha is a Muslim festival celebrated around the beginning of September. It is also known as the Greater Eid, or the Festival of Sacrifice. This is because of what one man was prepared to sacrifice for the love of Allah.

Useful Words

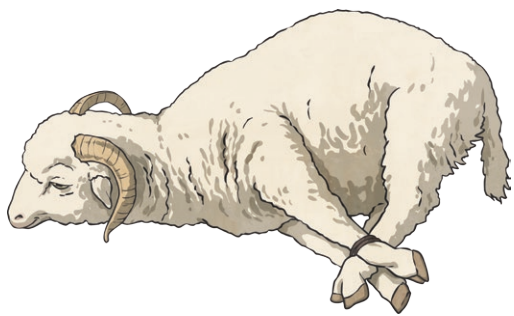
Allah means God.

Sacrifice means killing a living creature for the sake of God, to show devotion and obedience.

The Story of Sacrifice

Prophet Ibrahim had a son whom he loved very dearly. One night, Allah spoke to Prophet Ibrahim in a dream. Allah told Prophet Ibrahim that he wanted him to sacrifice his only son to show his loyalty and obedience to Allah.

Prophet Ibrahim loved his son very much, but he also loved Allah. He knew he had to do what he had been asked.



So, with great sadness, he agreed. The devil tried to persuade Prophet Ibrahim not to do what Allah had asked, but the prophet ignored him.

Just as Prophet Ibrahim was about to sacrifice his son, Allah stopped him. He asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice a ram instead.

Allah was pleased with Prophet Ibrahim because he had proved his love for Allah, and was willing to kill his son for him.

Celebrating Eid Al-Adha

- Many Muslim families celebrate Eid al-Adha by going to the mosque, to praise Allah and give him thanks for the blessings they have.
- They will share meals with family and friends, and sometimes sacrifice a lamb or a goat. They will give some of the meat to family, friends and the poor.



- Some Muslims will make the pilgrimage to the city of Makkah (Mecca) in Saudi Arabia, where they praise and worship Allah. Healthy Muslims are expected to do this at least once in their lifetime.
- They will also send cards and give gifts, and often girls and ladies will decorate their hands with mehndi patterns.



Questions

1. Look at the first paragraph. Identify two facts you are told about Eid al-Adha.

1) _____

2) _____

2. How did Allah contact Prophet Ibrahim?

☐ Through a meeting

☐ Through a dream

☐ Through his son

☐ Through prayers

3. Find and copy one word which means 'doing as you are told'.

4. It could be said that Prophet Ibrahim had a hard decision to make. Explain why.

5. Who tried to tempt Prophet Ibrahim away from doing what Allah had asked him to do?

6. What do we know about the sort of person Prophet Ibrahim was? Tick one.

☐ He was a terrible father who wanted to kill his son.

☐ He loved Allah but did not love his son.

☐ He loved his son but was loyal to Allah.

☐ He turned away from Allah.

7. Why did Prophet Ibrahim's actions please Allah?

8. Answer true or false for the following statements. Rewrite the false statements correctly.

	True	False
Eid al-Adha is also known as the Festival of Sacrifice.		
Hindus celebrate Eid al-Adha.		
Allah first asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice a ram.		
Sacrificing animals is a sign of love for Allah or God.		
Prophet Ibrahim showed he was disobedient for almost sacrificing his son.		

9. Some Muslim people might go to the mosque to thank Allah for their blessings. Give two examples of some blessings.

10. What does the word 'pilgrimage' mean? You can use a dictionary to help you.

Answers

1. Look at the first paragraph. Identify two facts you are told about Eid al-Adha.

Accept any two: It is a Muslim festival /it is celebrated around the beginning of September / it is known as the Greater Eid or the Festival of Sacrifice / It celebrates what one man was prepared to sacrifice for the love of Allah.

2. How did Allah contact Prophet Ibrahim?

- ☐ Through a meeting
- ☒ Through a dream
- ☐ Through his son
- ☐ Through prayers

3. Find and copy one word which means 'doing as you are told'.

Obedient

4. It could be said that Prophet Ibrahim had a hard decision to make. Explain why.

Prophet Ibrahim had a hard decision to make because he loved his son very much but he also loved Allah and wanted to show he was obedient to him.

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The devil tried to tempt Prophet Ibrahim away from doing what Allah had asked him to do.

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Muslims celebrate Eid al-Adha.

Allah first asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his only son.

Prophet Ibrahim showed he was obedient for almost sacrificing his son.

9. Some Muslim people might go to the mosque to thank Allah for their blessings. Give two examples of some blessings.

Answers will vary. Suggestions are family, friends, home, shelter, school.

10. What does the word 'pilgrimage' mean? You can use a dictionary to help you.

'Pilgrimage' means to go on a long journey, sometimes for religious reasons.

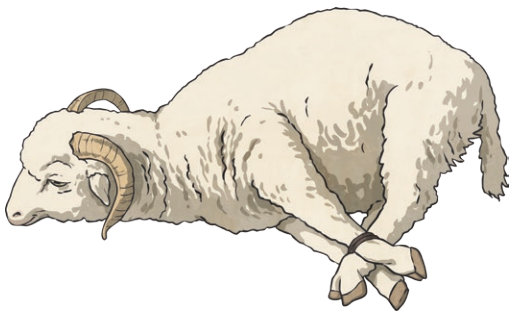
Eid Al-Adha

What Is Eid Al-Adha?

Eid al-Adha is an important Muslim festival, celebrated around the beginning of September by people who follow Islam. It is also known as the Greater Eid, or the Festival of Sacrifice. This is because of the loyalty, obedience and great devotion shown by one man for Allah, and the lengths he was prepared to go to for his creator.

Interesting Fact

When people sacrifice a living creature to God, or Allah, it is a sign of their devotion and obedience. This is because animals like lambs and goats were very valuable to people hundreds of years ago and sacrificing one of these animals was a sign that they loved God more than the value of the animal.



The Story of Sacrifice

Prophet Ibrahim had a son whom he cherished very dearly. One night, Allah spoke to Prophet Ibrahim in a dream. Allah told Prophet Ibrahim that he wanted him to sacrifice his only son to show loyalty and obedience.

Prophet Ibrahim loved his son very much, but had also devoted his life to Allah. He knew he had to do what he had been asked.

So, with a heavy heart, he agreed. The devil tried to tempt Prophet Ibrahim away from his task, but the prophet ignored him.

As Prophet Ibrahim prepared to sacrifice his son, Allah stopped him. He asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice a ram instead.

Allah was pleased with Prophet Ibrahim because he had proved that he was obedient and trusted Allah, and was willing to kill his beloved son for Allah.



Celebrating Eid Al-Adha

It is customary for Muslim families to celebrate Eid al-Adha by wearing new clothes and going to the mosque. They praise Allah and give him thanks for the blessings they have received.

Often, they will prepare and share meals with family and friends, and sometimes sacrifice a lamb or a goat. They will give the meat to family, friends and the poor.

Some Muslims will make the pilgrimage, or Hajj, to Makkah (Mecca) where they praise and worship Allah. Healthy Muslims are expected to do this at least once in their lifetime.

They send cards and give gifts, and often girls and ladies will decorate their hands with mehndi patterns. Mehndi is made from crushed henna leaves mixed with oil and other liquids such as lemon juice, water or tea.



Questions

1. What religion do people who celebrate Eid al-Adha follow?

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Hinduism

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Judaism

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Islam

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Buddhism

2. In the first paragraph, identify three facts about Eid al-Adha.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

3. Write the definition of each of these words. You may use a dictionary.

Loyalty _____

Obedience _____

Devotion _____

4. Explain one way in which people have shown their devotion to Allah in the past, and why they did this.

5. How did Prophet Ibrahim feel about his son? Identify how you know, using a reference from the text.

6. Describe how Allah spoke to Prophet Ibrahim.

7. It could be said that Prophet Ibrahim had to face an awful dilemma. Explain what the dilemma was and find one phrase which tells us how Prophet Ibrahim was feeling about it.

8. Order these statements from 1 to 6.

- ☐ Allah stopped him and saved his son.
- ☐ Prophet Ibrahim was devoted to Allah and knew he had to be obedient to his request.
- ☐ Allah asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his own son.
- ☐ Prophet Ibrahim had to kill a ram instead as the sacrifice.
- ☐ Prophet Ibrahim got ready to kill his own son.
- ☐ The devil tried to tempt Prophet Ibrahim away from doing what Allah had asked him to do.

9. Explain in detail two ways in which Muslims might celebrate Eid al-Adha.

10. What do you think about Prophet Ibrahim and the type of person he was? Explain your thoughts.

Answers

1. What religion do people who celebrate Eid al-Adha follow?

- ☐ Hinduism
- ☐ Judaism
- ☒ Islam
- ☐ Buddhism

2. In the first paragraph, identify three facts about Eid al-Adha.

Accept any three: important Muslim festival / celebrated around the beginning of September / by people who follow Islam / also known as the Greater Eid or the Festival of Sacrifice / about the loyalty, obedience and great devotion shown by one man for Allah.

3. Write the definition of each of these words. You may use a dictionary.

Loyalty means standing by someone, staying true and loyal to them.

Obedience means agreeing to an order or a request.

Devotion means to have love, loyalty and enthusiasm for something or someone.

4. Explain one way in which people have shown their devotion to Allah in the past, and why they did this.

People have shown their devotion to Allah in the past by sacrificing a lamb or goat. They did this because lambs and goats were very valuable to them, and sacrificing them was a way to show Allah or God that you valued them more than the animal.

5. How did Prophet Ibrahim feel about his son? Identify how you know, using a reference from the text.

Prophet Ibrahim loved his son very much. The text says he 'cherished' his son dearly.

6. Describe how Allah spoke to Prophet Ibrahim.

Allah spoke to Prophet Ibrahim through a dream.

7. It could be said that Prophet Ibrahim had to face an awful dilemma. Explain what the dilemma was and find one phrase which tells us how Prophet Ibrahim was feeling about it.

It could be said that Prophet Ibrahim faced an awful dilemma because he loved his son and loved Allah. The text says that 'with a heavy heart' Prophet Ibrahim agreed to do what Allah had asked. This means he did not want to kill his son but also wanted to do what Allah had said.

8. Order these statements from 1 to 6.

- 5** Allah stopped him and saved his son.
- 2** Prophet Ibrahim was devoted to Allah and knew he had to be obedient to his request.
- 1** Allah asked Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his own son.
- 6** Prophet Ibrahim had to kill a ram instead as the sacrifice.
- 4** Prophet Ibrahim got ready to kill his own son.
- 3** The devil tried to tempt Prophet Ibrahim away from doing what Allah had asked him to do.

Statements 2 and 3 are interchangeable

9. Explain in detail two ways in which Muslims might celebrate Eid al-Adha.

Choose any two:

Go to the mosque to pray and thank Allah for their blessings.

Give presents and cards to family and friends.

Share meals and sacrifice a lamb or goat.

Decorate ladies' and girls' hands with mehndi patterns.

10. What do you think about Prophet Ibrahim and the type of person he was? Explain your thoughts.

Answers will vary. Suggestions:

Prophet Ibrahim was obedient because he was prepared to do what Allah had asked, even though he didn't want to.

He was loyal to Allah and knew what he had to do.

He loved his son and found it very hard to do what Allah had asked.