

# The Prophet Muhammad and the Revelation of the Qur'an

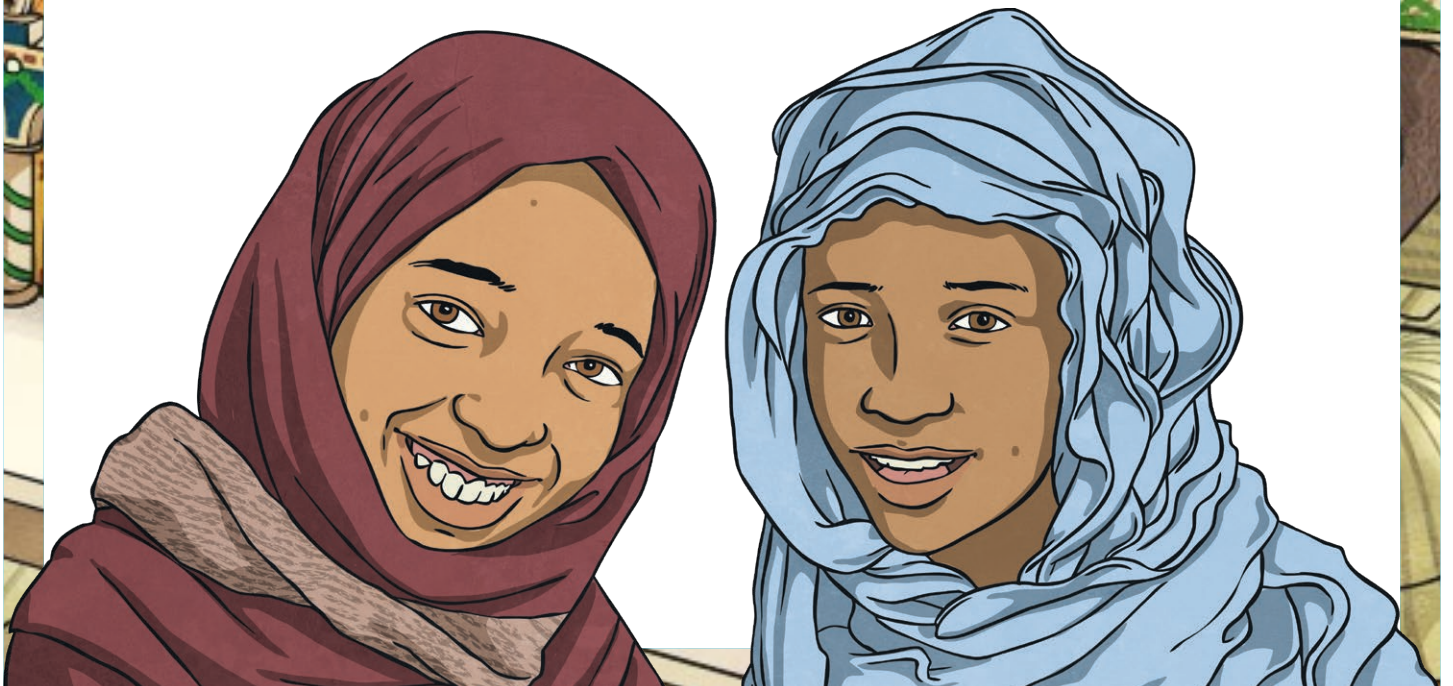
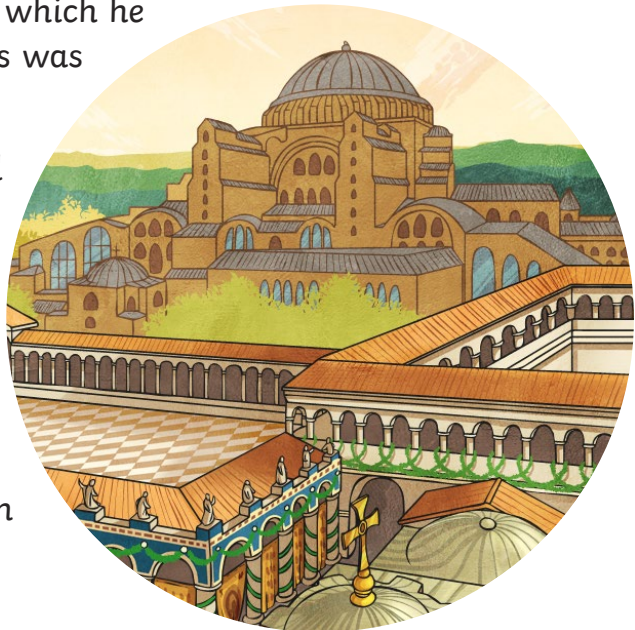
Islam is a religion which teaches that God is powerful and that people can call on God when they are in need. God is known as Allah. People who follow Islam are Muslims. Muslims believe it is the word of God and that it teaches people about right and wrong. The Qur'an is written in Arabic. It is the holy writings of Islam. Muslims believe it is the word of God and teaches people about right and wrong.

Muhammad was born in Mecca in Saudi Arabia. He worked as a merchant and became known for his honesty.

Muhammad would often meditate on Mount Hira. One day, he was meditating in a cave when the Angel Gabriel appeared and spoke to him. Muhammad began to say words which he believed came straight from God. This was his first revelation from God.

Over the next 22 years, Muhammad had more revelations from God. These revelations were written down and became the Qur'an. From that time, Muhammad was known as Prophet Muhammad and he preached about the revelations for the rest of his life.

Prophet Muhammad died in 632 in Medina. He is buried there.



# Questions

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2. What is the name of the last prophet?

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- ☐ It is the writings of Christianity.
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**Islam is the name of the religion Muslims follow.**

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**The name of the last prophet was Muhammad.**

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**The Angel Gabriel appeared to Muhammad in a cave.**

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# The Prophet Muhammad and the Revelation of the Qur'an

Islam is the world's second largest religion. It teaches that God is merciful and powerful and that people can call on God when they are in need. God is known as Allah. People who follow Islam are known as Muslims. Muslims believe that Islam has always existed and became known to them through prophets. It is believed that the last prophet was Muhammad.

The Qur'an is written in Arabic and is the holy writings of Islam. Muslims believe it is the word of God and that it teaches people about right and wrong. Anyone who handles or touches the Qur'an has to follow special rules. They must wash in ways called ablutions.

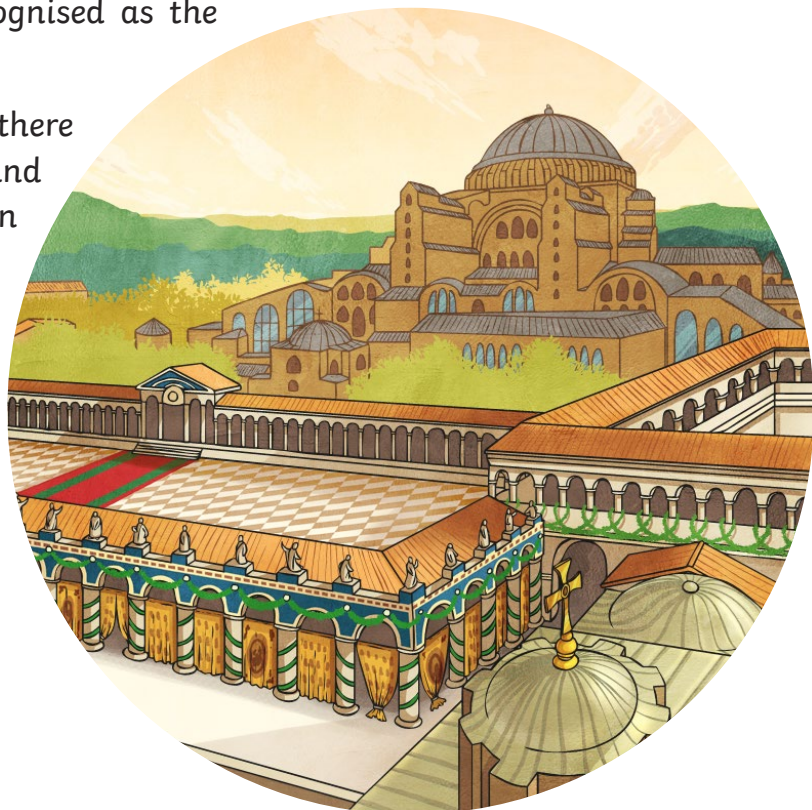
Muhammad was born in Mecca in Saudi Arabia. He worked as a merchant and became known for his honesty. He was a deeply spiritual person and would often meditate on Mount Hira.

One day, he was meditating in a cave on Mount Hira when the Angel Gabriel appeared and spoke to him. Muhammad began to recite words which he believed came straight from God. This was his first revelation from God.

Over the next 22 years, Muhammad received more revelations from God. These revelations were written down as the Qur'an. From that time, Muhammad was known as Prophet Muhammad and he preached about the revelations for the rest of his life. He is recognised as the founder of Islam.

The main message is that there is no God but Allah and that life should be lived in submission to Allah.

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# Answers

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Islam was revealed to Muslims through prophets.

3. Write two facts about the Qur'an.

Any two of the following: it is written in Arabic; it is the holy writings of Islam; Muslims believe it is the word of God; it teaches people about right and wrong; anyone who handles or touches the Qur'an has to wash in ways called ablutions.

4. What are 'ablutions'?

Ablutions are a special way Muslims wash before they handle the Qur'an.

5. Explain how Muhammad had the Qur'an revealed to him.

The Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad when the Angel Gabriel appeared to him and spoke to him. Muhammad started to recite words which he believed came from God.

6. What did Muhammad do after the Qur'an had been revealed to him?

After the Qur'an had been revealed to him, Muhammad preached about what he had been told and became known as the founder of Islam.

7. Write the main message in your own words.

Children's own words which mention that there is no other God but Allah and that people must be humble/meek/obedient to God.

# The Prophet Muhammad and the Revelation of the Qur'an

Islam is the world's second largest religion. It teaches that God is merciful, powerful and unique and that people can call on God when they are in need and distressed. God is known as Allah. People who follow Islam are known as Muslims. Muslims believe that Islam has always existed and was revealed to them through a number of people called prophets. It is believed that the last prophet was Muhammad.

The Qur'an, which is written in Arabic, is the scripture of Islam. Muslims believe it was revealed by God to a number of prophets and that it is the word of God. It provides guidance to teach people right and wrong. Anyone who handles or touches the Qur'an has to follow certain rules. They must be clean and wash in special ways called ablutions.

Muhammad was born in Mecca in Saudi Arabia in the year AD 570. He worked as a merchant and became known for his honesty. He was a deeply spiritual person and would often meditate on Mount Hira.

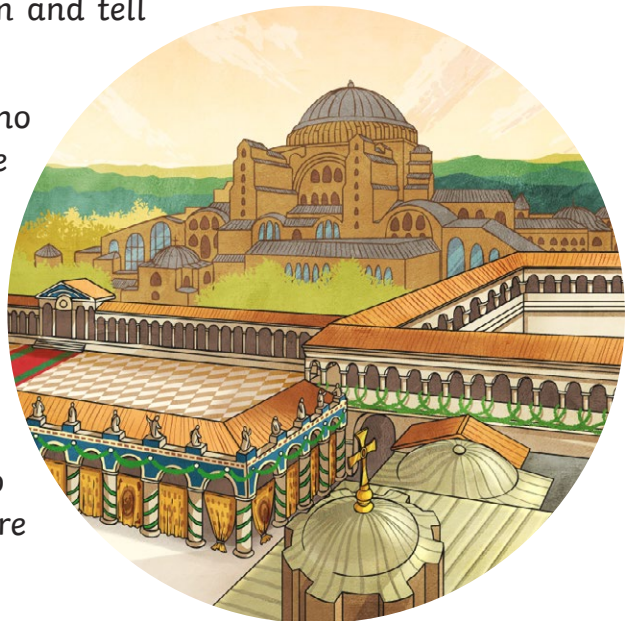
In AD 610, he was meditating in a cave on Mount Hira when the Angel Gabriel appeared and spoke to him. The angel said the word 'Allah' and Muhammad began to recite words which he believed came straight from God. This was his first revelation from God.

Over the next 22 years, Muhammad received revelations from God. These revelations were written down as the Qur'an. From that time, Muhammad was known as Prophet Muhammad and he preached about the revelations for the rest of his life. He is recognised as the founder of Islam.

Prophet Muhammad believed God had chosen him to preach what had been revealed to him and tell the world.

The principle message is that there is no God but Allah and that life should be lived in submission to Allah.

Prophet Muhammad died in AD 632 in Medina. He is buried there. He is recognised as being the last prophet of Islam. Many Muslims travel on pilgrimages to the birth place of Muhammad as a sign of respect and to pray. Many also travel to Medina, where he died.



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# Answers

1. How would you describe how Muslims view God?

Any answer which includes reference to God being merciful, powerful and unique; that God can be called upon at a time of distress.

2. In your own words, explain what the Qur'an is.

Answers that include reference to the Qur'an being the religious scripture of Islam; that it is the word of God and teaches people right from wrong; that it is written in Arabic and revealed to Prophet Muhammad.

3. Why do you think there are rules about handling the Qur'an?

Answers that include: showing respect; it is a holy book; it is a religious scripture and is valuable to people.

4. Who was Muhammad?

Muhammad was the final prophet of Islam who had the Qur'an revealed to him. He was born in AD 570 in Mecca and worked as a merchant.

5. What does 'revelation' mean?

Revelation means that something important is revealed. In this case, it is of a divine nature which relates to humans and their lives.

6. How was the Qur'an revealed to Muhammad?

The Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad by the Angel Gabriel appearing to him in a cave on Mount Hira. The angel spoke to Muhammad and Muhammad began reciting the words from God.

7. How did the revelation of the Qur'an affect Muhammad's life?

Muhammad began preaching what had been revealed to him and became known as a prophet.

8. Describe a pilgrimage you might want to make. It could be for anything that means something to you.

Children's own responses which indicate they understand the importance and personal value of going on a pilgrimage.