

Ramadan Mini Unit

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Contents and Instructions

The Ramadan Mini Unit printable pack is designed to be used with children aged 3-6.



Islam is a major world religion practiced by almost 2 billion people around the world. Muslims (followers of Islam) come from a variety of cultural backgrounds. When teaching about Islam and Ramadan, it is important to remember this diversity of backgrounds. This set includes references to concepts and vocabulary that most Muslims will be familiar with. We encourage you to invite Muslim members from your community to come and share their traditions and customs with your students!

Ramadan Non-Fiction Book

Bind these pages into a book, or use them as information cards.



Pronunciation guide

- Muslim (*Mus·lim*) s like slim
- Ramadan (*Rum·uh·dahn*)
- Salam (*suh-laam*)
- Sawm (*som*)
- Suhoor (*su-hoor*)
- Iftar (*if-taar*)
- Salah (*suh-laah* or *suh-laat*)
- Masjid (*mas-jid*)
- Quran (*Kur-'aan*)
- Zakat (*zuh-kaat*)
- Eid (*eed*)

Ramadan Mini Book



Your students may wish to make a mini book of their own. They can color in the pictures and write the vocabulary words. The descriptive text is pre-written and can be trimmed off if you prefer. Tip: adjust your printer settings to print two pages per sheet to save paper.

Category Sorting



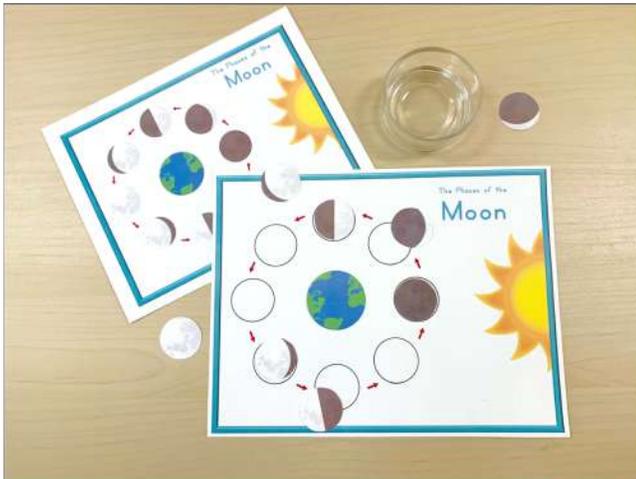
This is a simple category sorting activity. Sort photos of buildings (mosjids) and people (Muslims) onto their respective mats.

Is It Peaceful?



Practicing self control over one's behavior and emotions is an important part of Ramadan. Did you know that losing one's temper will break a fast just as eating and drinking will? Use this sorting activity to talk about peaceful behaviors. This is also a great opportunity to role play situations that can lead to frustration and brainstorm peaceful ways of resolving them.

Phases of the Moon Chart



The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar; it is based on the cycles of the moon. Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar. Use this chart to talk about how (and why) the moon looks different as it revolves around the Earth. The new moon marks the beginning of a new lunar month.

Phases of the Moon 3-Part Cards



Use these cards to learn the terms for the different phases of the moon.

Ramadan Calendar



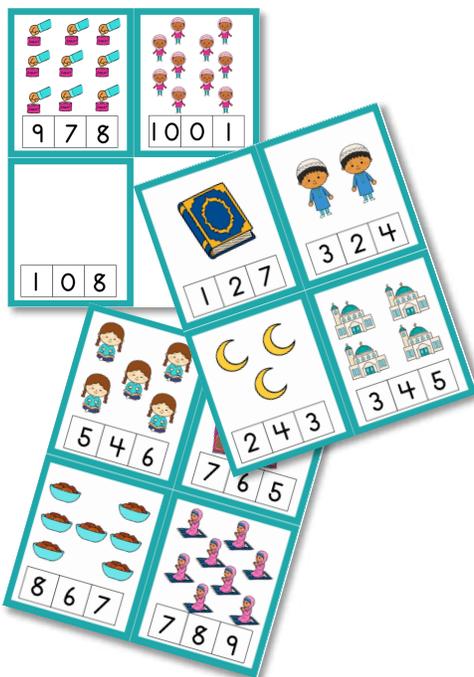
Use these calendar cards for the month of Ramadan. A label for “Shawwal” is also provided. This is the month that follows Ramadan. Eid-al-fitr is celebrated during the first three days of Shawwal.

The number cards can also be used for a variety of counting activities.

Blank calendar cards with phases of the moon have also been provided. Use these to track the moon throughout the month! Tip: Laminate and write the date with dry-erase marker so you can use these cards in the future.

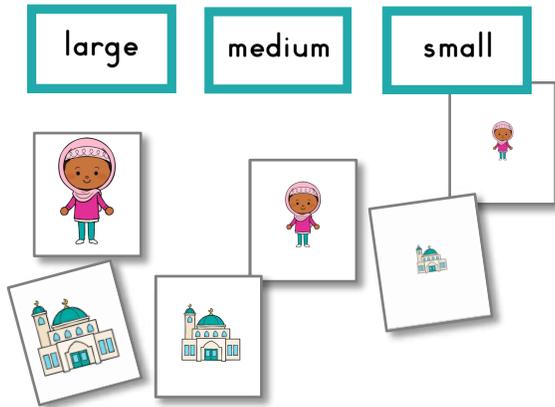


Ramadan Counting Clip Cards



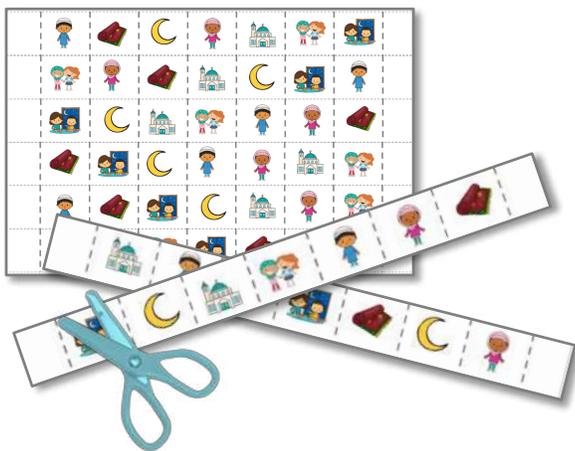
Use clothespins to clip the correct number. You may want to make this a write-and-wipe activity and have the child circle the correct number with a dry-erase or washable marker. The numbers printed on each card are consecutive numbers for the most part to provide a little bit of challenge. Place a color coding dot on the back, just behind the correct number, for self checking. Alternatively, adjust your printer settings and print out a miniature copy of this set to make control cards. Circle the correct number on your control cards before laminating.

Size Sorting



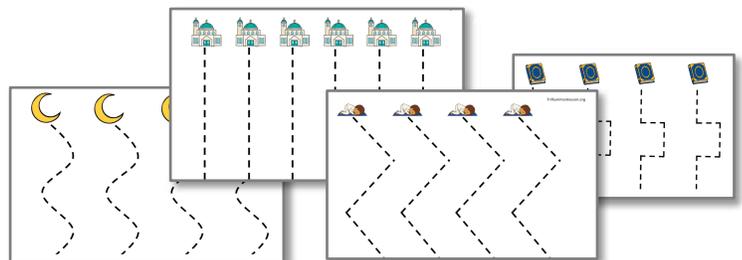
Sort the pictures into three columns by size. You may want to use felt mats instead of columns. Two sets of labels are provided: Large-Medium-Small, Big-Medium-Little

Cutting Exercise



Cutting strips: prepare by cutting into strips. Show child how to cut on the dashed lines. This is a beginning cutting activity and is good for students who are just learning how to handle scissors. The child will be motivated to avoid cutting up the picture and will attempt to stay on the line. The lines are short and do not require multiple cuts. (Tip: an introductory cutting exercise is to provide strips of colored construction paper with no lines for the child to cut)

Cutting Lines: 4 different types of lines are provided: straight, curvy, zigzags, and blocks. Each type has two difficulty levels. These can easily be printed in greyscale on colored paper to save on ink.

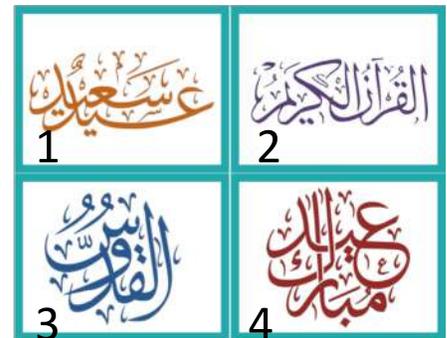


Matching Islamic Art and Calligraphy



Print two copies of the art cards to create a matching activity. You may also want to simply display them in your art area for some art inspiration! In a Montessori classroom, students may wish to use the Metal Insets to create geometric designs of their own.

1. *Eid Saeed*: Happy Eid
2. *Al Quran Al Kareem*: Noble Quran
3. *Al Quds*: Arabic name for the city of Jerusalem
4. *Eid Mubarak*: Eid blessings



Shadow Matching Cards



This is a simple matching activity. I like to use these to emphasize the layout procedure, focusing on left to right and top to bottom formatting. Separate the colored cards from the shadow cards. It is fun to look at the shadow cards first and see if you can figure out what it is without looking at the colored picture! Place the shadow cards in a line along the top of a rug or table, starting from the left. Pick up a random colored card and place below the first colored card. Does it match? If yes, leave it there. If not, slide it to the right, below the next card. Does it match? Continue on. The process of lining up the cards and sliding from left to right helps prepare the child for later reading activities.

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