


## Otter Class RE: Islam

This term in Otter Class, we will continue to learn about **Islam** and what Muslims believe about submission to Allah. As part of this, children should explore the story of Bilal. This will help pupils to remember the pillar of Sawm, though the important messages can be gleaned from this account.

Below are some suggested activities for you to do with your child to support their learning in this area. **I recommend choosing two to three activities** from this learning grid before moving onto the Judaism learning grid. Please feel free to choose more if you wish and/or to come up with your own ideas.

<p>Watch a video about Bilal, a black African slave, who refused to obey his master to attack one of Muhammad's followers and who claimed that all people are equal; he became the first Muezzin (gave the first call to prayer at the first mosque in Medina and then at the Ka'aba).</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaPecVZAnAk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaPecVZAnAk</a></p> <p>Or you can try this one:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBAy81MwxLY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBAy81MwxLY</a></p>	<p>A Muslim place to pray is called a mosque, and mosques have a tower. The tower is called a minaret, and it is for shouting. The tallest minaret in the world is 210 metres, 689 feet tall. It is part of the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca (picture below). In the past, when people had no watches or clocks and no loudspeakers, the prayer-caller would climb the stairs of the minaret and shout from the top when it was time to pray, 5 times a day. He would shout things like: 'Prayer is better than sleep' 'Come to Prayer' 'Come to God' 'There is not God by Allah.' <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5aMcuMUh1c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5aMcuMUh1c</a></p> <p>Draw a mosque and label its parts.</p> 		
<p>Read the story of Bilal, the first Muezzin (available on our school website: <a href="https://www.highlittletonschool.com/">https://www.highlittletonschool.com/</a> under Home Learning / Otter Class/ RE)</p>	<p>Consider this story through drama: Imagine you are Bilal. How would you answer these questions?</p> <p>How did you feel when you first heard the message of Muhammad in the market place?</p> <p>What was going through your mind when you were told to strike one of the Muslim preachers?</p> <p>What was going through your mind when you whipped and left in the sun?</p> <p>When you were sold?</p> <p>Could sit next to the prophet?</p> <p>At the end try to give the call to prayer.</p> <p>Here is an inspiration: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwoM64-a4rg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwoM64-a4rg</a></p>		<p>Consider this story through drama: Imagine you are Umayya. How would you answer these questions?</p> <p>How did you feel when the preacher told you all people were equal?</p> <p>When Bilal refused to obey you?</p> <p>Why did you want to punish Bilal? To death?</p> <p>Why did you sell Bilal?</p> <p>Was it a hard decision?</p>
<p>Consider this story through drama: Imagine you are Abu Bakr. How would you answer these questions?</p> <p>How did you feel when you heard about Bilal?</p>	<p>Answer the question (verbally or in writing). Bilal was not rich or an important man, yet is greatly respected by Muslims. He was given the responsibility of being the first Muezzin.</p>	<p>Write a short recount/biography about 'Bilal – The First Muezzin'. Include why he is so respected by Muslims.</p>	<p>Draw a story map of key moments in the story:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bilal refuses to strike preacher</li> <li>2. Bilal punished</li> <li>3. Abu Bakr buys Bilal's freedom</li> </ol>

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Why did you want to buy him?	Why is he given such respect? Think of an answer from the point of view of a Muslim.		4. Bilal asked to give the call to prayer.
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