

# **RE — ISLAM — WELCOMING A CHILD INTO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY**

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ISLAM- Here is some general information about the religion of Islam:

In Arabic, Islam means submission to the will of God.

Followers of Islam are called Muslims. Muslims believe that there is one God called Allah.

Muslims believe that a man called Muhammed revealed the Islam religion in a place called Mekkah in Saudi Arabia 1400 years ago.

Muslims follow the 5 Pillars of Islam.

Their holy book is called The Quran.

Muslims' holy place of worship is called a Mosque.

This video gives you some more information about Islam ☺

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtbkb/articles/zrxxgwx>



Now that we have got some interesting information about the religion of Islam, we are going to have a look at how children are welcomed into the Muslim community 😊



Speak to an adult about some of the things or traditions that happened when you were born. I have written about some that are relevant to me.

\* I was born in a hospital; family and friends came to visit me and my parents both at the hospital and at home.

\* I was born with poorly toes so had to stay in hospital for a little while.

\* When I was 4 months old, I was christened in a church wearing a traditional christening gown. I had 3 godparents. My parents chose to have me christened.

I would love to hear about your family and religious traditions when you were born.



Muslims have birth rights:

The Muslim call to prayer is whispered into the baby's right ear when it is born.

Baby's first taste should be something sweet so that it will help their tiny digestive systems to kick in and to allow the baby to grow up with a sweet nature. Parents often rub dates or honey on their baby's gums.

The seventh day of a Muslim baby's life is when a number of important events take place:

- On the 7<sup>th</sup> day, the baby's head should be shaved. This is to show that the child is the servant of Allah. The baby's hair is weighed to find out the value of the weight of hair in gold.
- Traditionally, a name is chosen for the baby on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Babies are often named after one of the 99 Gods.
- Aqiqah (sharing a meal) takes place on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. This is where the baby is introduced to the whole family.

Watch this video clip to find out more <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya5wYKKT4kc>



Activity 1 :- Using the information from this PowerPoint and any further research that you may wish to do, write down in your own words 3 facts that most interested you about how Muslim babies are welcomed into the community. Explain why you found them the most interesting. You may want to do this by saying how they are similar or different to your family's experiences and traditions when you were a baby.

Activity 2 :- Create a leaflet or poster about a child being welcomed into the Muslim community. You can be as creative as you like with this.

I can't wait to see your work 😊

