

Symbols and Meanings



Aim

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Success Criteria

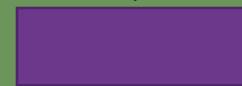
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- I can create a mobile to show the Muslim symbol.

Symbols



In groups, can you match these symbols with the following religions?

Buddhism **Christianity** **Judaism** **Hinduism** **Sikhism**



How do different religions use their symbols.

Star and Crescent



The star and crescent symbol is the symbol most commonly associated with Islam. It has little to do with the actual faith and its origins are unclear.

The symbol used to be on the flag of the Ottoman Empire, which was the dominant Muslim power for nearly 700 years. It is now linked with Islam, but is not an official symbol of Islam.



Colours



Certain colours have become very symbolic in Islam. The two most prominent colours are green and white.



The colour green is mentioned many times in the Qur'an as the colour of clothing in paradise. The colour green has, therefore, been associated with Islam for centuries.

Mobile



Your task today is to create a mobile to show the main symbol associated with Islam. Use your Activity Sheet to help you.

Some of you will also design your own Muslim symbol and you will have an activity sheet to guide you.

Muslim

Can you design your own symbol for Islam?

Symbol Design

Can you design your own symbol for Islam in the box below?

Symbol Template

Instructions:

1. Print symbols onto card.
2. Cut out the crescent and the star.
3. Paint or decorate both sides of each.
4. Punch a hole in the top of both and string through two pieces of string.
5. Tie the other end of each piece of string to a lolly stick.
6. Tie a piece of string to the middle of the lolly stick to hang the mobile up.

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New Symbols



If you designed a new symbol for Islam in today's lesson, please share. Remember to explain why you chose to use the symbol and what it means.



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