

Ramadan in Bahrain

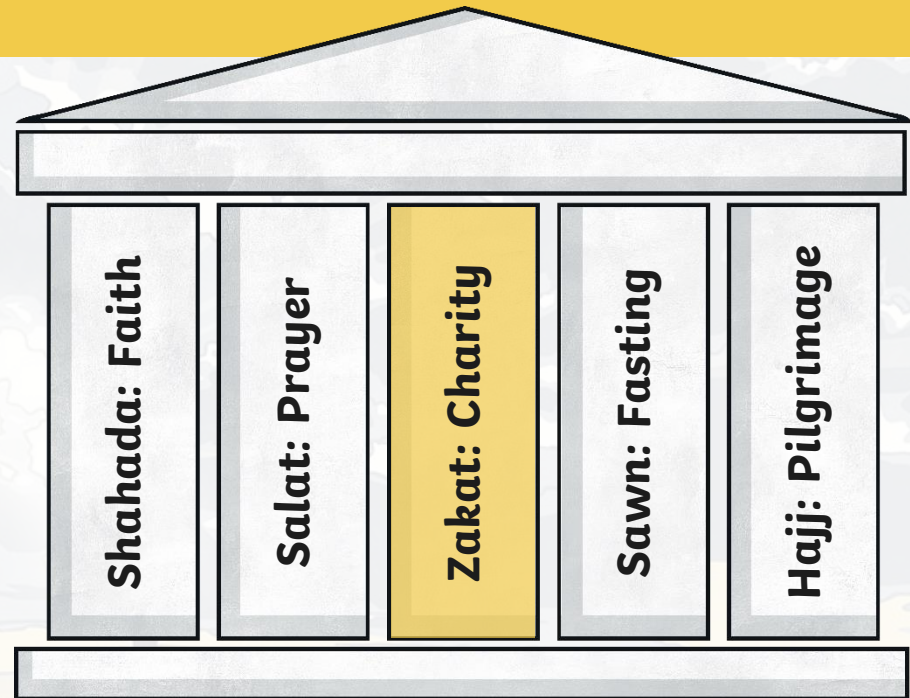
Good Deeds and Charity



Zakat

Giving to charity or being charitable to others is a very important part of being a Muslim.

In fact, it is such an important part of Islam, it is the third of the Five Pillars and is called Zakat.



Giving Money

Many Muslims give donations of money to different charities around the world.

The money they give goes to help people less fortunate than themselves, such as people in war zones, or those who don't have enough to eat or drink.



Giving Food

Some Muslims in Bahrain leave packets of food, such as pasta and rice, in special collection boxes.

This is another form of charity that helps the poorer people living on the island.



Giving Clothing

Other Muslims give clothes and shoes. These are left in special collection points around the island.

This is another form of charity that goes to help the people who are less fortunate in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Charity during Ramadan

Giving to charity becomes even more important during the month of Ramadan.

During this special month, Muslims make personal sacrifices through their fasting. Fasting helps them to remember those who go without food, shelter and water daily.



Charity during Ramadan

Muslims remember those less fortunate during Ramadan through their actions.

Charity drives and charity events encourage people to give more than money during Ramadan. For example, in Bahrain, many mosques offer Iftar meals for the poorest in their communities.



But What Can Children Do?

During Ramadan, children are encouraged to be charitable to others through their actions because they don't usually have money and other things to donate.



Being Charitable

Being charitable means to be compassionate towards others. This doesn't just mean giving money.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) himself said:
'when you smile to your brother's face, it is charity.'

There are many ways children can show charity to others.

This can be through doing good deeds for others and looking after yourself.



Good Deeds

There are many good deeds children can do, such as helping around the house or visiting older relatives.



Taking Care of Your Environment

Keeping your environment clean is another way of showing charity.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:
'Removing harmful things from the road is an act of charity.'



Keeping a Record

Some Muslim children keep a record of the good deeds they do during Ramadan or write a list of one good deed they will every day.

This helps them to plan what they will do and record it when they have.



So, What Will You Do?

Think about how you could show charity to other people in this holy month of Ramadan.

Remember: anyone can do a good deed and a good deed brightens a dark world!



