

Activities

1. Projects on phases of the moon. Have the kids do a project on the different phases of the moon and the night sky. You could also use cookie cutters to cut out crescent moons and stars for baking projects or art projects. For science projects AND other ideas, see:
<http://muslimsinmichigan.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/celebratingramadan.pdf>
2. See the lesson, “Night of the Moon” on the CMES lesson plan website.
<http://cmes.arizona.edu/outreach/lessons> This needs to be done in conjunction with the book “Night of the Moon” by Hena Khan.
3. Ramadan craft activities:
 - <http://www.pinterest.com/ummee125/ramadan-craft-ideas/>
 - <http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/muslim/>
 - <http://goodtreemontessori.wordpress.com/2008/08/22/30-childrens-activities-for-ramadan/>
 - <http://www.onislam.net/english/family/moms-and-dads/raising-positive-children/409921-10-ramadan-activities-for-your-children-.html>
4. Word search or crossword puzzle. Use a program to create a word search or a crossword puzzle from the following words: Islam, Muslim, Ramadan, mosque, moon, Quran, Muhammad, fasting, charity, prayer rug.
5. Writing assignment. Dress two dolls as a Muslim boy and girl or hang up two pictures of a Muslim boy and girl. Tell the students that the boy’s name is Muhammad, and the girl’s is Fatima. Have the students pretend to be either one of these two characters and write a sentence or story telling other children about “their” beliefs or experience during Ramadan.
6. Charity project. Since charity is one of the five pillars of Islam, have kids collect pennies during the month of Ramadan, and put the money into a big jar. At the end of the month, donate the money to a charity of the children’s choice.