

# The Qur'an

## What is the Qur'an?

- The Qur'an is the Islamic Holy Book.
- Muslims believe it is the direct word of Allah. Allah is the name of God.
- The word of God was revealed to the prophet Mohammed through the angel Jibril (Gabriel).
- Many of the stories and people mentioned in the Qur'an are similar in translation to the stories in the Bible.
- The Qur'an is often placed on a book rest (Rihal) as a sign or respect for the holy book.

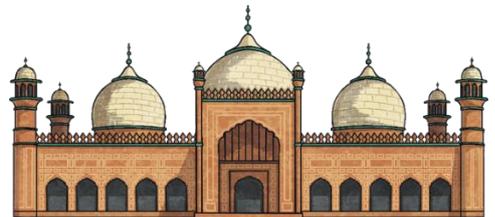


## What does the Qur'an Do?

- The Qur'an teaches Muslims how to worship God.
- It teaches Muslims how to live good lives.
- It teaches Muslims how to treat other people.

## How is the Qur'an part of everyday life?

- The Qur'an is an essential part of everyday life for a Muslim, both at home and at the Mosque. During daily prayers, times of illness and unhappiness, the Qur'an is read and recited.
- The Qur'an tells people to dress modestly. Many Muslim women wear long clothing and veils over their heads to cover as much of their body as possible. It says that men and boys should not wear silk or gold jewellery.
- *Remember: When we looked at the Bible, lots of Christians interpreted the teaching, stories and rules in different ways. People can be Christian and follow slightly different rules depending on how they interpret the teaching of God. The same can be said about Muslims. Not all Muslims will follow the same rules in the same way – they may interpret them differently.*



## Hafiz:

- There are some Muslims who are called the Hafiz. They learn parts of the Qur'an by heart to recite to others.
- Many Muslims do this today as a way of praise to Allah.
- Hafiz are highly regarded and respected.

