Islam

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Images of Muslims around the World: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coRpdpkfY7w

How Islam began in 10 minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDxKxnVZtgo

Introduction to Islam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgP_OSOS3lA

Who is Muhammad? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7KrA_UXXqQ

The Qur’an Holy Book: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABkhC-QHG34

The 5 Pillars of Islam Explained: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlflvwwtZbU

The Qur’an Holy Book: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABkhC-QHG34

The 10 most Beautiful Mosques in the World: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJEyiE5S6h8

How Muslims Pray: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfFBgDtsl8A

The Islamic Haj, Pilgrimage to Mecca, Explained: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29HpUaJpwyl

Islamic Art: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUm5k56zBHs

The Complex Geometry of Islamic Design: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg1NpMmPv48

Calligraphy in Islam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7e4QBxtCi8

Explained, What the Islamic Veil for Women Shows and Hides: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDGEVuitHW8

Why are Foods Halal or Haram for Muslims? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gZEzxm3NtA
Websites:


20 Muslim Friendly Meals: https://www.havehalalwilltravel.com/20-muslimfriendlymeals-that-are-worth-travelling-the-world-for

The Muslim Haj, a Spiritual Pilgrimage: https://theconversation.com/the-muslim-haji-a-spiritual-pilgrimage-with-political-overtones-

What is the Kaaba? https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/introduction-cultures-religions-apah/islam-apah/a/the-kaaba

Muslim Prayer Beads, What they are and what they are used for: https://www.thenationalnews.com/arts-culture/muslim-prayer-beads-what-they-are-and-what-they-are-used-for-1.67166

The Muslim Prayer Rug: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prayer_rug

Major Holidays Celebrated by Muslims: https://www.learnreligions.com/what-holidays-do-muslims-celebrate-2004366

Women and Islam: http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t125/e2510

American Muslims, Fact vs Fiction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFsn49Qxwl0

Lesson Plans:

Lesson Plans on Islam and other Faiths: https://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/eduk12plan.html

Islam, Teaching the Basics: https://teachmideast.org/resource_guides/islam-teaching-the-basics/

Access Islam, 10 Lesson Plans: http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/accessislam/lesson.html

Islam, Empire of Faith, Educational Resources: https://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/eduk12plan.html

Pillars of Islam by PBS: http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/islam08.socst.world.glob.lppillars/the-five-pillars-of-islam/

Art in the Muslim World: https://opb.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/islam08.socst.world.glob.lpart/art-in-the-muslim-world/
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<td><em>Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors</em></td>
<td>Hena Khan &amp; Mehrdokht Amini</td>
<td>PreK-2nd</td>
<td>Chronicle Books</td>
<td>9781452141213</td>
<td>With breathtaking illustrations and informative text, <em>Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns</em> magnificently captures the world of Islam, celebrating its beauty and traditions for even the youngest readers. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, this entrancing volume is equally at home in the classroom as it is being read to a child on a parent's lap.</td>
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<td><em>Rashad’s Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr</em></td>
<td>Lisa Billard &amp; Holli Conger</td>
<td>K-3rd</td>
<td>Lerner Publishing Group</td>
<td>9780761385837</td>
<td>For Muslims, Ramadan is a time for fasting, prayer, and thinking of others. Rashad tries to be good all month. When it's time for Eid al-Fitr, he feasts and plays! Find out how people celebrate this special time of year.</td>
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<td><em>An Eid for Everyone</em></td>
<td>Hina Islam</td>
<td>K-3rd</td>
<td>Author House</td>
<td>9781438948454</td>
<td>Eid is a holiday celebrated all over the world. It is a festival that brings together people through prayer, charity and family reunions...So let's enjoy this holiday together with some special friends taking part in different traditions of this celebration.</td>
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<td><em>Under the Ramadan Moon</em></td>
<td>Sylvia Whitman &amp; Sue Williams</td>
<td>PreK-2nd</td>
<td>Whitman, Albert, &amp; Company</td>
<td>9780807583043</td>
<td>Ramadan is one of the most special months of the Islamic year, when Muslims pray, fast, and help those in need. This lyrical story serves as an introduction to Ramadan—a time for reflection and ritual with family and friends.</td>
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Title: Muslim Child  
Author: Rukhsana Khan  
Grade: 4th-8th  
Publisher: Dundurn Press  
ISBN: 9780929141961  
Summary: *Muslim Child* is a collection of short stories, poems and prose that examines the world through the eyes of Muslim children. Each story represents a tenet of Islam in a way which is both entertaining and enlightening. Non-fiction sidebars help to explain and amplify the Islamic references. Some stories are centered around the major Muslim celebrations such as Eid and Ramadan, clarifying the customs and traditions. Another story is about a child getting separated from his parents while on the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Others show Muslim children in non-Muslim societies struggling with the beliefs or practices of their religion such as the dietary restrictions or the early morning prayer. Some of the stories are funny, some are touching, but all are compelling tales of children learning and growing within their culture.

Title: Night of the Moon  
Author: Hena Khan & Julie Paschkins  
Grade: K-5th  
Publisher: Chronicle House Books LLC  
ISBN: 9780811860628  
Summary: Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, celebrates the Muslim holidays of Ramadan, "The Night of the Moon" (Chaand Raat), and Eid. With lush illustrations that evoke Islamic art, this beautiful story offers a window into modern Muslim culture—and into the ancient roots from within its traditions have grown.

Title: Islamic Manners Activity Book  
Author: Fatima D'Oyen  
Grade: PreK-3rd  
Publisher: Kube Publishing Limited  
ISBN: 9780860374633  
Summary: Learn a selection of Arabic prayers and expressions while having fun with sixty-plus pages of imaginative activities that will introduce young children to a range of practices from Islam and the Muslim world. The Islamic Manners Activity Book includes puzzles, word searches, coloring pages, connect-the-dots, and matching cards that will occupy and entertain children for hours.
Title: Growing Up Muslim: Beliefs and Practices of Islam  
Author: Sumbul Ali-Karamali  
Grade: 5th-12th  
Publisher: Random House Children’s Books  
ISBN: 9780385740968  
Summary: Author Sumbul Ali-Karamali offers her personal account, discussing the many and varied questions she fielded from curious friends and schoolmates while growing up in Southern California—from diet, to dress, to prayer and holidays and everything in between. She also provides an academically reliable introduction to Islam, addressing its inception, development and current demographics. Through this engaging work, readers will gain a better understanding of the everyday aspects of Muslim American life, to dispel many of the misconceptions that still remain and open a dialogue for tolerance and acceptance.

Title: The Face Behind the Veil: Extraordinary Lives of Muslim Women in America  
Author: Donna Gehrke-White  
Grade: 10th-12th  
Publisher: Citadel Press  
ISBN: 9780806528274  
Summary: There are women like Sahar Shaikh, who grew up on Girl Scouts and rock and roll in suburban Miami but felt that something was missing from her life until she took up the veil and returned to her spiritual roots; like Zainab Elberry, an Egyptian activist insurance executive in Nashville who sees no need for the hijab and no conflict between her feminism and her Muslim beliefs. We meet Cathy Drake, a convert from Virginia who could be the perfect Republican red-state mom, homeschooling her kids and driving a minivan, except that Cathy wears the traditional scarf and converted to Islam after 9/11. And there are pioneers like Sarah Eltantawi, who are trying to advance women's rights in the mosque.
Title: No god but God
Author: Reza Aslan
Grade: 11th-12th or advanced readers
Publisher: Random House Publishing
ISBN: 1400062136
Summary: Though it is the fastest growing religion in the world, Islam remains shrouded by ignorance and fear. What is the essence of this ancient faith? Is it a religion of peace or war? How does Allah differ from the God of Jews and Christians? Can an Islamic state be founded on democratic values such as pluralism and human rights? A writer and scholar of comparative religions, Reza Aslan has earned international acclaim for the passion and clarity he has brought to these questions. In No god but God, challenging the “clash of civilizations” mentality that has distorted our view of Islam, Aslan explains this critical faith in all its complexity, beauty, and compassion.

How Humans Migrated across the globe:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJdT6QcSbQ0

5 Major World Religions, Animated map shows how they spread around the world:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvFl6UBZLv4