

HOLY BOOKS:

Injeel- Good News/ the books of the Gospels

Zabur- Psalms of David

Tawrat- The Books of Moses (Genesis to Deuteronomy)

Qur'an- Islam's Holy Book

Hadith- The collected stories about Muhammad

MUSLIM PROPHETS:

Adam- Adam

Nuh- Noah

Ibrahim- Abraham

Lut- Lot

Isma'il- Ishmael

Is-haq- Isaac

Ya'qub- Jacob

Yusuf- Joseph

Musa- Moses

Dawud- David

Sulayman- Solomon

Ilyas- Elijah

Al-yasa- Elisha

Yunus- Jonah

Yahya- John the Baptist

Isa- Jesus

You could share Scripture as a saying of the prophet Moses from the Tawrat, of David from the Zabur, or of Jesus from the Injeel. Some Muslims are interested in Genesis to learn more about the creation, or Noah and Abraham. Some Christians use Jacob's first name instead of calling him Israel. The Jews can also be called children of Jacob instead of Israelites.

OTHER TERMS

Allah- Arabic word for God used by Arab Christians; Muslims use the word as the name of God

Allahu Akbar- God is the greatest

As-salamu 'Alaykum- Peace be upon you, a greeting

Eid- Festival; Eid-al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan, Eid-al-Adha a month later.

Fatiha- The short opening verse of the Qur'an, used in worship: "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds..."

Hajj- Holy pilgrimage to the Ka'aba at Mecca

Halal- Good, permitted; used of meat slaughtered properly and food

Iblis- Satan (also Shaytan) a jinn banished for evil

Iftar- the celebration dinner after a day of Ramadan fasting

Imam- Religious leader of a mosque, either professional or a lay person

Insha' Allah- 'If God wills it'; often said with resignation

Isa al-Masih- Jesus the messiah (a title, not the same meaning as Messiah to Jews)

Islam- Submission to God

Mu'min- believer (contrasted to unbeliever kafir)

Pbuh- abbreviation for 'Peace be upon him'; used after saying a name of a prophet

Ramadan/ Ramazan- A lunar month with fasting during the day and often a party every night.

Salat- Islamic ritual prayers that are performed in unison with kneeling and bowing

Saum- Fasting during the holy month; no food, water, smoking etc. during daylight hours

Shahadah- The creed: There is no god except Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah

Shirk- Idolatry, polytheism, the sin of associating other deities with the one God

Surah- a chapter in the Qur'an

Ummah- community; the Muslim ummah means worldwide Islamic people

Wudhu- purification before salat; washing feet, arms, face and ears

Zakat- Alms; often given to Muslim institutions, or may sometimes be support of a relative