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# Celebrate Eid al-Fitr

**Eid al-Fitr, 14-15 June** Organise a celebration to mark the end of Ramadan to help young people explore the differences and similarities in faiths and beliefs

**Time** 90 minutes

(plus planning and prep over the course of several months)

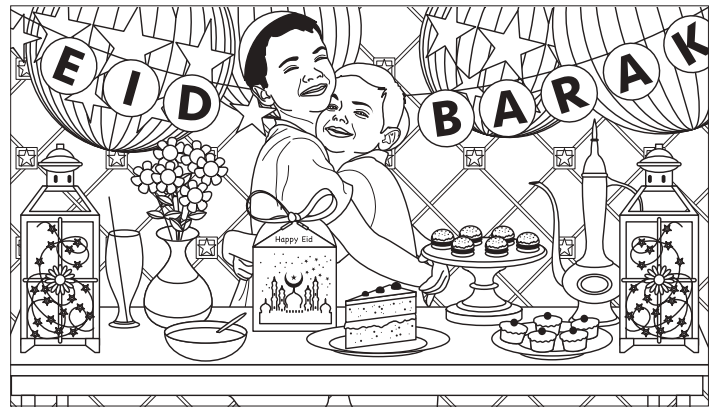
## Equipment

- a tablet or laptop
- a venue
- decorations
- traditional foods

## Instructions

**1** Begin by gathering your section and talking about Eid al-Fitr, which is a day of celebration that marks the end of Ramadan (a month-long fast) within the Islamic faith and a time for feasting, prayer and rejoicing. Are there young Muslims in your section? How do they celebrate this holiday and what would they like to see at this event? Discuss that Scouting is a worldwide movement made up of members of all faiths and beliefs, and it's important that we celebrate this diversity.

**2** Discuss with your section how they would like to celebrate Eid, for example, by organising a community event. What might they need to consider? Who would come? What refreshments would you offer? Giving to charity is a pillar of Islam so it could be a great opportunity to raise funds for a good cause too.



**3** As a group, identify what roles you might need to make this event a success, such as someone in charge of advertising the event (eg, fliers, posters, social media shout-outs, website updates, local radio mentions) and someone in charge of refreshments, music, decorations or budget. Divide these roles up between the young people and appoint team leaders for each aspect.

**4** Confirm the details of your event, such as date and location, and let your advertising team start promoting the celebrations. Your refreshments team can begin researching what types of food and drink are popular during Eid. There's lots of information to be found online, or why not approach someone from the local Islamic

community for advice and extend an invitation to the event while you're there? Appeal to everyone within the section to contribute a dish.

**5** On the day of the event, everyone should be dressed in their best clothes. Make sure that everyone in your section knows what their duties are. Everyone attending the event should be welcomed with the greeting 'Eid Mubarak' (which means 'blessed celebration' or simply 'happy Eid') and invited to eat, chat and celebrate.

## Take it further

Why not contact your local mosque and arrange a time for you and your section to visit? Is there scope for you and your local Islamic community to work together on a local project? Could you collaborate on this event?