

Eid al - Adha



A resource for schools and parents



Get ready to embark on a journey of faith and celebration as we explore the beautiful meaning of Eid al-Adha!

Did you know?

Eid al-Adha is also known as the Festival of Sacrifice

It's celebrated by Muslims around the world

Eid al-Adha and Hajj are connected.





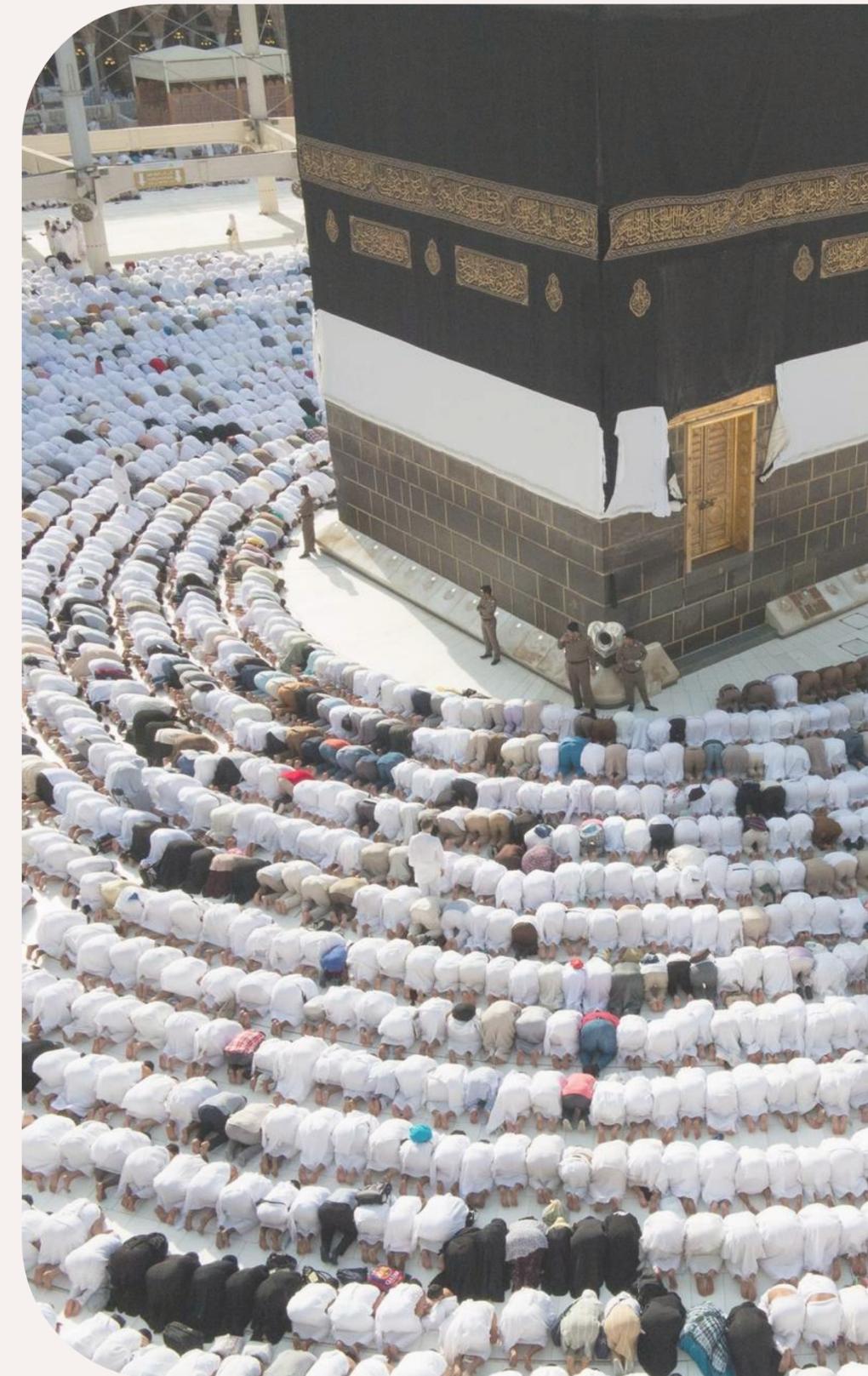
Allah=God

Eid = joy and festival

Adha =sacrifice

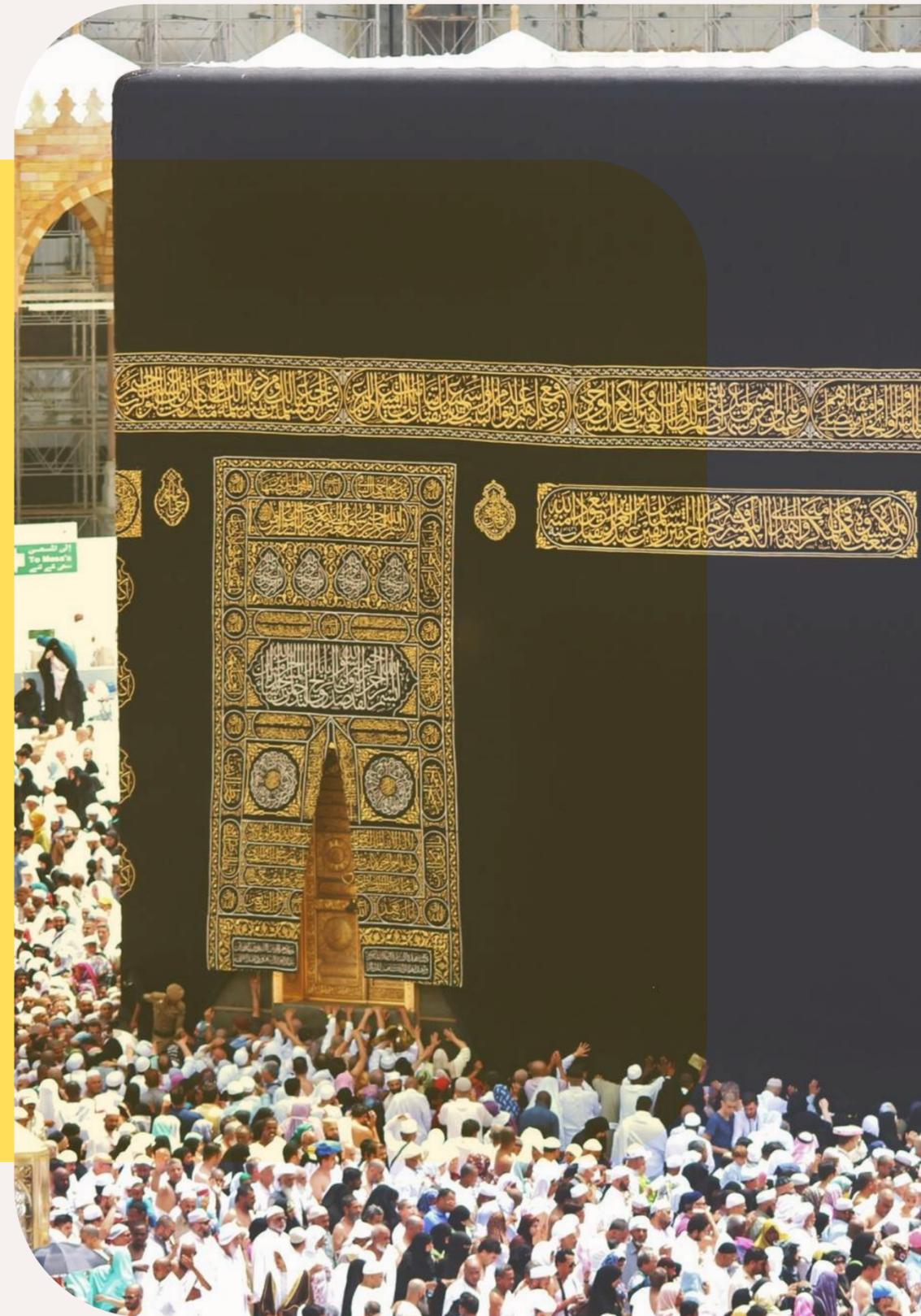
The Kabah

Muslims believe the Kabah was first built by Prophet Ibrahim and his son Prophet Ismail (Ishmael). They built it as a place of worship for people to come together and pray to God.

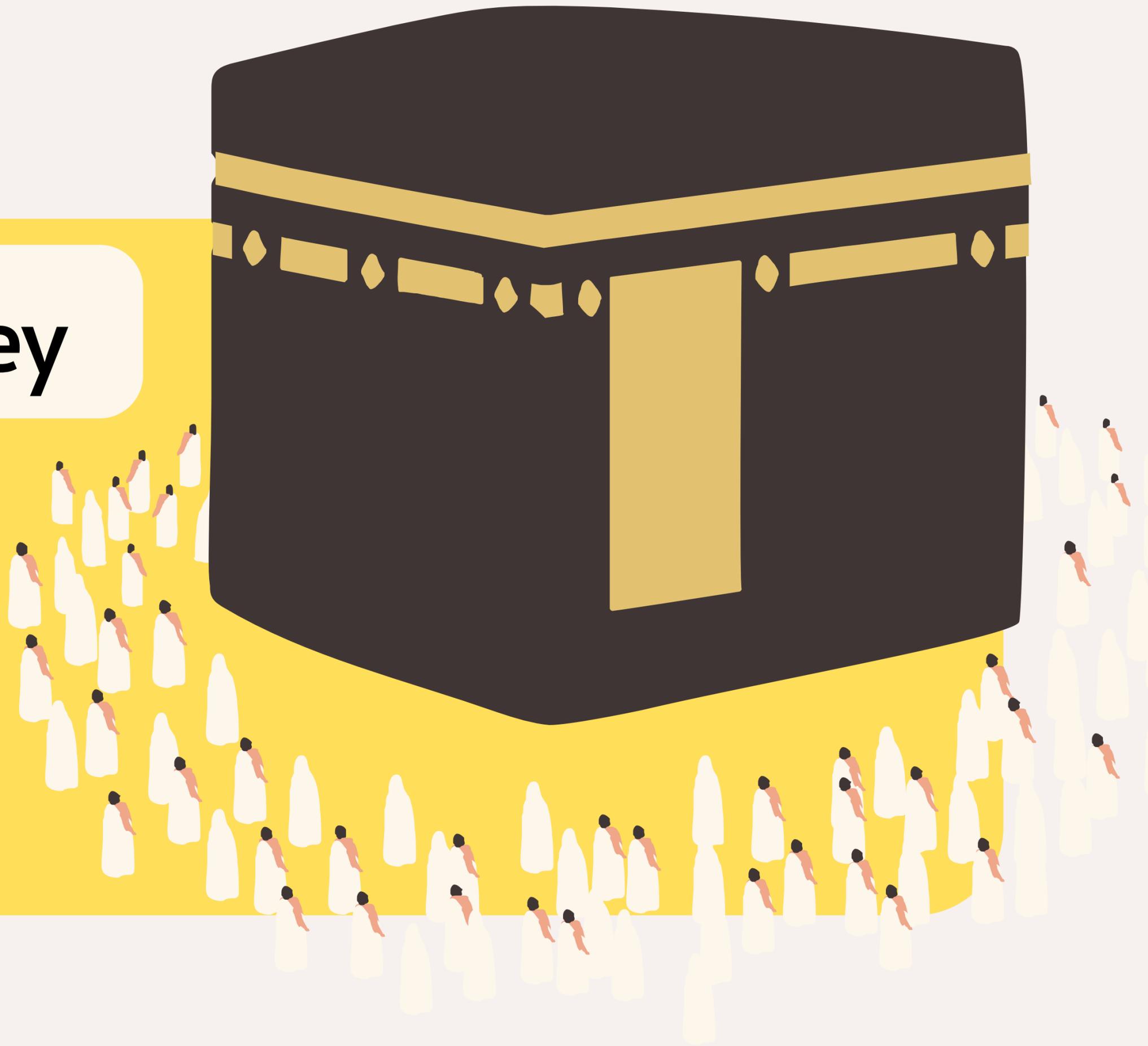


The Kabah

Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) received instructions from God to build the Kabah, and with the help of Prophet Ismail, they constructed it. Muslims face the Kabah when they worship God.

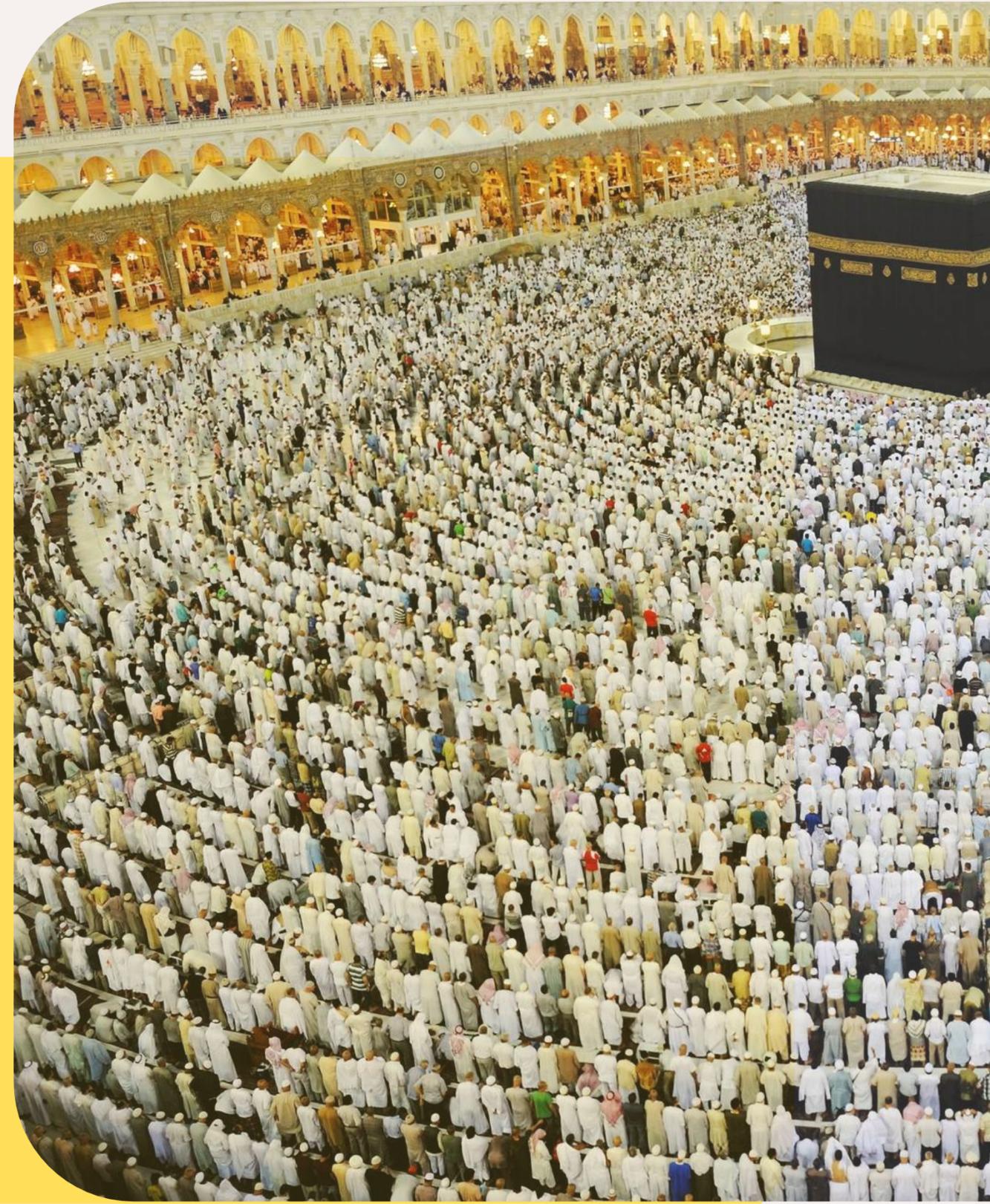


A special journey



What is Hajj?

Hajj is a meaningful journey that Muslims make to the city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia. It is one of the pillars of Islam. Hajj takes place during a specific time of the year, and it is connected to Eid al-Adha in a special way.



What is Hajj?

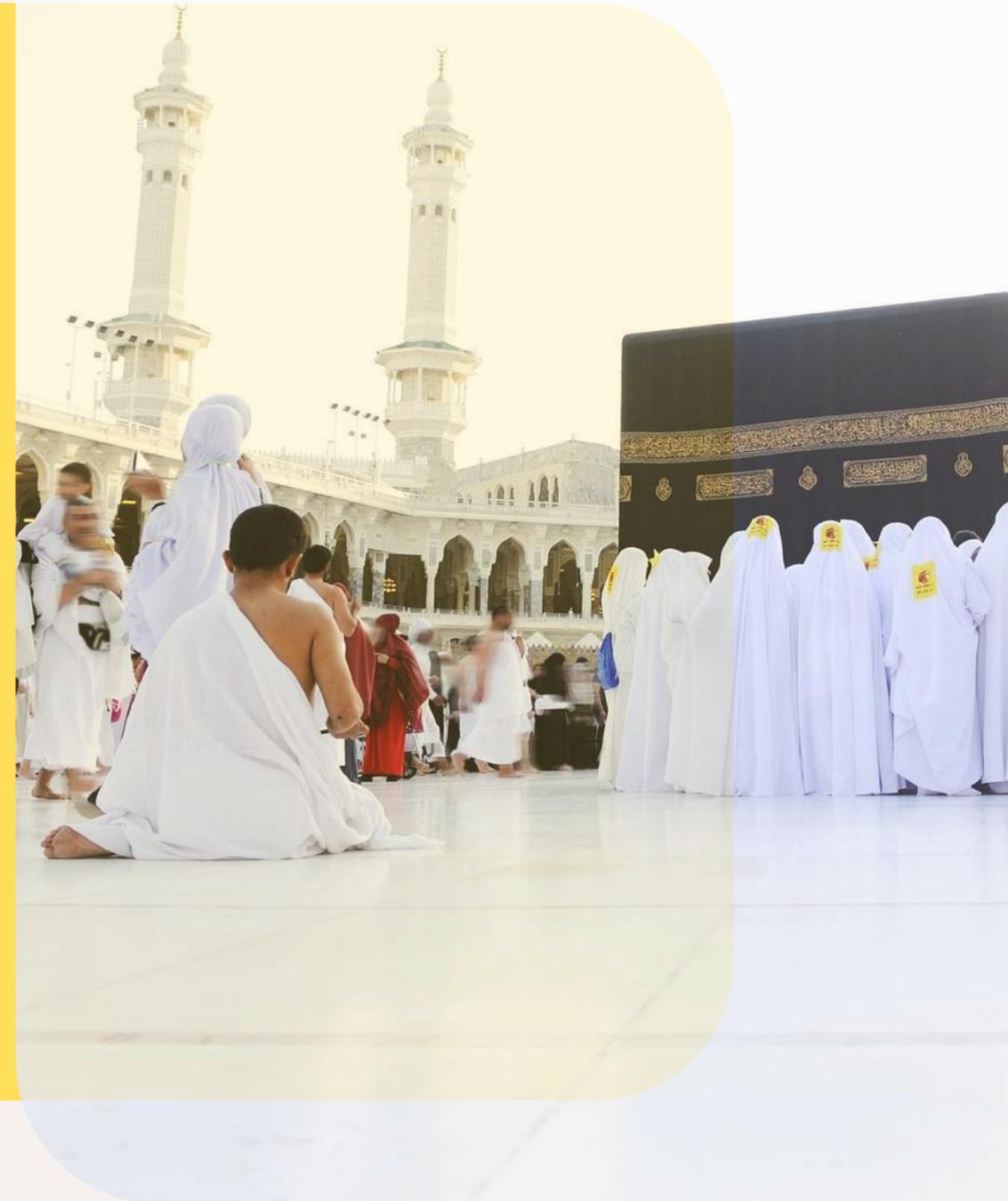
During Hajj, Muslims from all over the world come together to perform specific rituals and worship God. They wear simple white clothes called Ihram, which symbolise equality and unity among all the pilgrims, regardless of their background or social status.



What is Hajj?

One of the key rituals of Hajj is going around the Kabah, the special building we talked about earlier.

Pilgrims walk around it seven times in a counterclockwise direction. This reminds us of the importance of God's guidance and our commitment to following His commandments.



What is Hajj?

Hajj is connected to Eid al-Adha because the last and most important part of Hajj happens during the days of Eid al-Adha. On the first day of Eid al-Adha, the pilgrims gather in a place called Mina and perform a special ritual called "stoning the devil." They throw small pebbles at pillars that represent the devil, symbolising the rejection of evil temptations and staying faithful to God.



What is Hajj?

After that, the pilgrims sacrifice an animal, just like Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) did long ago during Eid al-Adha. This act reminds us of Prophet Ibrahim's devotion and willingness to obey God's command. The meat from the sacrificed animal is then shared with others, especially those who are less fortunate, promoting the values of generosity and sharing.



Hajj and Eid al-Adha

Hajj and Eid al-Adha are closely connected

Hajj is a special journey to Makkah, and it concludes with the celebrations of Eid al-Adha, where Muslims remember the story of Prophet Ibrahim and perform acts of worship and kindness.

It is a time of reflection, unity, and gratitude for the blessings of God.

A deeper look

Eid al-Adha commemorates the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) (Abraham) to sacrifice his son (Ismail) as an act of obedience to God.



A story with deep meaning

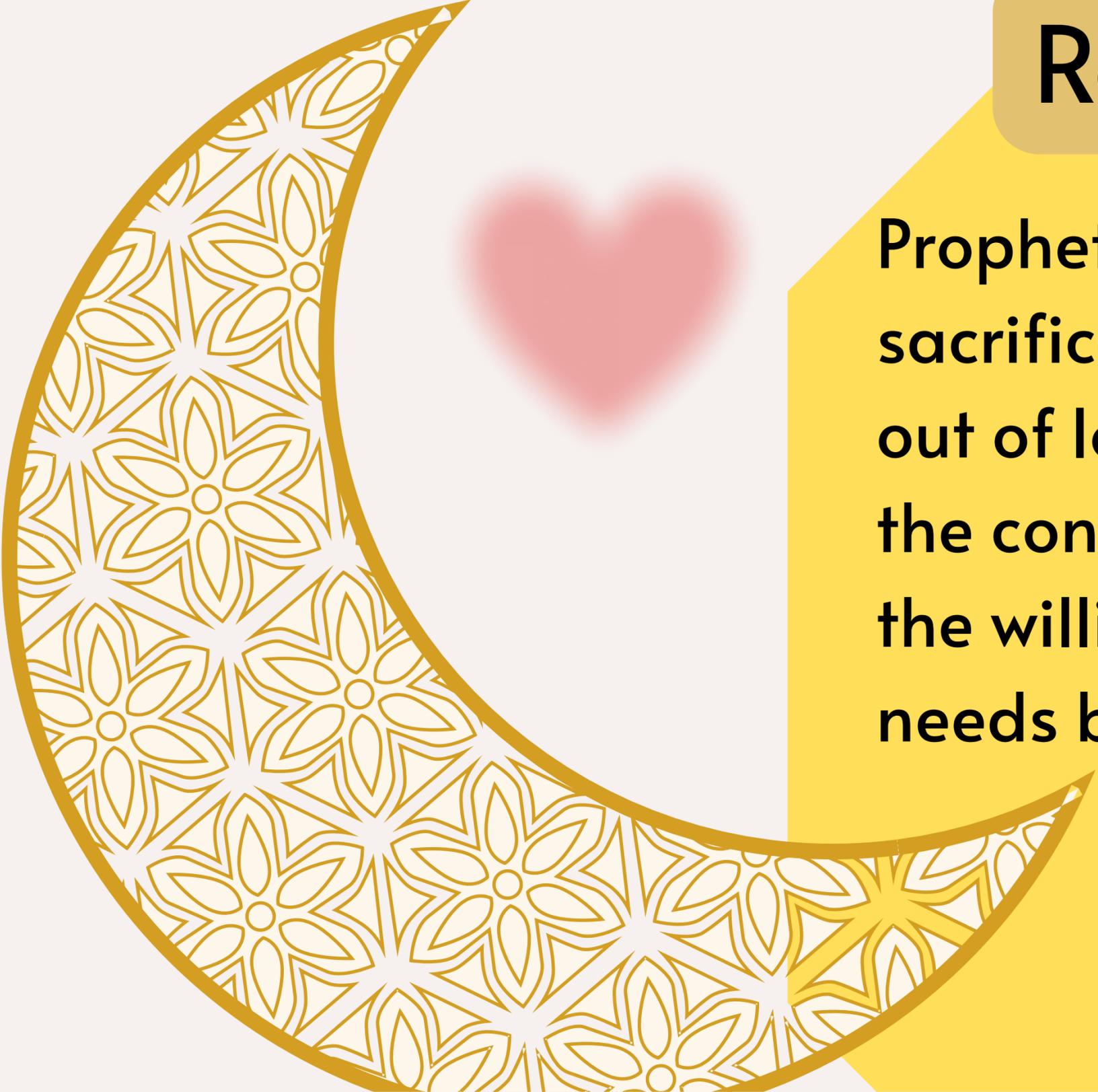
However, at the last moment, God replaced his son with a sheep, sparing the Prophet Ismail's (peace be upon him) life.



Sacrifice

Eid al-Adha helps us understand the importance of sacrifice.

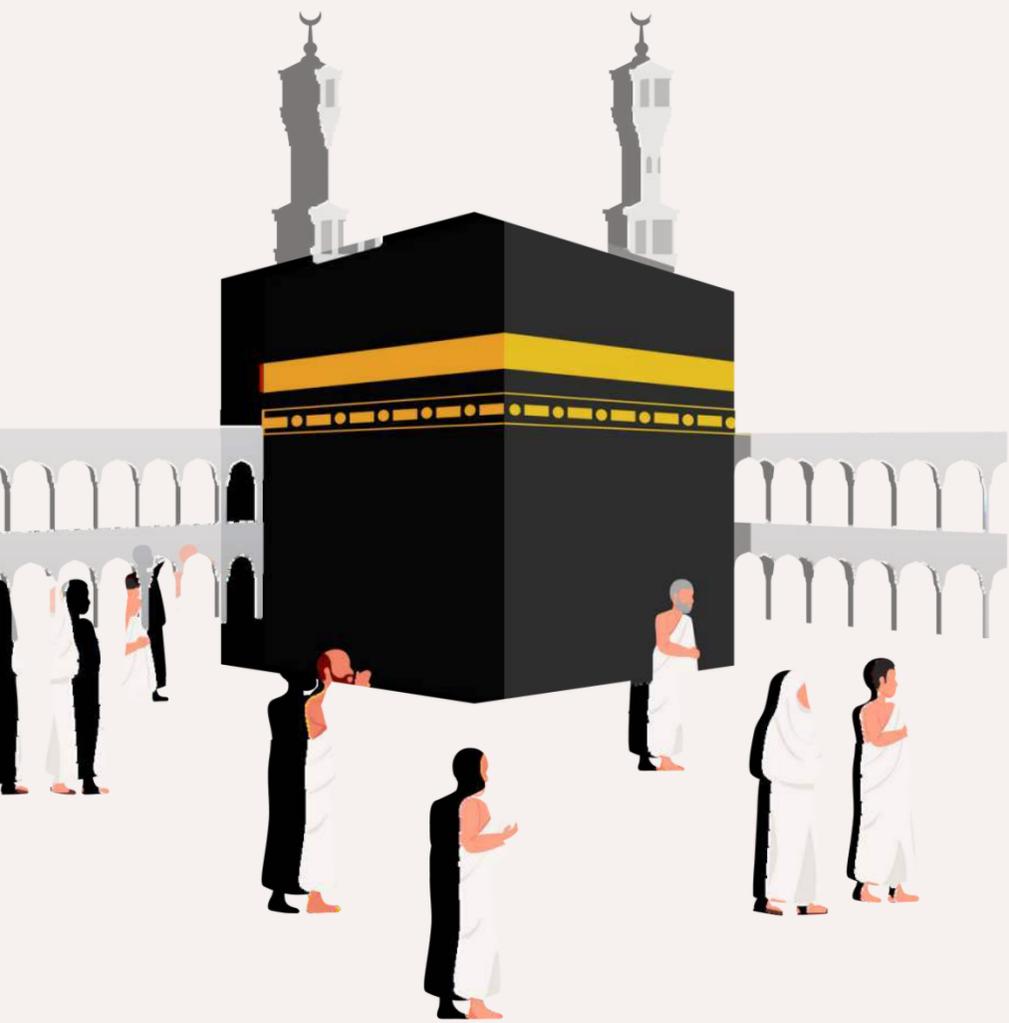




Real Love

Prophet Ibrahim was willing to sacrifice something dear to him out of love for God, highlighting the concept of selflessness and the willingness to put others' needs before our own.

Devotion



Eid al-Adha holds historical significance as it tells the story of Prophet Ibrahim's (Abraham) devotion to God.

It provides us with an opportunity to learn about the values of faith, obedience, and trust in God's guidance, serving as an important moral lesson.

Symbolism of Sacrifice



Sacrifice during Eid al-Adha symbolises Prophet Ibrahim's (peace be upon him) willingness to obey God's command, showcasing the importance of trust and devotion in our relationship with God.

Symbolism of Sacrifice

The act of sacrifice represents selflessness and putting others before ourselves, teaching us about the value of considering the needs of others and promoting empathy and compassion.



Spiritual Reflection

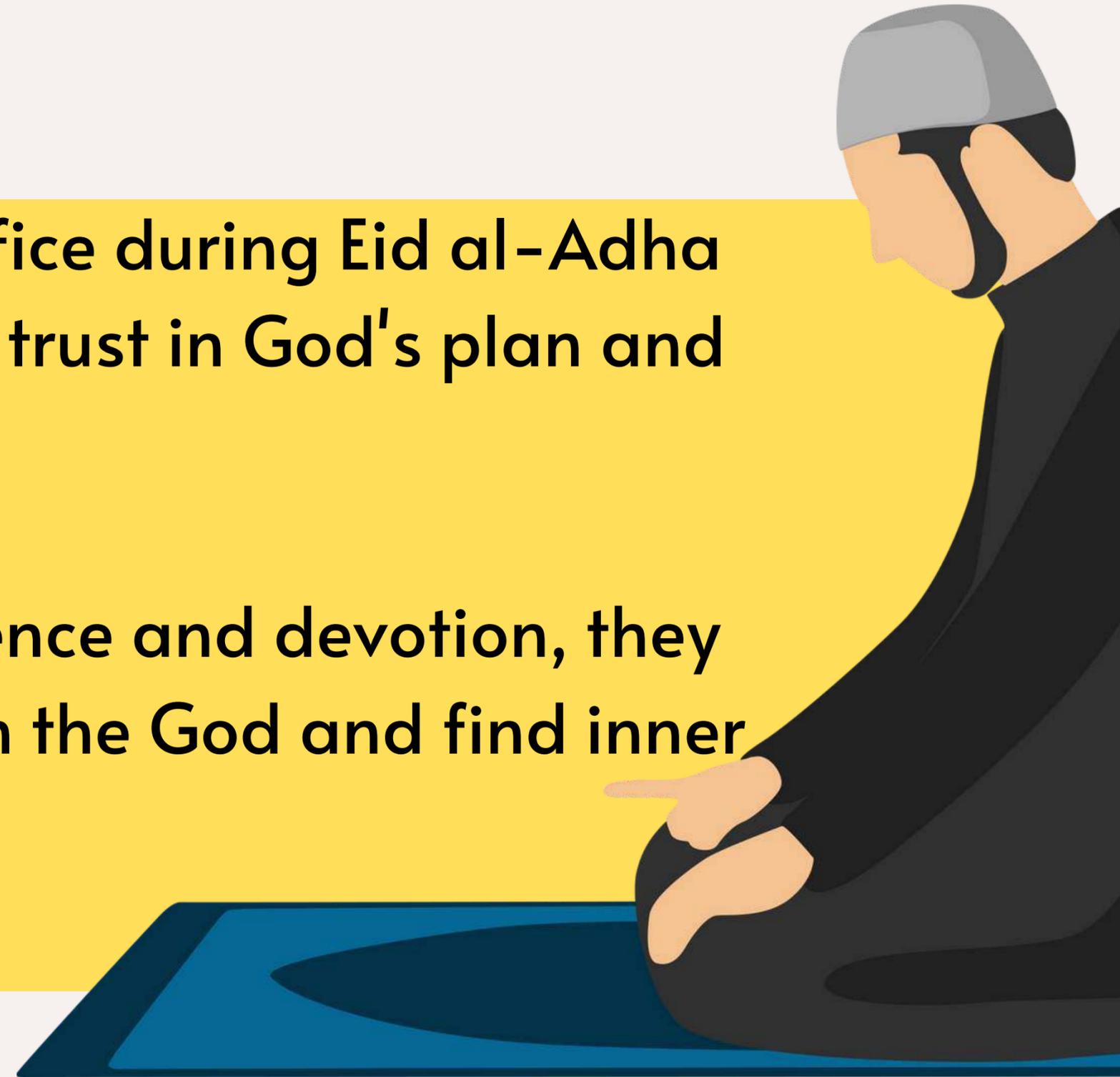
Eid al-Adha provides a time to reflect on faith and commitment to God. It encourages Muslims to think about their actions and how they can be better by practising kindness, honesty, and generosity in their daily lives.



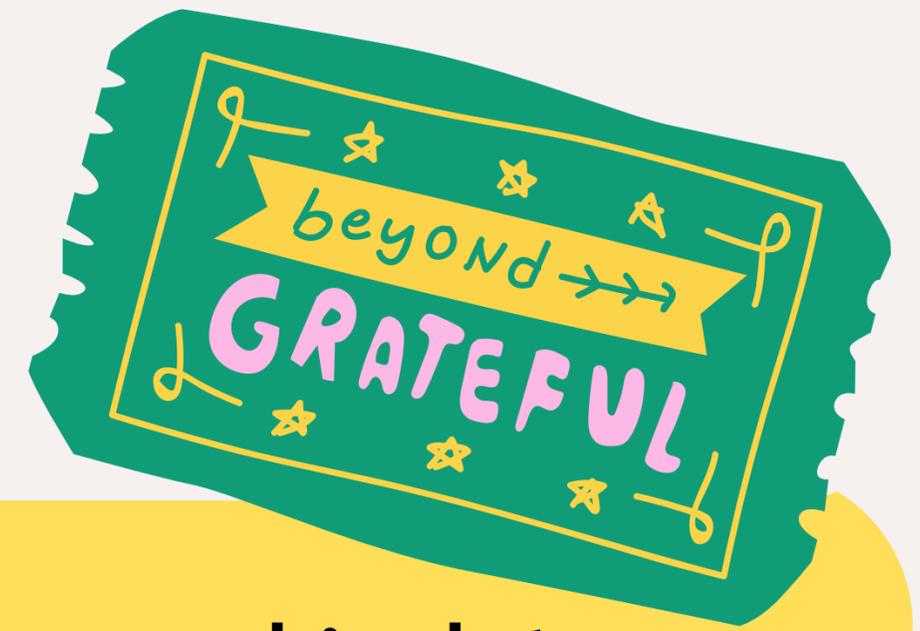
Stronger connection

The story of Prophet Ibrahim's sacrifice during Eid al-Adha serves as a reminder for Muslims to trust in God's plan and have faith in His guidance.

It teaches them that through obedience and devotion, they can strengthen their connection with the God and find inner peace.



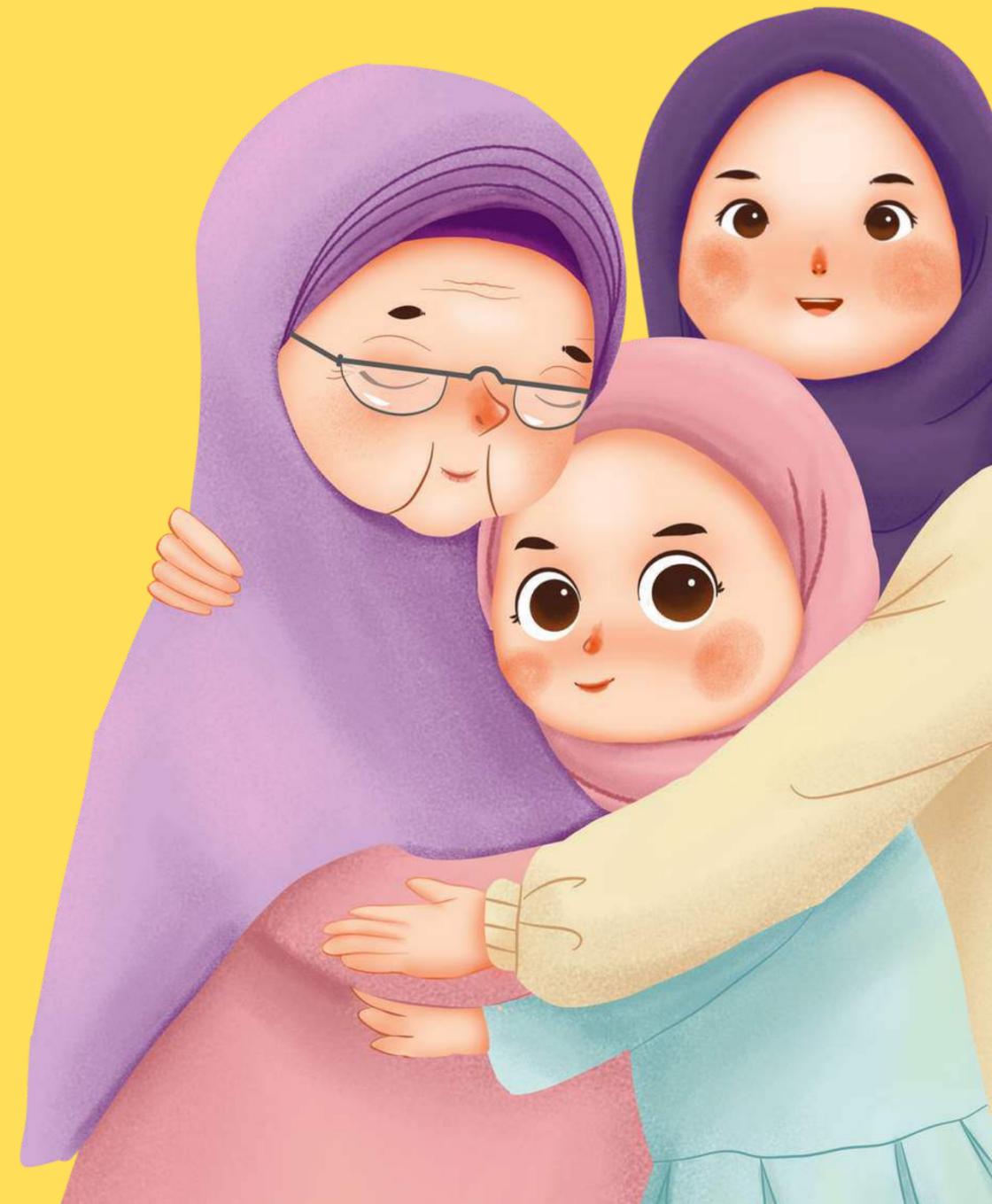
Gratitude



Eid Al Adha encourages Muslims and all mankind to reflect on the blessings they have in their lives and express gratitude to God. It helps them develop a sense of appreciation for the things they often take for granted, such as their family, health, and access to education, fostering a positive and grateful mindset.

Selflessness

Eid al-Adha emphasises the importance of sharing and generosity. We learn that the sacrificial meat from Eid al-Adha is divided into three parts: one for the family, one for relatives and friends, and one for the less fortunate. This act of sharing teaches the value of selflessness and helping those in need.



Sharing and Generosity

Everyone participates in acts of generosity during Eid al-Adha by giving gifts to their loved ones and those in need. This teaches us the joy of giving and the importance of showing kindness and appreciation towards others.



Care about everyone

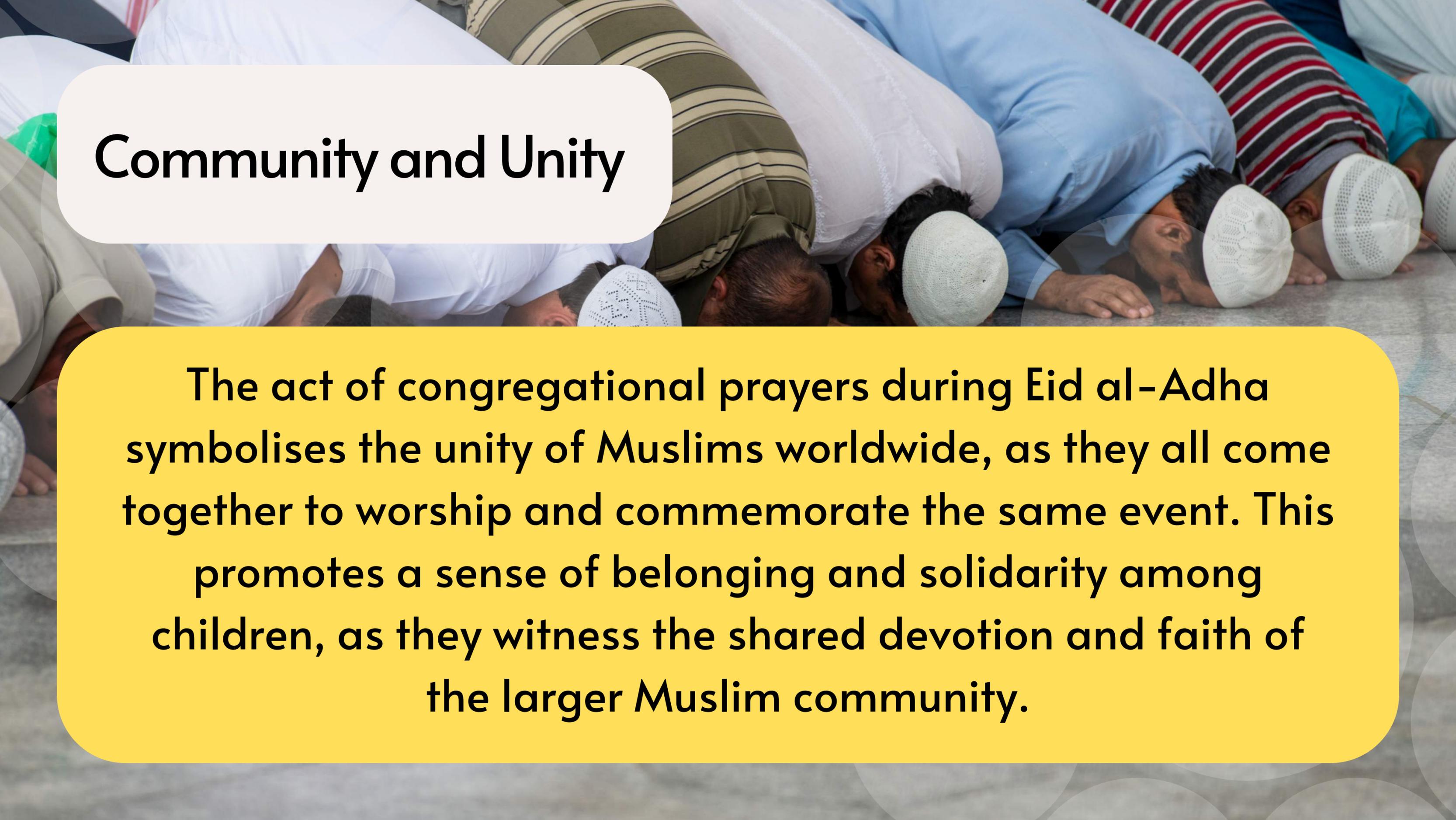
Through sharing and generosity during Eid al-Adha, we learn the significance of building a caring and inclusive community. They understand that by extending a helping hand to those who are less fortunate, they can create a society where everyone is valued and supported.





Community and Unity

Eid al-Adha brings together Muslims from diverse backgrounds, fostering a sense of community and unity. People gather in mosques, open spaces, and homes to perform prayers and celebrate together, reinforcing the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.



Community and Unity

The act of congregational prayers during Eid al-Adha symbolises the unity of Muslims worldwide, as they all come together to worship and commemorate the same event. This promotes a sense of belonging and solidarity among children, as they witness the shared devotion and faith of the larger Muslim community.

Kindness



Eid al-Adha encourages us to engage in acts of kindness and service towards others. Muslims participate in charitable activities, donate to the less fortunate, and visit family and friends, which strengthens community bonds and promotes a spirit of cooperation and compassion.

Celebration and Festivities

Eid al-Adha is a joyous celebration filled with fun and festivities for all.

Muslims dress up in their finest clothes, often wearing new outfits, to mark the special occasion and showcase their cultural traditions.



Celebration and Festivities

Families gather to share
festive meals, which
include traditional dishes



Celebration and Festivities



Children in particular enjoy exchanging gifts and receiving presents during Eid al-Adha. It is a time of generosity and showing appreciation for one another.

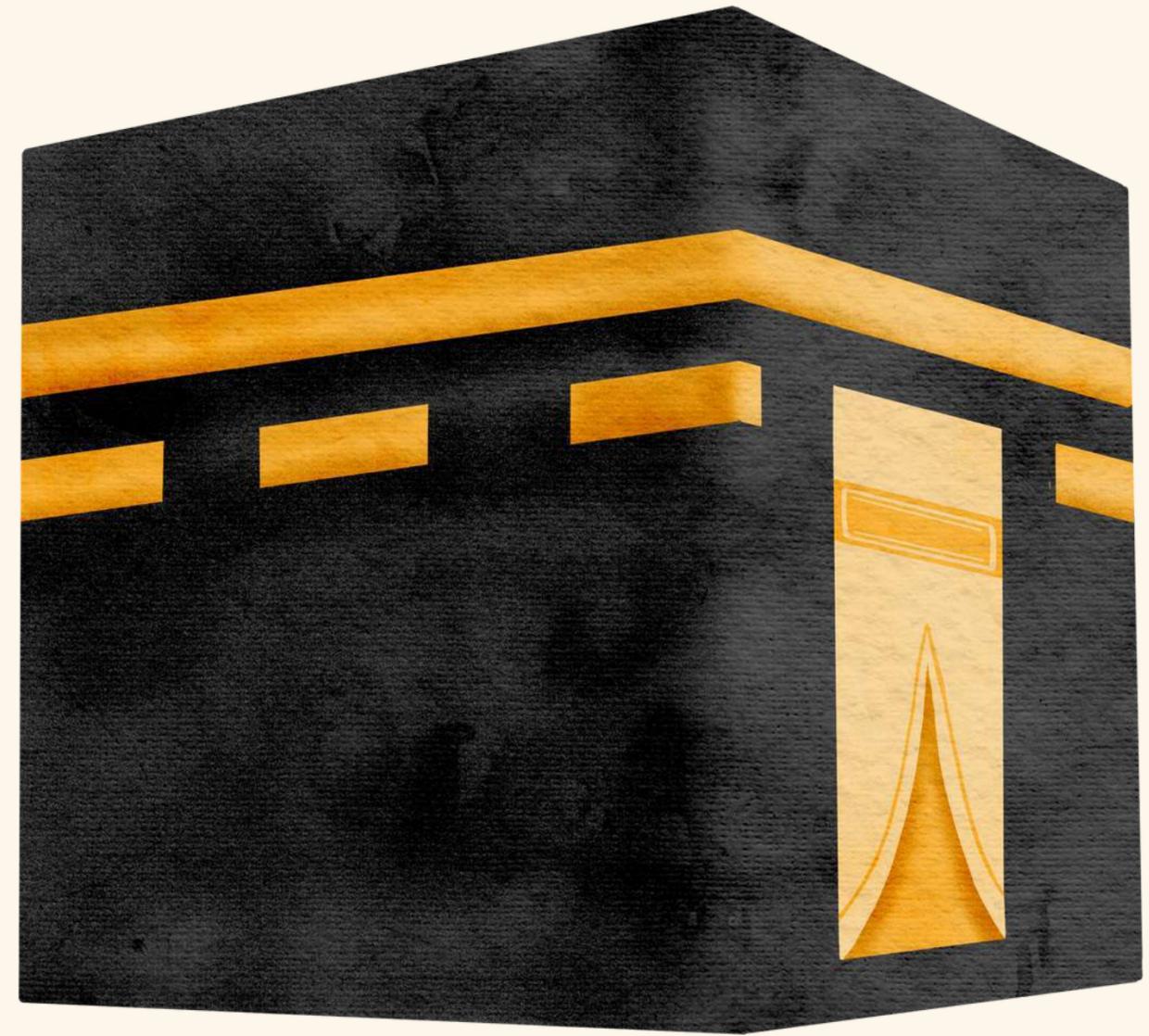
Key message

The main message behind Eid Al Adha is to think about the sacrifice Prophet Ibraheem (peace be upon him) was able to make he had a deep trust in God. He was willing to give up what he loves.



Remembering God

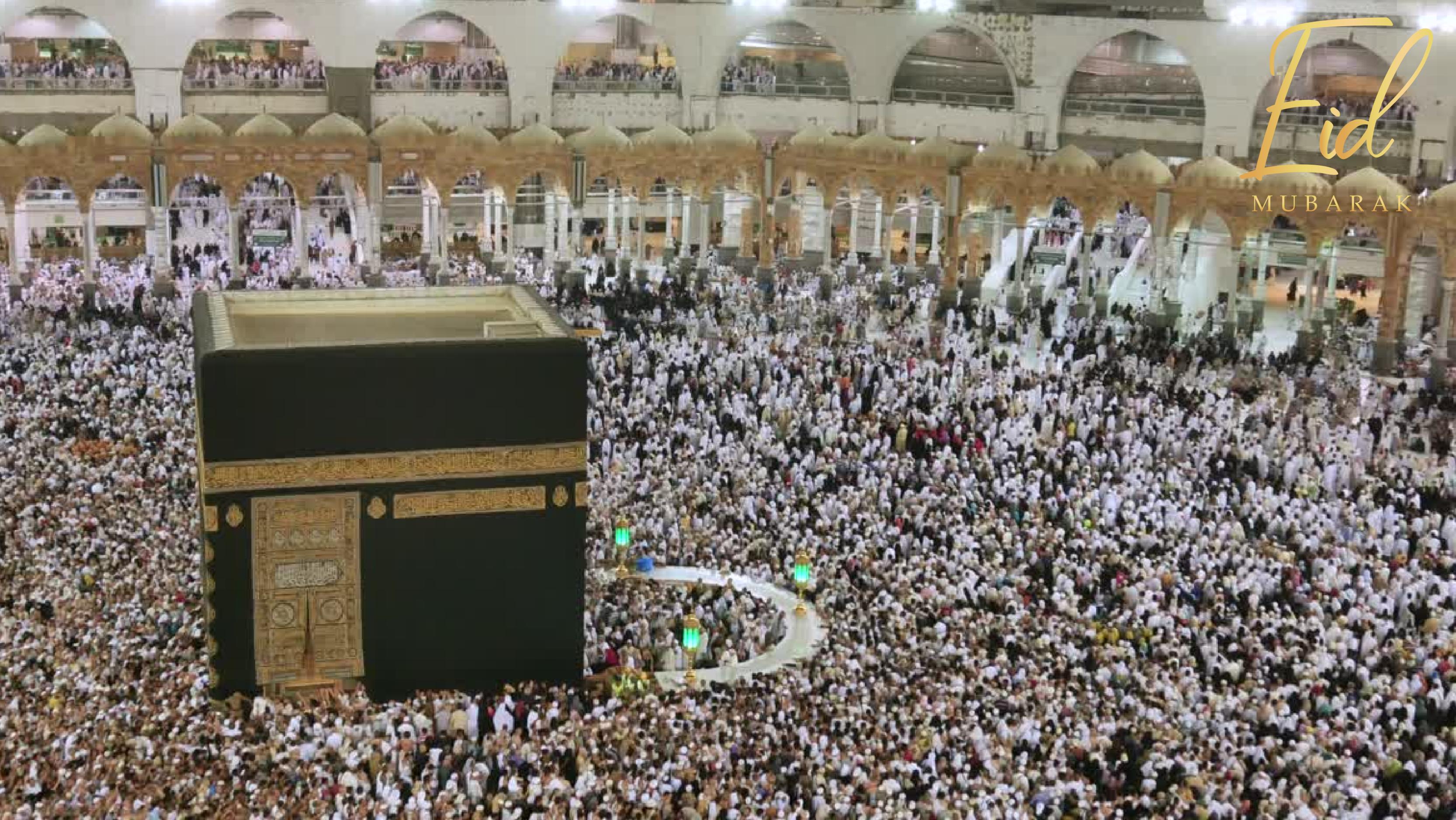
Muslims believe that remembering God is a continuous part of life which brings peace. Eid Al Adha is a way of remembering blessings God has given us and the story of Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail (peace be upon them). It makes us motivated to also give up things we love in this life, like material items for others.



Think about this

**What can be more valuable than
the willingness to give up a giving
up your son?**





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How about you?

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Can you give up something you love for others and God's pleasure to mark the occasion of Eid al Adha?



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