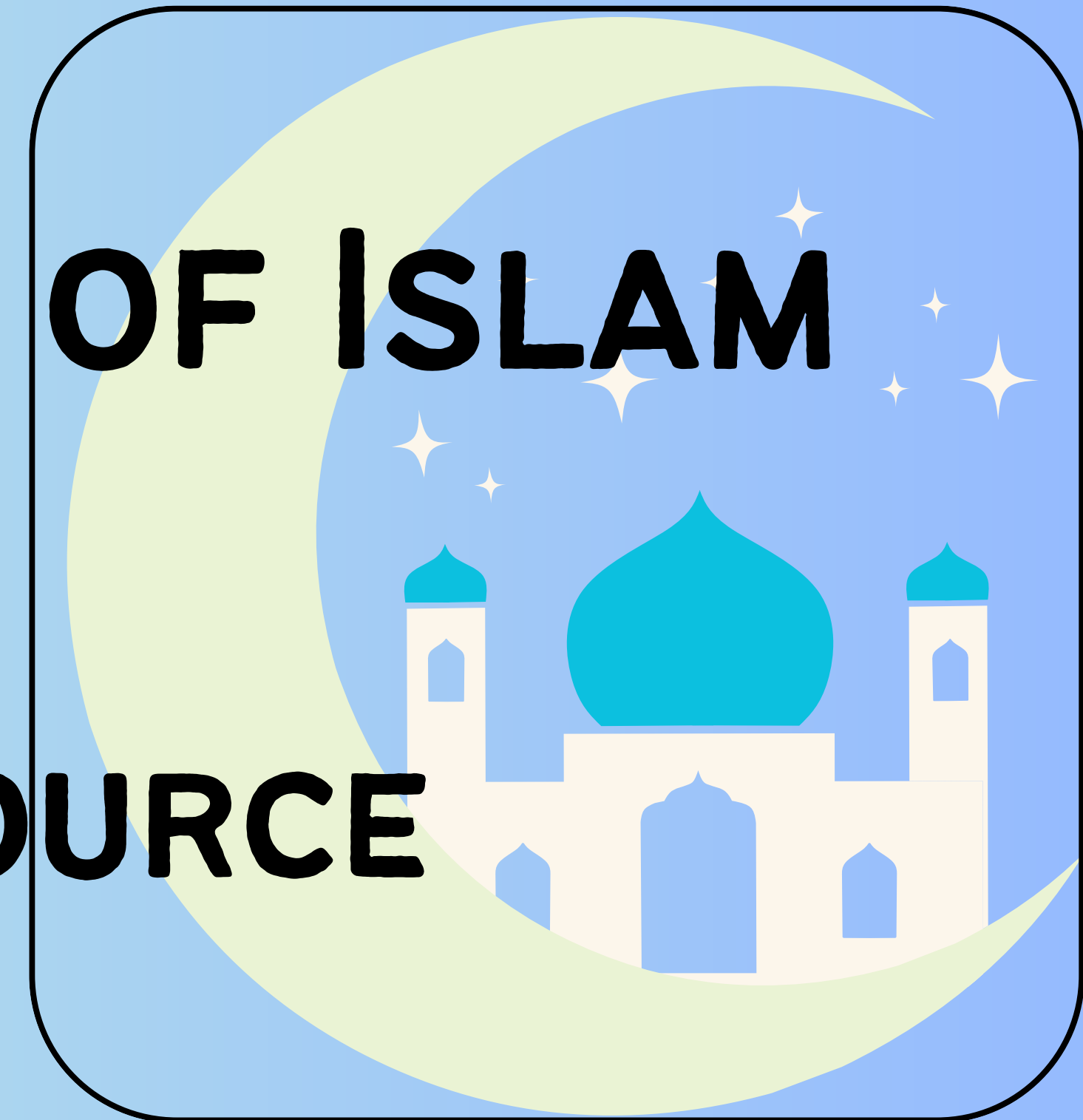


THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

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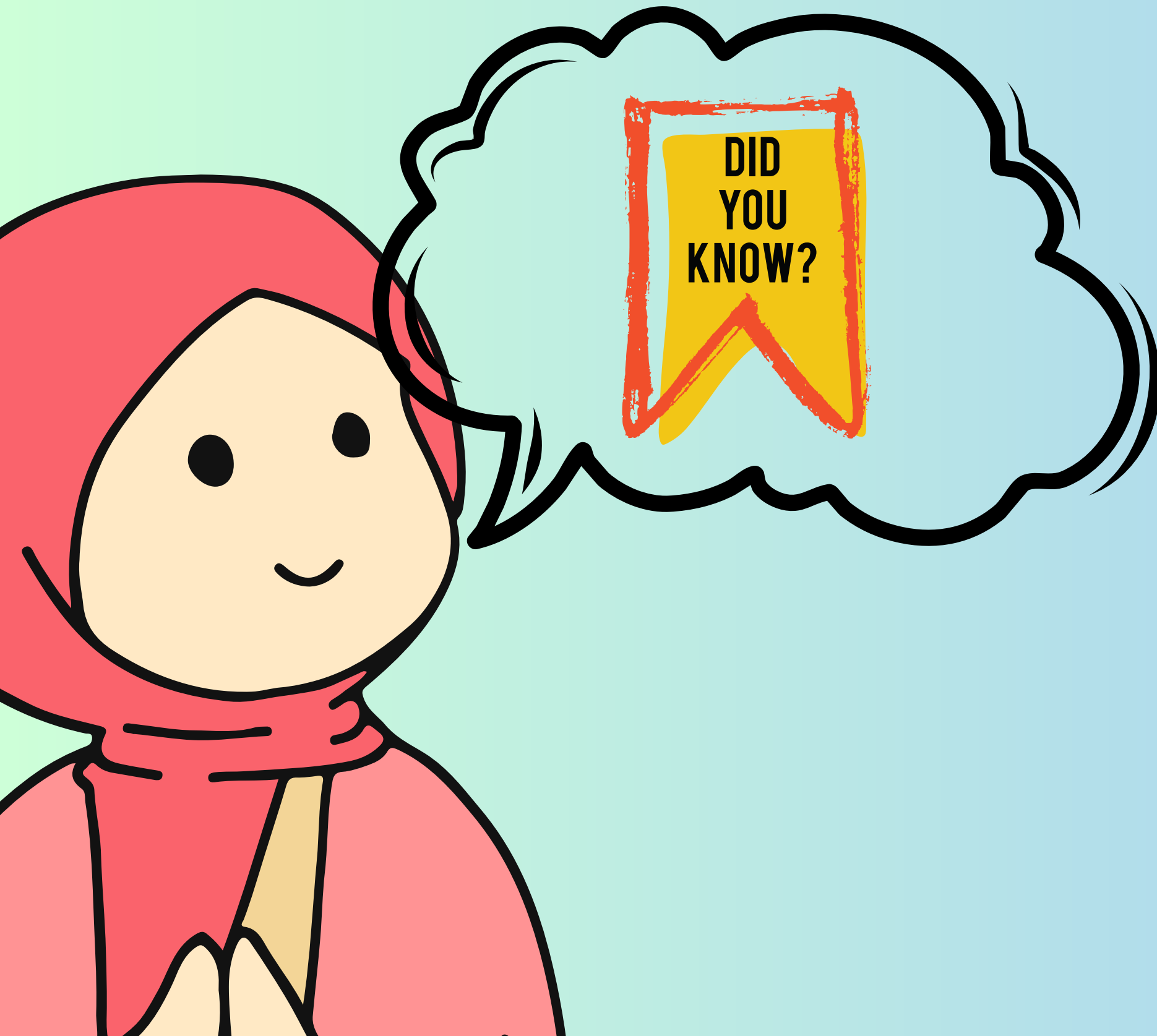
INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM

The Five Pillars of Islam are the basis of the Islamic faith. Every Muslim believes in another more permanent life after they die in this world. They believe they will go back to their Creator. The five pillars keep them firm on this path and the goal of paradise and meeting their Lord.

Islam means submission and all these pillars are an act of submission to God.

The five pillars:

- Vital for spiritual growth
- Strengthen the Islamic community
- Align Muslims with their faith and building piety
- Acts of obedience to God
- Fulfilling the purpose of being created



WHAT ARE THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM?

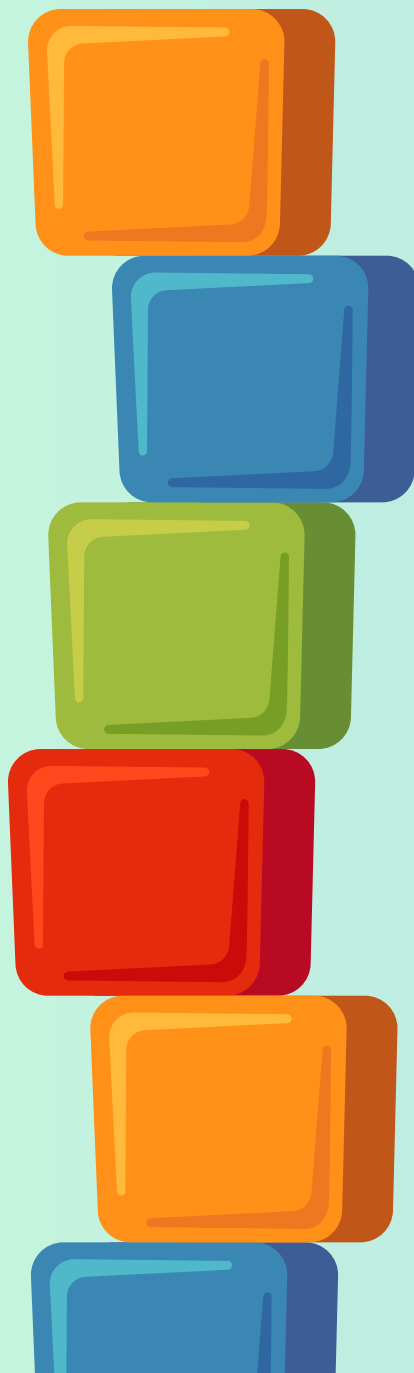
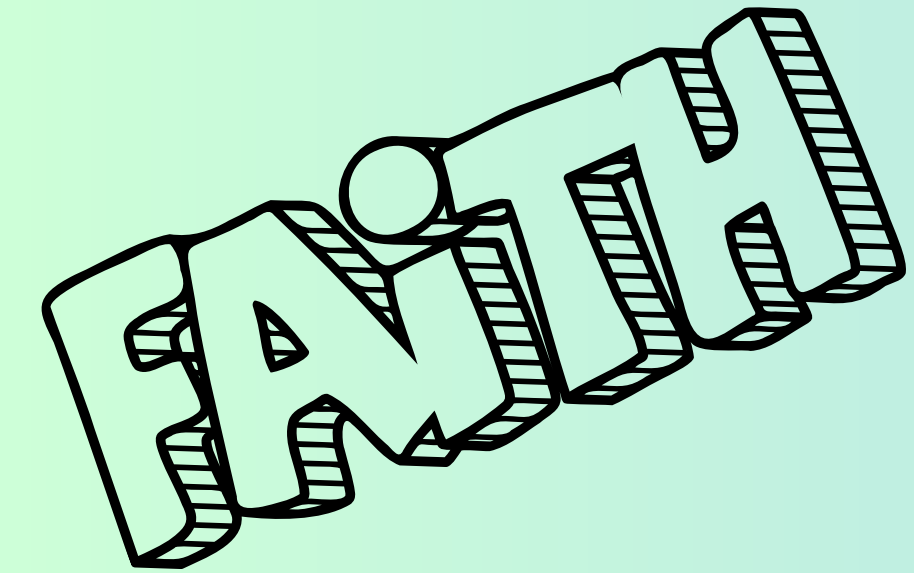
The Five Pillars of Islam are:

- Shahada (faith)
- Salah (prayer)
- Zakat (charity)
- Sawm (fasting)
- Hajj (pilgrimage)

Each one has its importance and significance in Islam.

Do you know why they are important?





These pillars are like the building blocks of the Islamic faith, and they are super important! Islam means 'submitting to God,' and all these pillars are special ways to show how much you love and follow God.

Muslims believe that these pillars are like important rules given by God to help people become better people, and live meaningful lives while fulfilling the purpose of being created.



"And I did not create Jinn and mankind except to worship Me." (51:56)

THE FIRST PILLAR:

SHAHADA/DECLARATION

“THERE IS NO GOD WORTH OF WORSHIP OTHER THAN GOD AND MUHAMMAD IS THE FINAL MESSENGER OF GOD.”

Shahada is the declaration of faith in one God and the acceptance of Muhammad as his prophet.

It is the foundation of Islamic belief and the first of the Five Pillars of Islam.



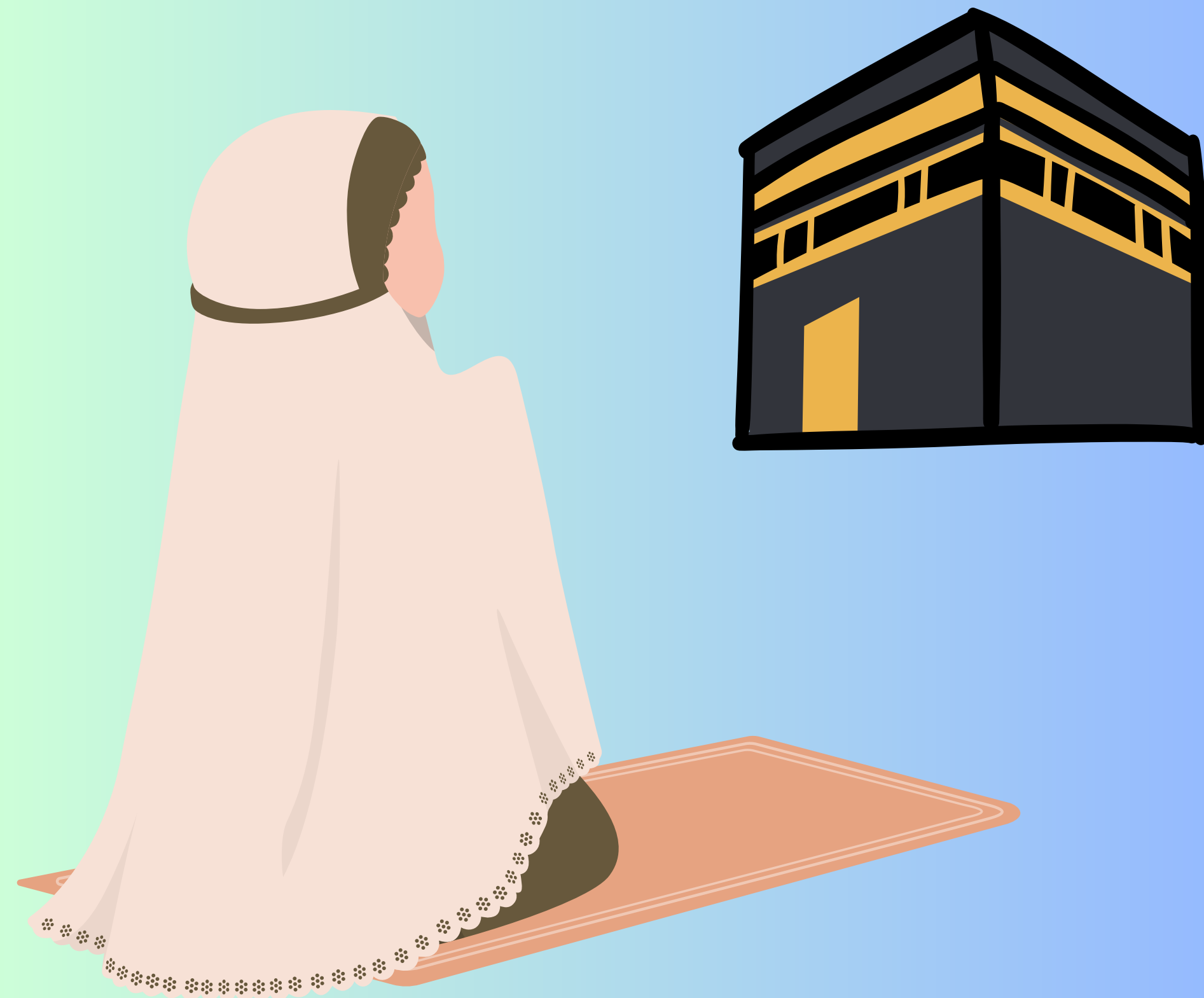


FACTS ON SHAHADA/DECLARATION

- Acknowledging the oneness of God
- The foundation of Islamic belief
- These simple words recited make you a Muslim
- Muslim means submission to God (listen and obey Him as best as you can)

THE SECOND PILLAR:

SALAH



Salah is the second Pillar of Islam, which means prayer. The prayer is direct communication with God. It brings calm and peace. It also keeps Muslims connected to their Creator.

Muslims are required to pray five times a day, facing the Kaabah in Mecca.

Prayer times are determined by the position of the sun and can be found in a prayer timetable.

THE THIRD PILLAR:

ZAKAT/CHARITY

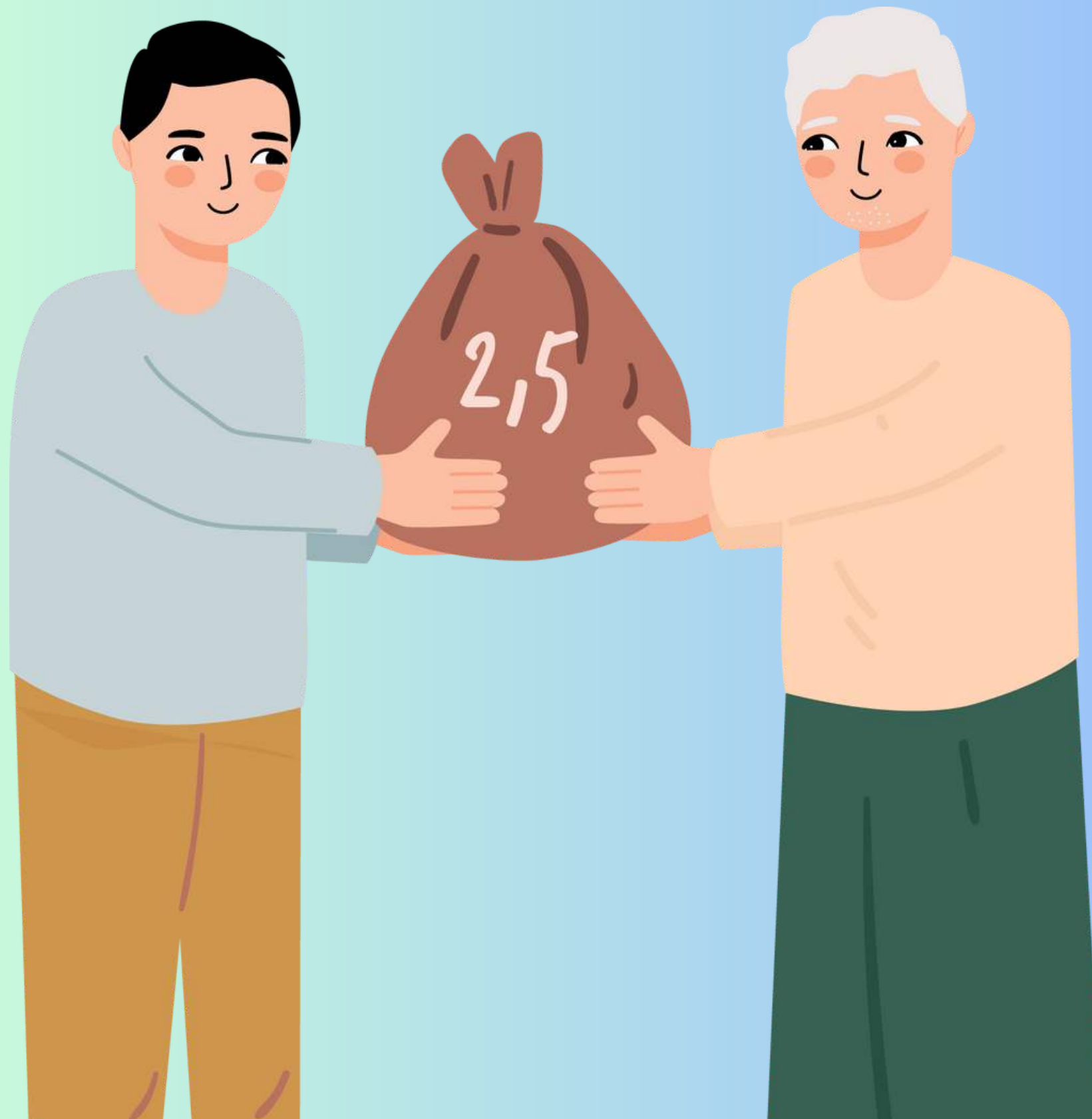


Zakat is the third pillar of Islam.

Muslims who meet certain criteria are required to give a portion of their wealth to those in need.

Zakat looks after the community and fellow human beings who are not as well off.

Zakat is like a special way to make your money pure and to say 'thank you' to God for all the good things in your life.

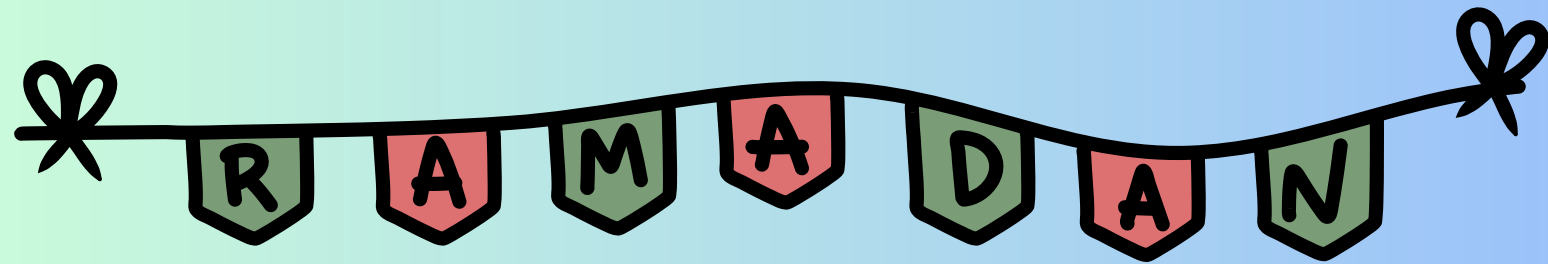


FACTS ON ZAKAT

- Mandatory charity
 - 2.5% of savings and assets annually (after you have spent for your own needs then you share this amount with those in need)
 - Supports those who are less fortunate
 - Promotes social justice
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THE FOURTH PILLAR:

SAWM: FASTING



Sawm is the fourth pillar of Islam.

Muslims all over the world fast during the month of Ramadan for 30 days to try and become closer to God and more righteous.

Fasting teaches self-discipline and empathy for those less fortunate.



"Oh you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous."
(2:183)



FACTS ABOUT FASTING

- Fast from sunrise to sunset
 - Reflects self-discipline and spiritual growth
 - More aware of what you say and do (God-conscious)
 - Ramadan: Ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar
 - Fasting has health benefits
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THE FIFTH PILLAR: HAJJ

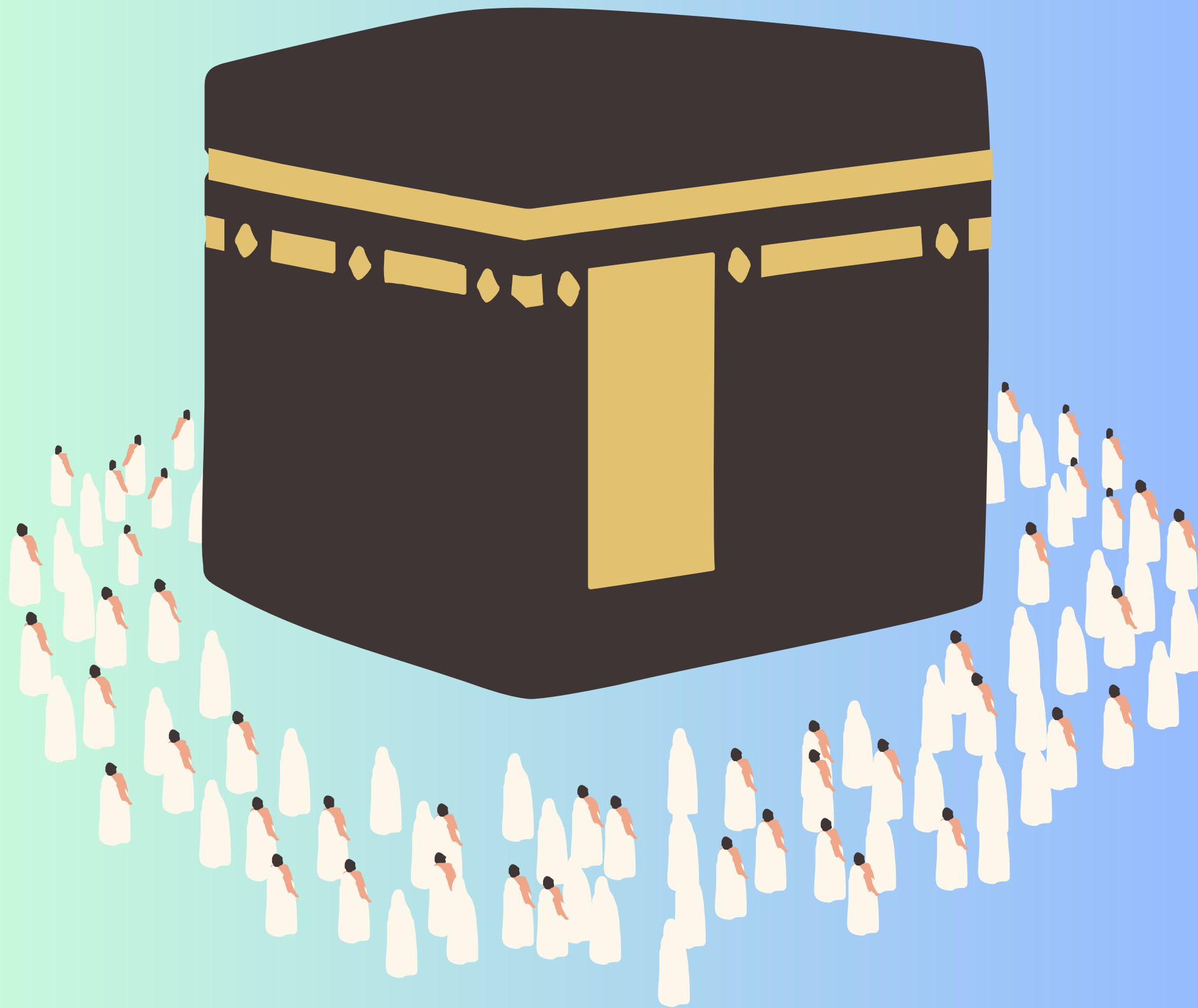


Hajj is the fifth and final pillar of Islam.

Hajj is a pilgrimage to Mecca that every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it must make at least once in their lifetime.

During Hajj, you refrain from bad deeds and ask for forgiveness from God.

Hajj takes place during the Islamic month of Dhu al-Hijjah.

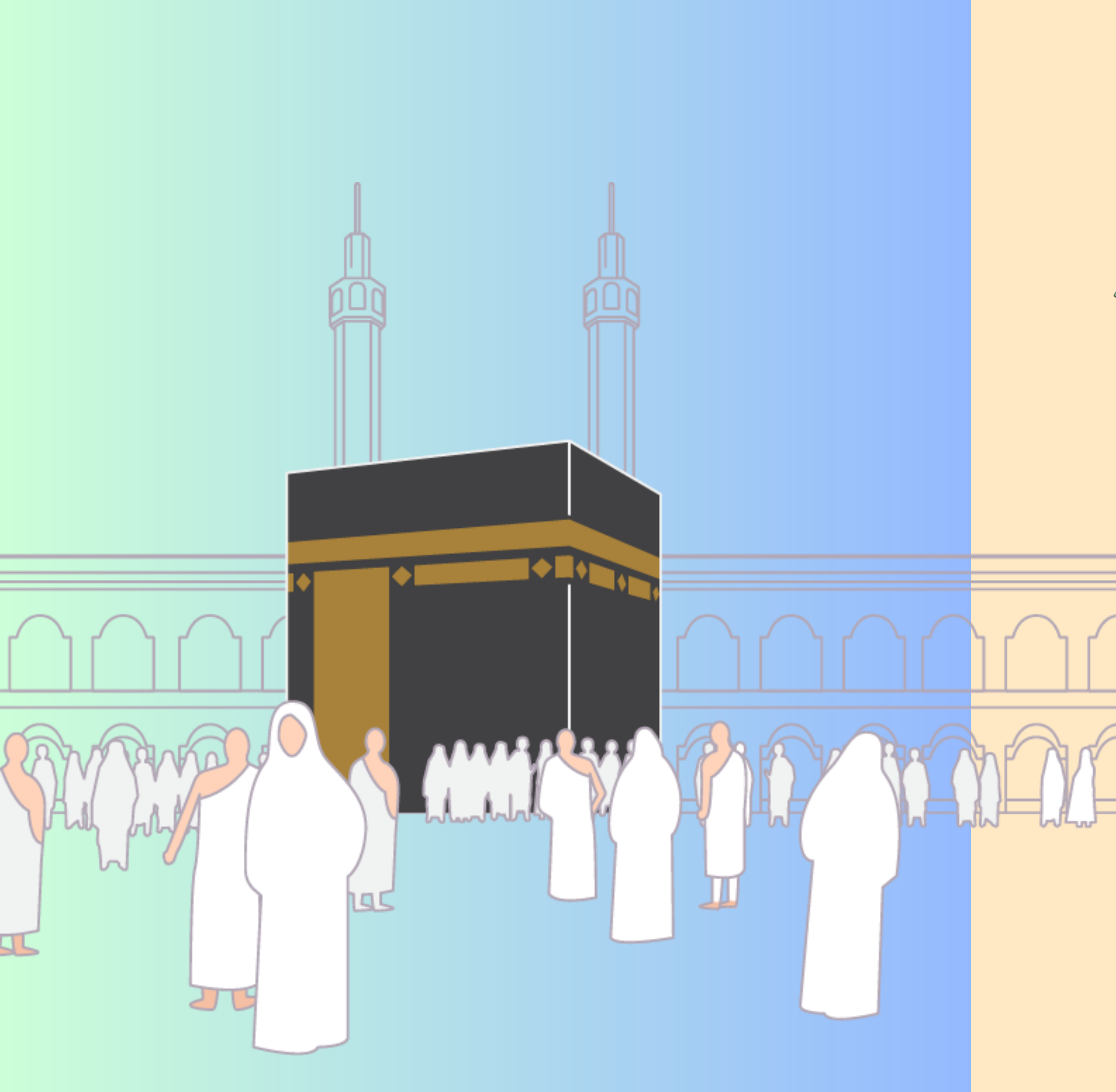


FACTS ABOUT HAJJ

- Obligatory pilgrimage once in a lifetime
- Spiritual and physical journey to Mecca
- Rituals and significance based on the Prophets Abraham, Ismail and Muhammad (peace be upon them all)
- Unity of Muslims
- Equality
- People using wealth to perform Hajj for the sake of God
- Hajj is a means to forgiveness

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE UPON HIM) SAID,

"WHOEVER PERFORMS HAJJ AND DOES NOT COMMIT ANY OBSCENITY OR TRANSGRESSION WILL RETURN [FREE FROM SINS] AS HE WAS ON THE DAY HIS MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO HIM." (SAHIH AL-BUKHARI)



HAJJ

"In it [the Hajj] are clear signs [such as] the standing place of Abraham. And whoever enters it shall be safe. And [due] to God from the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find there to a way..." (3:97)



SUMMARY

Five Pillars are not just rituals but fundamental acts of submission and devotion to GOD, which lie at the heart of Islam.



THANK YOU FOR LEARNING ABOUT THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM WITH US!

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