

Theme: Ramadan

Story time: 30-35 minutes, Craft: 10-15 minutes, Total time: 40-45 minutes

Outline of Activities:

- Welcome / Introduction (1 minute)
 - Storytime develops early literacy skills and fosters a love of language and books.
 - It encourages children to make connections between the stories and the world around them
 - helps increase attention spans while providing young children with early group experiences.
 - It offers opportunities for children and their caretakers to bond with one another as well as to develop a relationship with a children's librarian.

- Opening Song (2 minutes)
 - **Marhaba (Hello) Friends (w/ASL)**
 - Marhaba Friends

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It's Time to Say Marhaba

- Story time behavior expectations (1 minute)
 - We understand that some of our little ones might get fussy and need a stretch so if that does happen we ask that you step outside so that your child can get all their wiggles put and then please do bring them back inside because storytime is just not the same without you.
 - We ask that you keep your child within arm's reach at all times to avoid accidents.

- **Book #1:** Ilyas and Duck Ramadan Joy

- Puppet time (Ramadan drummer)
 - What is Ramadan About?
 - A Muslim holiday during which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset
 - They eat a pre-dawn meal called suhoor and will not eat anything else until the end of the day. When the sun sets, they will eat Iftar. They will do this for 30 days
 - After Ramadan comes a BIG celebration called Eid-UI-Fitr

- Ramadan is a month of giving, practicing patience, doing a lot of reflection, reading the Quran (the Muslim Holy Book) and practicing gratitude.
 - Ask Children:
 - What are some of your favorite things to do during Ramadan?
 - What are some acts of kindness we can do during Ramadan?
- **Book #2:** Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes
- **Book #3:** Puppet Show (Ramadan drummer) - Storybook: Ramadan Around The World
 - Ramadan is celebrated ALL around the world at the same time
 - Discuss diversity and importance of welcoming all races, ethnicities and skin colors into our celebrations
- Closing Song & Show Craft (2 minutes)
 - **Ma-Asalama (Goodbye) Friends (w/ASL)**
 - Ma-Asalama Friends

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It's Time to Say Ma-Asalama
- Craft Time (10-15 minutes)
 - Ramadan Lantern
 - Ramadan Countdown garland