

Exploring Why



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About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love exploring the places where they live and the places they go to visit. They enjoy playing 'I Spy' to help them get to know these places better. In the *Exploring Why* series Aled and Siân are curious to find out why some of the things around them are important to their Christian, Jewish and Muslim friends.

The series takes seriously the social significance of religion and is based on extensive research into how children learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live.

To support this storybook series, there is a large range of free downloadable resources for children and teachers available at hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources and st-marys-centre.org.uk

The storybooks and activities are devised for 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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Titles in the *Exploring* Why series are:

Bread Cross Light Menorah Veil Water Symbols of Faith





Aled and Siân are playing 'I spy'. Today they are looking for different ways of using water. I wonder how many different ways of using water they will see and where they will see them.



What can you see in the bath? What do you have in your bath?



How do you check that the bath is not too hot?



Where do you see water in the kitchen?



What do you see in the fridge? What do you have in the fridge at home?



What is Mr Roberts doing in the garden?



Why does Mr Roberts use a watering can when he plants seeds? Have you helped in the garden?



What do Aled and Siân see in the river? Why is it not good to drink water from a river?



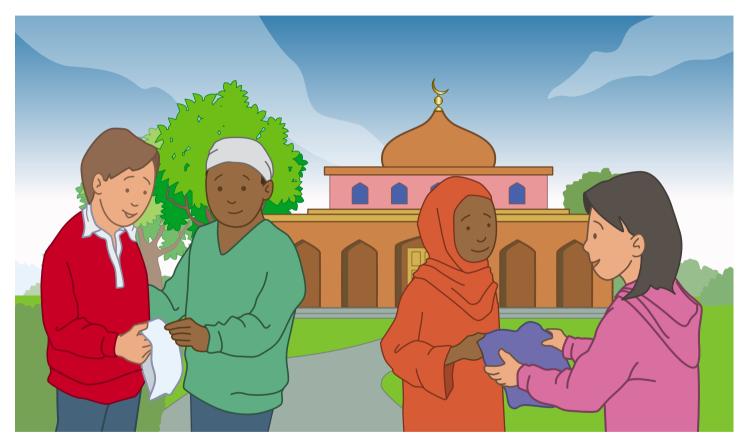
How are the different people using the river?



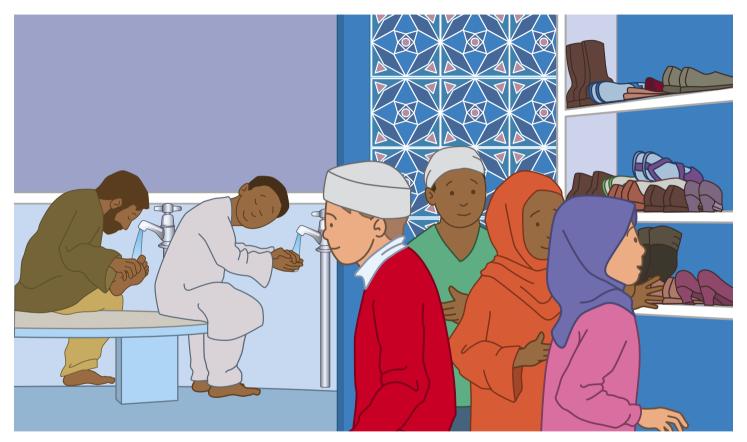
What kinds of buildings do you see?



For what special times do you wash your hands and face?



How do Ahmed and Salma help Aled and Siân get ready to go into the mosque?



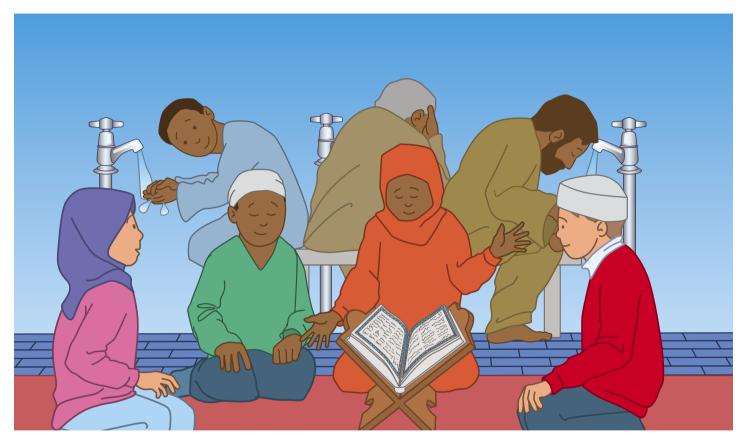
What do you see inside the mosque? How many people do you think there are in the mosque?



Where is the Qur'an?



How do Ahmed and Salma show that the Qur'an is special to them?



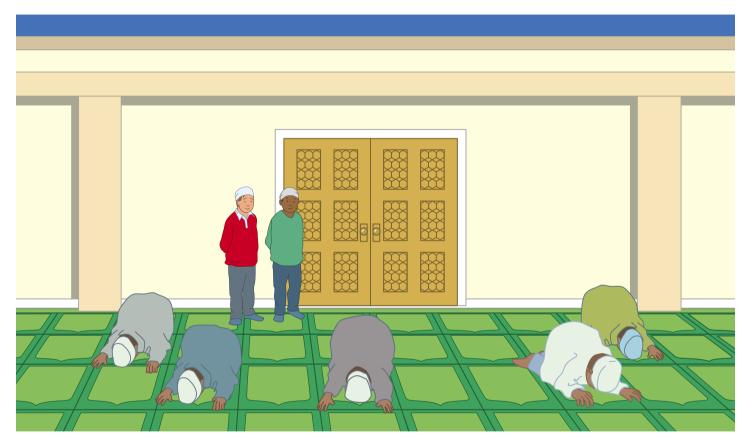
Why is the Qur'an special to Ahmed and Salma?



Can you touch your hands, mouth, nose, face, arms, head and feet?



What do you see in the prayer hall?



What are the men doing in the prayer hall?



Why do people pray together in the mosque?



What would the world be like without water?



What have Aled and Siân learned about water?

Aled and Siân are playing 'I Spy' and today they are looking for 'Water'. They find water in all kinds of places around where they live. When Aled and Siân visit their friends, Ahmed and Salma, they start asking an important question – "I wonder why water is so important for Muslim prayer?" With the help of Ahmed and Salma, Aled and Siân begin to find some answers.

