

It's Ramadan!

Daily Activities for Ramadan

Shaban 28 - 30

The Approach of Ramadan; Sighting the Moon



Today's Quote:

“When there comes the month of Ramadan,
the gates of mercy are opened,
and the gates of Hell are locked
and the devils are chained.”

Narrated on the authority of
Abu Hurayrah (radiallahu anhu)
(Saheeh Muslim, #2361)

Goals:

To prepare for Ramadan; learn about the phases of the moon and how to tell when Ramadan begins and ends.

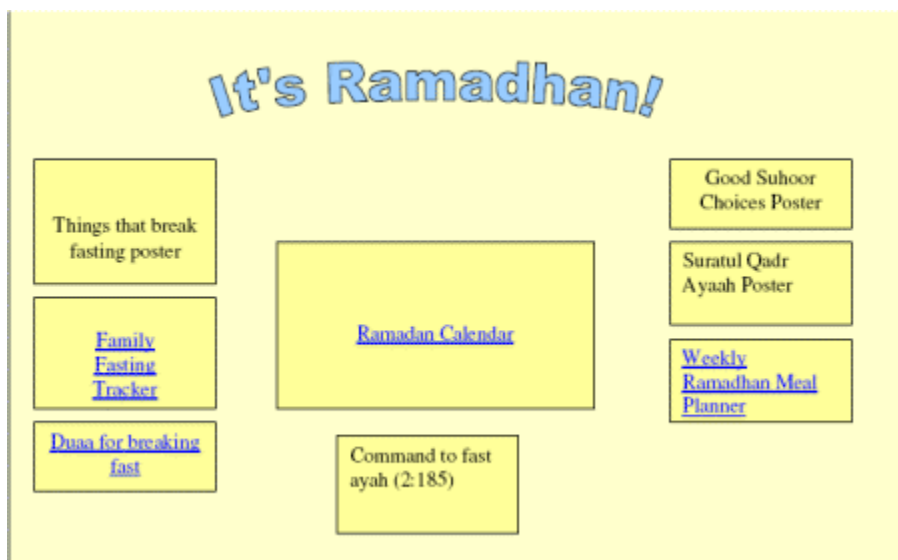
Overview of Today's Activities:

- Activity 1: Make a Ramadan Bulletin Board
- Activity 2: Listen to audio lectures about Preparing for/the Approach of Ramadan
- Activity 3: Learn about the phases of the moon
- Activity 4: Language Connection
- Activity 5: Ramadan Coloring Page
- Activity 6: Arts and Crafts
- Activity 7: Cooking: Crescent Shaped Cookies

Activity 1: Make a Ramadan Bulletin board

A Bulletin board is a handy place to put all sorts of useful Ramadan goodies.

Sample Bulletin Board Layout
Included are some suggestions for things you can add.
Be creative and personalize it to fit your family.



Ramadan Board Attachment ideas:

Ramadan Calendars:

- [Ramadan Blank Calendar](http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/RamadanBlankCalendar.pdf)
- [Ramadan Calendar I - Ramadan Crafts](http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/ramadancrafts_ramadancalendarI.htm)
- [Ramadan Calendar II - Ramadan Crafts](http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/ramadancrafts_ramadancalendarII.htm)

(or make your own)

Family Fasting Tracker:

Keep track of the days everyone has fasted

<http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/FamilyFastingTracker.pdf>

What Breaks the Fast Reminder Poster

<http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/WhatBreakstheFast.pdf>

Duaa for Breaking Fast

<http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/Duaa2breakfast.pdf>

Suratul Qadr Poster

<http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/SuratulQadr.pdf>

Command to Fast Poster

<http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/command2fast.pdf>

Artwork and crafts made during Ramadhan

Activity 2: Preparing for Ramadan

Read or listen to and discuss the following article and/or audio:

Approach of Ramadhan

<http://www.troid.org/ibaadah/ramadaan/the-approach-of-ramadaan.html>
by Shaykh 'Abdullah Ibn Saalih al-Fawzaan

Preparation for Ramadan

by Shaykh 'Abdullaah Ibn 'Abdur-Raheem al-Bukharee
<http://www.troid.org/ibaadah/ramadaan/preparation-for-ramadaan.html>

📖 Older Kids:

Take notes on the above article and lecture and make a “Preparing for Ramadhan” Poster to hang on the bulletin board.

📖 Younger Kids:

With parents or siblings' help, make an illustrated “Preparing for Ramadhan” Poster for the bulletin board.

Activity 3: Science: Learn about the phases of the moon

We know that Ramadan (or any Islamic month) begins when we sight the new or crescent moon.

Learn about the phases of the moon and how to tell when the new month starts through the following activities and sites:

Facts about the moon's phases:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/time/moon/phases.html>

Phases of the moon diagram for each month in 2006-2007:

http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/interactives/moon/moon_worksheet/moon_worksheet.html

Make your own Lunar Calendar:

http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/interactives/moon/moon_worksheet/moon_worksheet.html

Take the Moon Challenge Drag and drop the moons to the correct place in the lunar cycle:
http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/interactives/moon/moon_challenge/moon_challenge.html

Diagram of the different moon phases around the Earth:
<http://www.hermit.org/Eclipse/Graphics/diagrams/SolSysPhases.png>

Animation showing the different moon phases around the Earth:
<http://www.sumanasinc.com/webcontent/anisamples/astronomy/moonphase.html>

DLTK's Moon Phases Crafts (ages 2-8)
<http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/moon/mphases.htm>

Moon's Life Cycle: Hover over each of the cycles to see what the moon looks like at that time.
<http://home.hiwaay.net/~krcool/Astro/moon/moonlif.htm>

MacGraw Hill School: links and lessons about the moon and its phases, 1st grade level
<http://www.macmillanmh.com/reading/2005/teacher/teachres/tes/activity.php3?story=47>

How long does each phase of the moon last?
http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2004_march.shtml

Phases of the Moon (NASA):

<http://lunar.arc.nasa.gov/science/phases.htm>

Moon Phase Activity from NASA for older kids

<http://education.jpl.nasa.gov/educators/moonphase.html>

Moon Phase Shockwave Presentation: <http://lunar.arc.nasa.gov/science/exp2.htm>

Moon Images from NASA http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_moon_images.shtml

Sight the Moon Project:

Make a telescope with a cardboard tube. Decorate, and try to sight the moon each night before Ramadan begins.

Make Moon Phase diaries to record what you observe.

Older kids: http://magaxp1.msfc.nasa.gov/outreach/girlscouts/moon_phases.html

Younger kids: http://magaxp1.msfc.nasa.gov/outreach/girlscouts/smpl_moon_chrt.html

Continue with your diary throughout Ramadan, insha Allah.

Activity 4: Language Connection

English

- Writing: Discuss and copy today's quote neatly. Younger children can copy letters or words from the quote.
- Writing: Write the following words in sentences: month, gate, mercy, opened, locked, chained
- Grammar: Have student tell the part of speech of each word listed above
- Listening/Spelling: Dictate words from the quote for spelling. Have student practice with words he/she does not know how to spell. (See TJ's Language Arts spelling page on the main TJ site for practice activities).
- Reading: Have older children do repeated reading on quote to increase fluency, insha Allah. Younger children can tell you the names of letters and/or sounds in select words.
- Phonics: Review the sounds of wh, ck, ch, th, a_e, er, ai
- Grammar: Teach/review subject/verb agreement with forms of verb to be: is/are.

- Give student sentences with verb missing and have him fill in with the correct form of "to be"

Examples:

The masjid _____ far. (are/is)

We ____ going to break our fast at the masjid,insha Allah. (is/are)

Arabic

Try to obtain a copy of today's quote in Arabic. Modify the above activities, as possible, for Arabic.

Activity 5: Coloring

Color: [Ramadan Coloring Page](#)

(Tip: Color and laminate to make a Ramadan placemat)

http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/tjramadandownloads/color_ramadan.pdf

(created by Iluvpandas, age 11)

Activity 6: Arts & Crafts - "Chains"

[Calendar Chain](#)

http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/ramadancrafts_calendarchain.htm

[Date Chain](#)

http://tjramadan.talibiddeenjr.amanahwebs.com/ramadancrafts_datechain.htm

Activity 7: Cooking

Make crescent shaped sugar cookies