

## Bringing the Museum Home: Celebrating Eid al-Fitr

**Eid al-Fitr** is an important religious occasion celebrated by Muslims around the world. Eid marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting. During Ramadan, Muslims must fast between dawn and sunset.

Through fasting, Muslims hope to become more patient, steadfast and focus on their faith. Traditionally, after 29 or 30 days of fasting, Ramadan comes to end with the first sighting of the crescent moon in the sky shortly after sunset.

Eid celebrations vary from country to country but often include giving to charity, helping the poor and attending special Eid prayers at a mosque, (an Islamic place of worship), community centre or local park. During Eid celebrations, Muslims greet their family and friends with the phrase 'Eid Mubarak', meaning blessed Eid.



Muslims celebrating Eid at a mosque.

**You can make a sparkly star and moon Eid decoration to hang up at home.**

Print the star and moon template, or try drawing your own. Cut the pieces out.

Decorate the star and moon with coloured pens, tin foil and sequins if you have them.

Now, take a lollipop stick or a straw and attach the star and moon to it with wool or string.

