



**What are the key
features of the
Adam story?**

Unit: Islamic beliefs

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The Story of Adam



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"I am going to create a human vicegerent for earth from a variety of clay ... So when I have fashioned him and breathed into him (his soul created by Me, then you fall down prostrate to him." (Quran)

"Assalamu
alaikum"

REASON

FREE Will



communicate

LEARN

1. God created Adam from clay from all varieties of earth (red / white / brown / black). Descendants of Adam were destined to be diverse both appearance and qualities.

Angels had to respect and honour Adam – not worship him

2. Adam was instructed to approach angels and greet them saying 'May God's peace be upon you'. They replied 'and also upon you be God's peace, mercy and blessing'. From this moment, we, Adam's descendants, were meant to spread peace.

3. Allah made Adam a caretaker on earth. So he taught him everything he needed. Unlike the angels who have no special knowledge or free will – Adam received free will, the ability to reason and communicate. He could name everything and loved learning.

4. While Adam was sleeping Allah created Eve from Adam's shortest left rib. When Adam woke he asked why she was created, she revealed she was to ease his loneliness. Adam named her Eve.

Muhammad uses this story to show that we should be kind to women as she is created from a delicate part of the rib.

I will
not
kneel
before
Adam



5. A jinn (called Iblis) refused to kneel before Adam. A jinn is a demon, a creature of fire. He tried to incite Adam and future humans and jinns to commit evil through deception. He became known as Shaytan.

6. Iblis tempted them day after day for years. They lost will and forgot Iblis was the enemy. Adam picked a fruit and offered it to Eve – they both ate it. They became aware they were naked. Banished to earth from Paradise, however Allah still send guidance to Earth **so Adam could teach people about Allah**. He forgave them. Adam's confessed at Arafat.

7. Adam built the first Ka'ba in Makkah which was destroyed in the flood. Taught people about Allah. He became a Prophet.

8. Adam and Eve had many children – Qabeel (Cain) and Habeel (Abel). Continued the evil side of humankind when Qabeel killed Habeel fulfilled a prophecy.

Adam died – Son Seth was successor. But over time his descendants split and moved apart.

- Read the **Adam** story.
- For each box, write **one sentence** to capture the key bit of the story

**What does the
Adam story
teach Muslims?**

