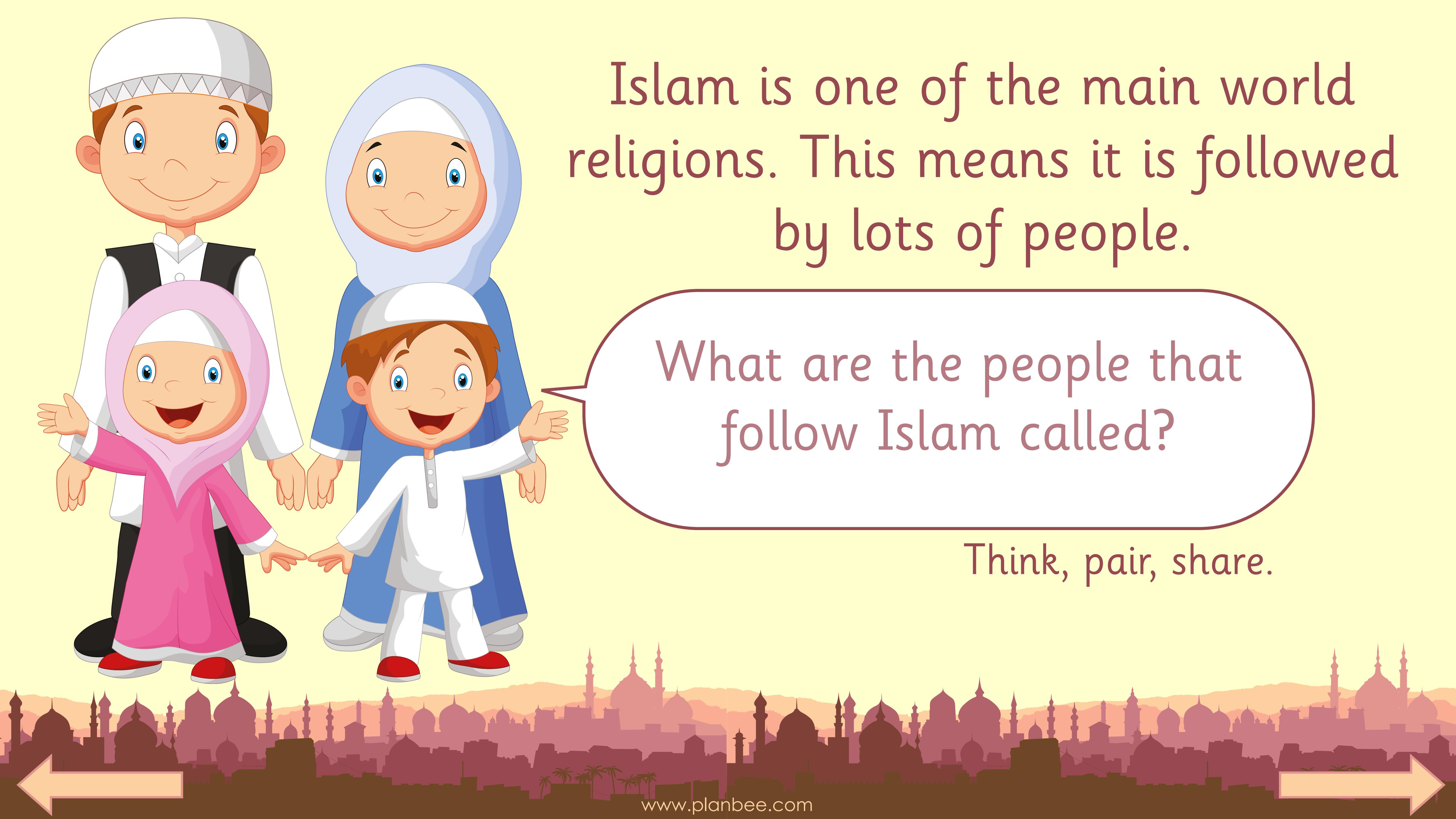


What do Muslims Celebrate?

Today we will be...

Finding out about the Islamic New Year.





Islam is one of the main world religions. This means it is followed by lots of people.

What are the people that follow Islam called?

Think, pair, share.

People who follow Islam are Muslims. Today we are going to be finding out how and why Muslims celebrate the Islamic New Year.



What is the name of the person who founded Islam?

Think, pair, share.

Islam was founded in the 7th century. This means it began a long time ago. A man called Muhammad founded Islam, so he is very important for Muslims. They believe he was a prophet sent from God. After Muslims say or write his name they always follow it with ‘Peace be upon him’. They do this as a sign of respect.

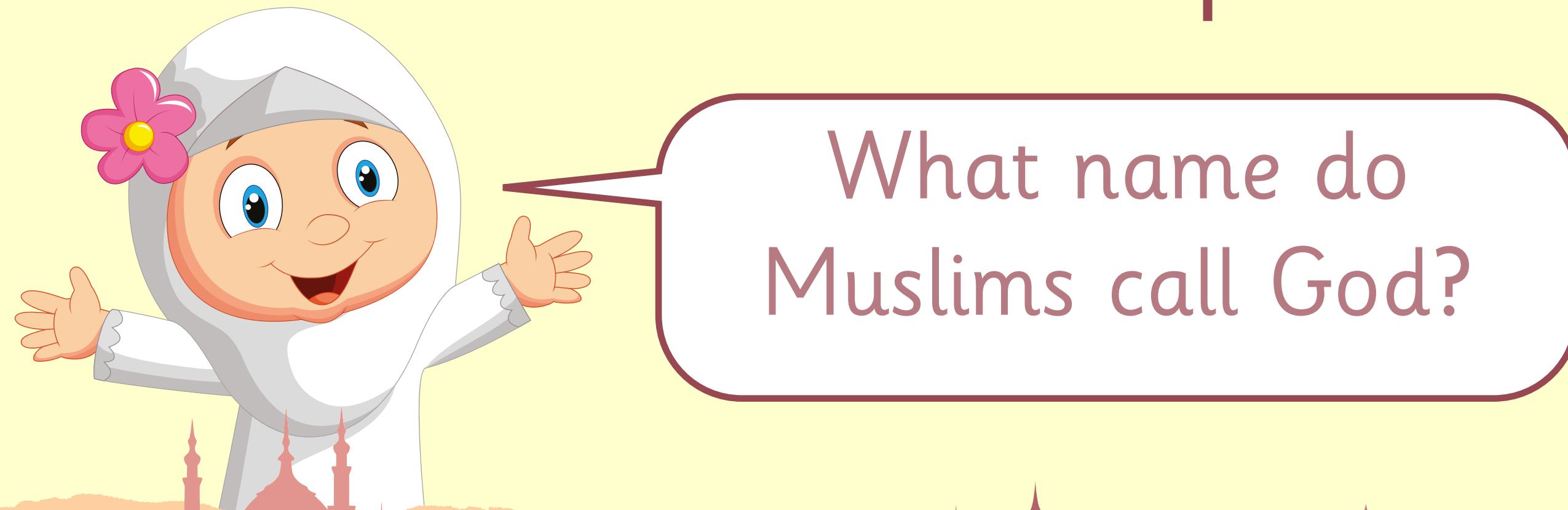


This writing says ‘Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon him’ in Arabic.





Most Muslims believe that neither God nor Muhammad should be drawn. Some artists make representations of Muhammad where his face is covered and others leave it blank as in this painting.



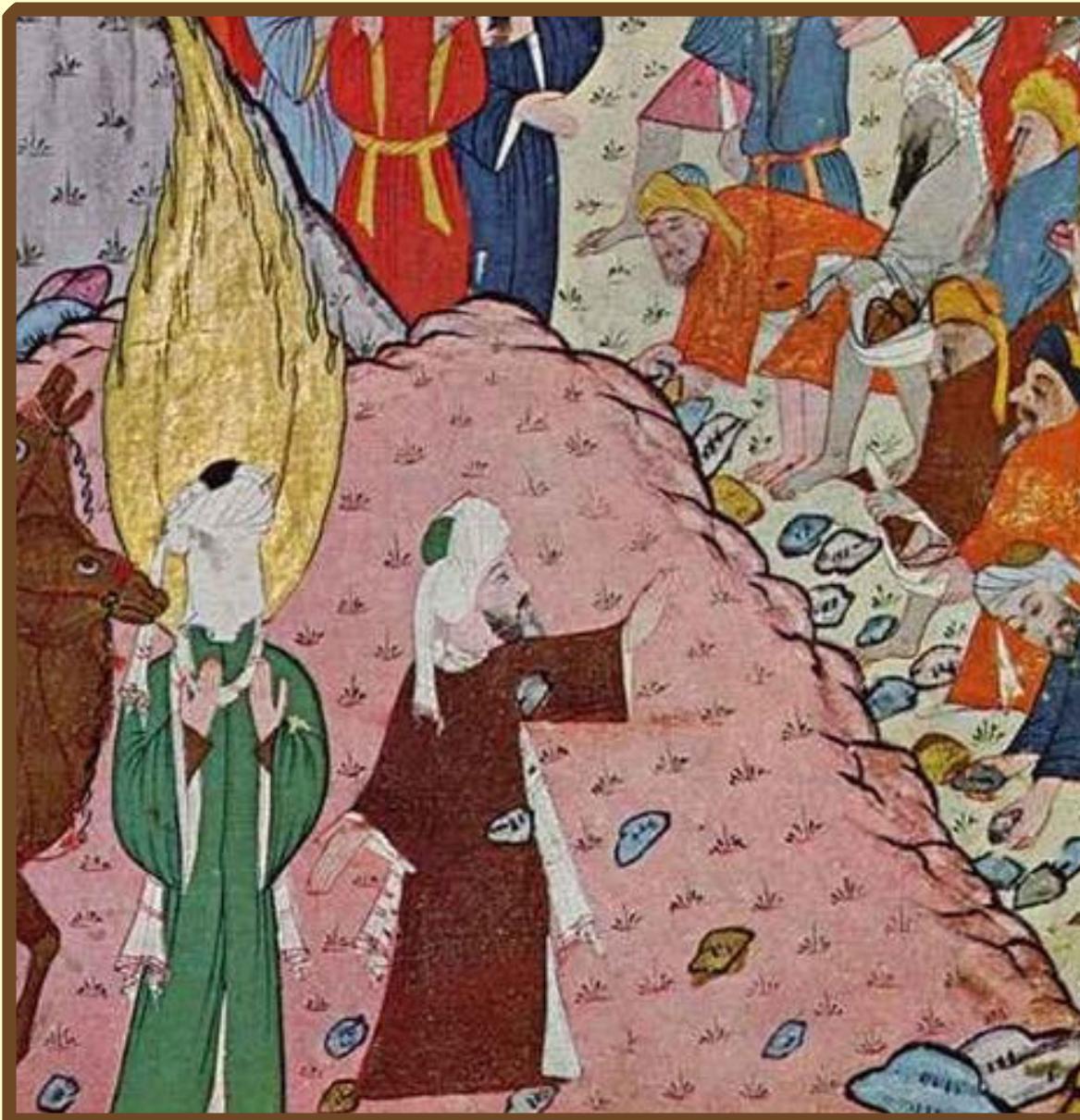
The word for God in Arabic is Allah. Muslims believe Muhammad came to teach people about Allah. The Islamic year starts on the first day of the month of Muharram.

Muslims believe that on this day in

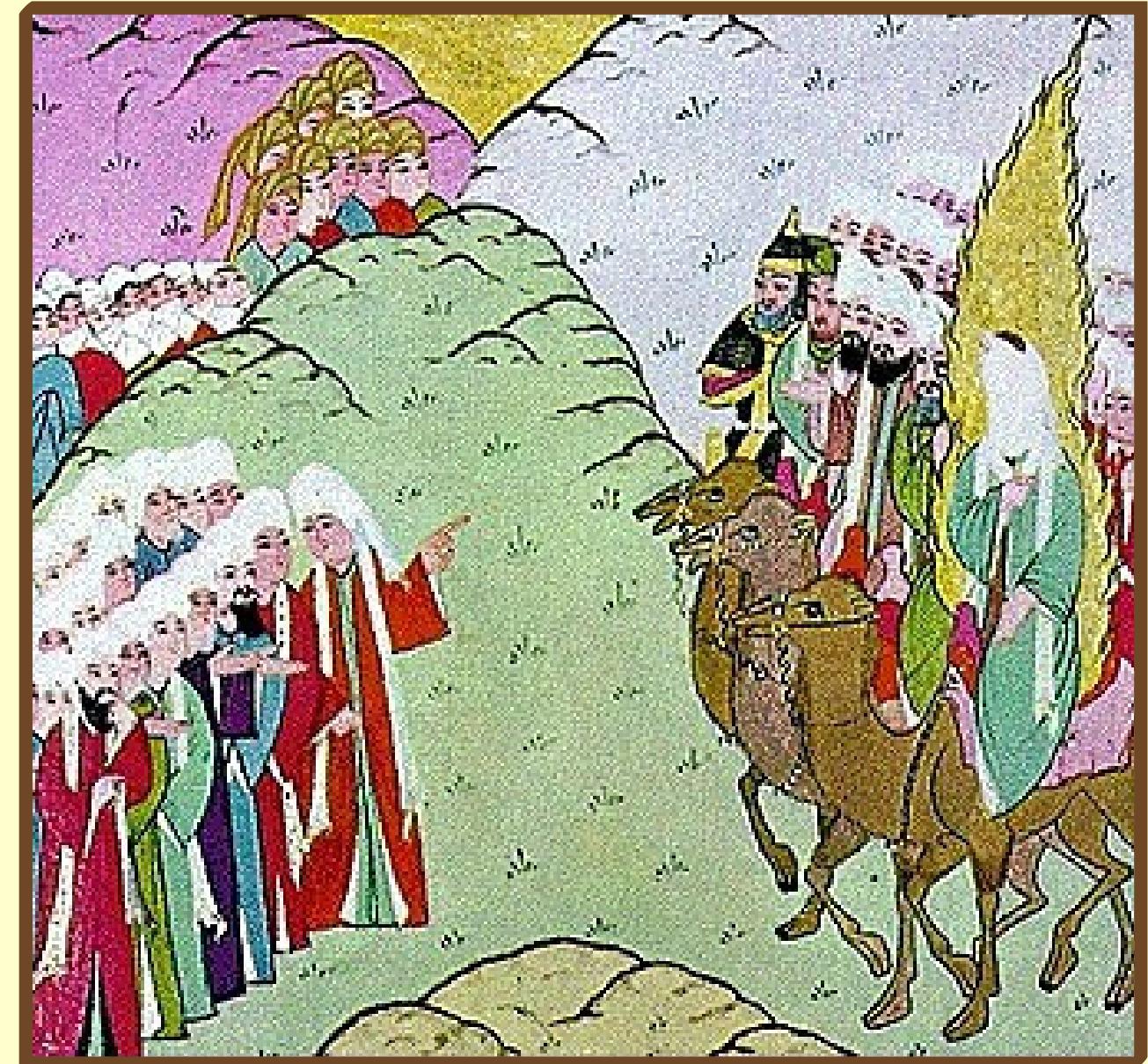
622 AD Muhammed moved from Mecca to Medina. Muhammad was born in Mecca. In this picture Muhammad has just been born and he is shown surrounded by a sacred flame.



Muslims believe God told Muhammad to leave Mecca so he would be safe from the people that were trying to hurt him. Muhammad travelled with a man called Abu Bakr. When Muhammad arrived in Medina he began



teaching God's message and a community of people began to follow him. This was the first Muslim community.



Islamic New Year marks the start of Muhammad's journey to Medina. Muslims celebrate the day that Islam began by getting together to pray and think about Muhammad's journey to Medina. The Islamic New Year celebration is much quieter than New Year celebrations in other cultures.



Muslims praying



People celebrating New Year in other cultures



Islamic New Year

1 Muharram

21.09.17
11.09.18
31.08.19
19.08.20

This is a timeline of the Islamic year. The Islamic year is eleven days shorter than the UK year. This is why the Islamic New Year happens on a different day each year.

Each lesson we will add another Muslim celebration to this timeline!



The story of Muhammad

Muhammad was born in Mecca. His father died before he was born and his mother died when he was a young boy. When Muhammad was an adult he became a merchant and a shepherd. He enjoyed his work but he thought the people in Mecca were



greedy and dishonest. He didn't think it was right that no one helped the poor or the needy. Sometimes Muhammad would go to a cave in the mountains to pray. One night Muhammad said he was visited by the Angel Gabriel.

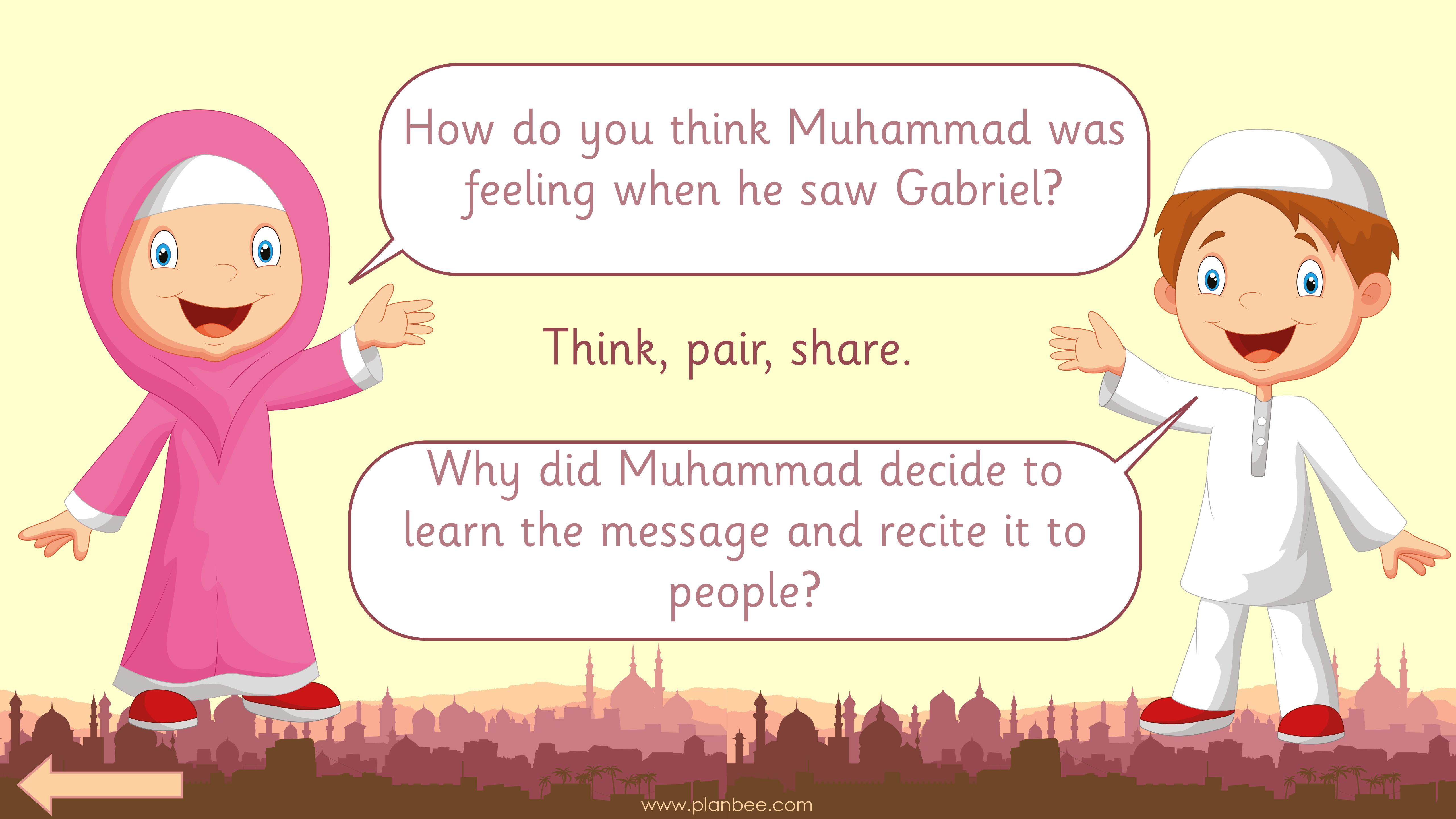




Muhammad said the Angel Gabriel showed him some words and commanded him to read. Muhammad could not read so Gabriel helped him to learn what was written. Muhammad thought the words were from God,

so he decided he needed to tell everyone what he had been told. He said “God is One.”





How do you think Muhammad was feeling when he saw Gabriel?

Think, pair, share.

Why did Muhammad decide to learn the message and recite it to people?