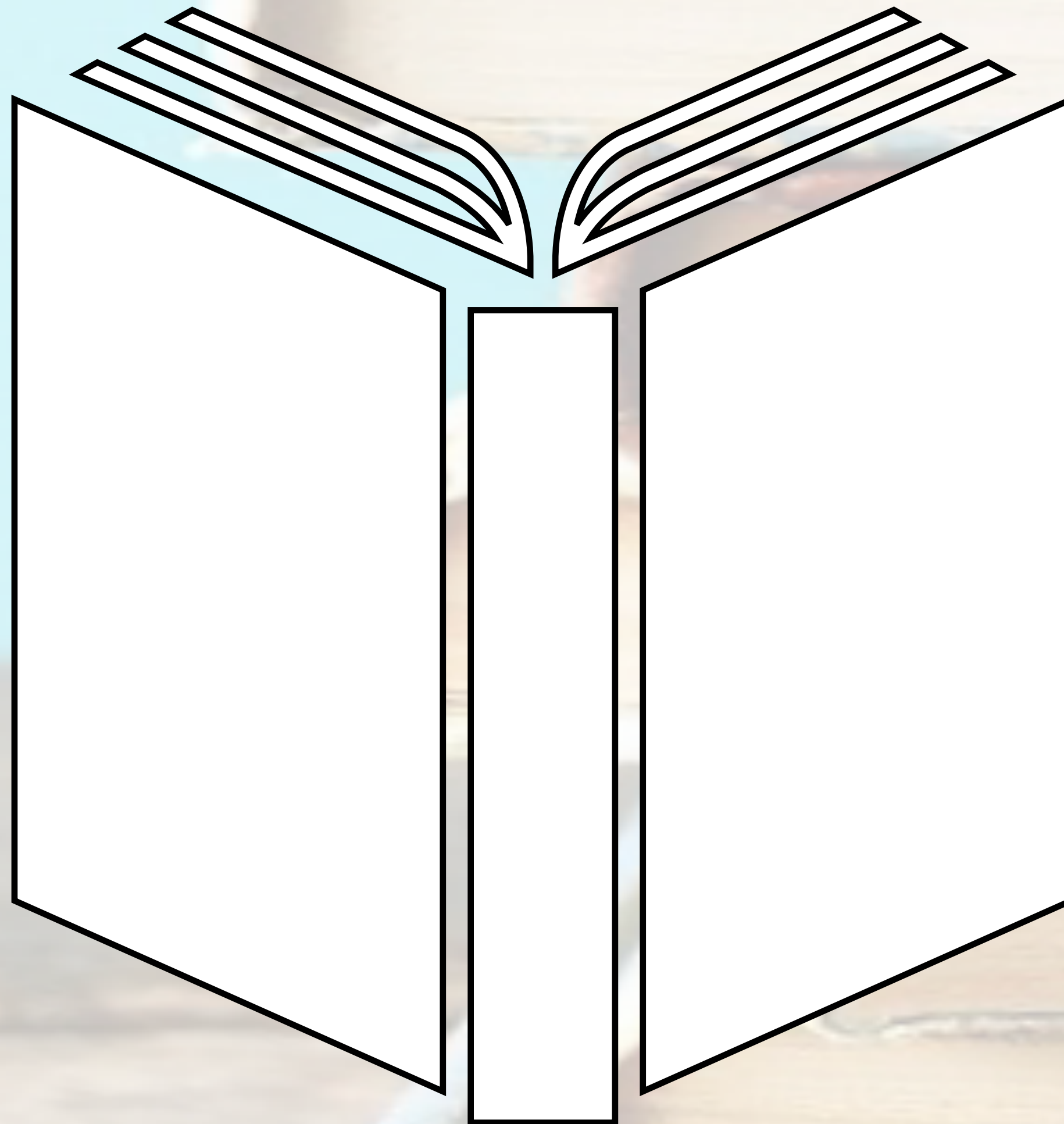


Year 4 Islam Summer 2020



Which is the most important book to you?
How do you take care of this book?

Draw your book below and make a list of ways to care for it.



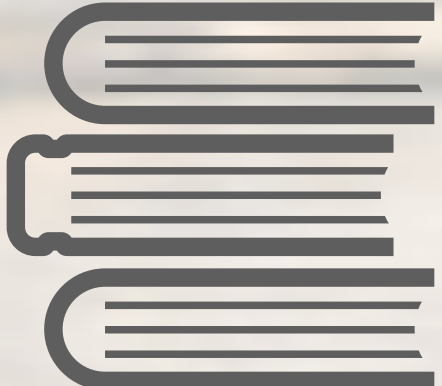


The Qur'an is the Muslims' most holy book. Muslims believe that it contains the actual words of Allah spoken to Muhammad by the angel Jibril (we would say Gabriel). It took 23 years for the angel to give Muhammad the whole message. Later Muhammad dictated the message to some of his followers, who wrote it down in Arabic.

The words of the Qur'an have remained unchanged since the time of Muhammad. In it, Allah tells Muslims how they should worship him and also how they should behave towards each other. It is a collection of signs of Allah's existence and instructions for how Muslims should live their lives. It is the Muslims' guidebook for life.

For Muslims, the Qur'an is a very special book and so they treat it with great respect and honour. It is always placed in a higher position than any other book and no other book is ever placed on top of it. To keep it clean it is wrapped in a special cover. Before Muslims read it, they take off their shoes and wash their hands. It never touches the ground so when it is used in prayer it is put on a stand.

- Why is the Qur'an treated so carefully?
- What do you think about the way Muslims treat their most holy book?



Your Task: Design a special stand, which the Qur'an could sit upon to show that it is special.



Children learn to read the Qur'an in Arabic and their own language from a very early age. They go to Islamic classes after school and at the weekends. They also learn about the prophet Muhammad. Children will read the Qur'an at home with their parents and learn parts of it off by heart. The Qur'an contains guidance for how they should live their lives. Here are the first words of the Qur'an.

'In the name of Allah, most merciful. Praise be to God, Lord of the universe, the merciful, the mercy giving! Master of the day of judgement! You alone do we worship and from you do we ask for help. Guide us along the straight road.'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-importance-of-the-quran/318.html>

- How do you think it helps to learn the Qur'an off by heart?
- What are the different ways of learning the Qur'an?
- What did you notice about the way the Qur'an was being read? (Right to left and starting at what would be for us the end of the book.)
- What do the opening words of the Qur'an tell you about its purpose?

Time to think!

Your Task: At the start of the Qur'an it says, "Guide us along the straight road." What do you think this means? Draw a poster to explain what this might look like in daily life.





The Qur'an contains 99 beautiful names for Allah. Each name describes the nature or characteristics of Allah. Many Muslims use a subha, a string of beads to recite their names and to count their prayers. The subha is made up of three sets of thirty-three beads and one large bead making one hundred in total. They are often made from wood or plastic. The ninety-nine beads are used to say the ninety-nine names for Allah during prayer. Muslims believe that repeating his name over and over brings them closer to God.

Some of those names are:

- The gentle
- The all-forgiving
- The all-knowing
- The Creator
- The all-seeing
- The strong
- The truth
- The giver of life

The Qur'an stresses the importance of respect for human life and this includes responsibilities between parents and their children. It tells children to obey their parents and look after them and to care for them when they get old. Show kindness to parents and to relations and orphans and the needy' (4.36)

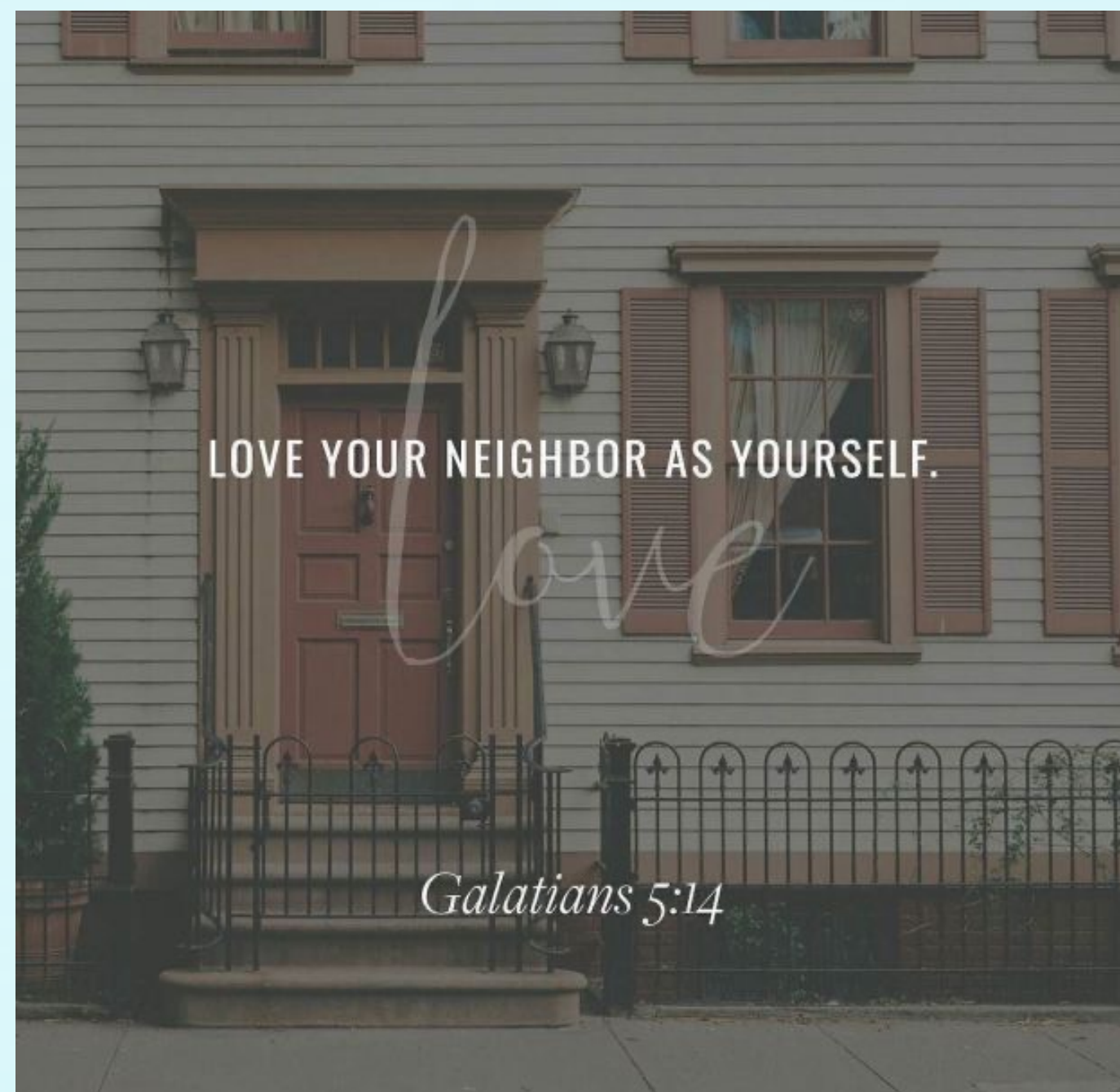
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- Why do you think there are so many names?
- Which one do you like best and why?
- What do you think the world would be like if everyone respected and cared for their parents?

Time to think!



Your Task: In the Qur'an, Muslims are told to "Show kindness to parents and to relations and orphans and the needy." Create a thank you card for your family for their kindness. Design a poster for your window to bring a smile to those passing by.



To end this topic, spend what you have learned book. It is important to Qur'an is to them, just as to Christians. Spend time to respect and love others, You could use the prayer

some time thinking about about the Muslims' holy respect how important the the Bible is very important this week praying for help as Jesus wanted us to do. below if you wish.



May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,
Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.
May the Son who teaches us to care for strangers,
Go with us as we try to be good neighbours in our communities.
May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates
community,
Go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.
Amen