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# A JOYOUS DAY

A Guide to Making your first Eid your Best!

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# Great Tips for your first Eid-ul-Adha!

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah (the final month of the Islamic calendar year) are the best and most blessed days of the year. We are encouraged to perform as many good deeds as possible during these days. Eid-ul-adha, the second Eid of the year, takes place on the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah.

Since many Muslims choose to spend Eid day with their families, this celebration can sometimes be a lonely one for New Muslims who do not have Muslim family members.

Don't worry, you're not alone! Here are some important things and suggestions to consider for Eid to make your day worry-free and enjoyable:





## Udhiya/Sacrifice:

On the 10th, 11th, or 12th day of Dhul Hijjah, it is recommended for all those who can afford it to take part in sacrificing an animal and distributing the meat to the needy. Ask your local mosque if they are accepting these donations, or find a local or international

Islamic charity that can do this on your behalf. This is done in the remembrance of the legacy of Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) when he was ordered by God to sacrifice his son Ismael (peace be upon him). When they both accepted God's

decree and were about to proceed with this act, God revealed to Abraham that he should sacrifice an animal instead. Abraham and Ismael's trust in God and willingness to obey His command is a great lesson that is remembered by Muslims every Eid.

## Attend Eid Prayer:

Research the closest Eid prayer to you and attend! Make sure to wear your best clean, modest clothes. Whether you attend the prayers at your local mosque on Eid morning or a larger Eid prayer gathering in your city, make sure to schedule this into your day.

The Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) highly encouraged all Muslims, whether male or female, to attend the Eid prayer and listen to the sermon following the prayer. Happily greet your Muslims family, friends, and even people you don't know.



# Community Celebrations:

Some communities may have special Eid festivities, bazaars and communal meals planned for their

community members. Ask your local mosque or do some online research to see if there are events like this in

your area. This is a great way to meet new people and take part in the excitement of Eid.

## Find an Eid-Guide:

If you have a Muslim friend or know someone at your local mosque, ask if he or she will be your 'Eid-guide' for the day so you can get a glimpse into what a typical Eid day might

look like for a Muslim family. They can take you to different events in the community or show you how Muslims of different cultural backgrounds celebrate in unique ways.

## Bond Together!

Being new to the faith can mean that you haven't yet formed strong bonds with others in your community. This, compounded with the fact that many Muslims use Eid celebrations as

an opportunity to spend time with their families, may leave you feeling left out and a bit lonely. Find others in your area whose families aren't around for Eid or who have newly entered the faith like you and

celebrate together with a meal. This is also a great way to reach out and start forming lasting bonds. Check out the New Muslim Academy forums to connect with local new Muslims ([www.NewMuslimAcademy.org](http://www.NewMuslimAcademy.org)).



## Make your own Eid Traditions!

Once you have attended the Eid prayer, it's up to you on how you want to spend your Eid. You can celebrate this blessed day by treating yourself to something

special like new clothes, your favourite meals, and other things that you may only do on special occasions. Eid is a time of happiness and celebration so don't feel shy to celebrate!

## Spend time with Family

If your family is open to hearing about Eid festivities and you want to have some family

time, this is a great opportunity to let them join in and get to know more about Islam.

## Online Eid Party

Attend the New Muslim Academy online Eid party!

Join us with our instructors and community members for some games





## Don't Forget...

From the New Muslim Academy instructors and staff, we sincerely hope that you have a blessed and happy Eid –

# Eid Mubarak!

*Be creative when celebrating! If you can afford it, donate money for the sacrificial animal to feed the needy, make sure to attend Eid prayers, then celebrate in your own unique way!*

*Treat yourself to something special on Eid like a new outfit or a great meal!*

*If you're feeling lonely, you're not alone! Join us for our online Eid party ([www.newmuslimacademy.org](http://www.newmuslimacademy.org))*

*Find an "Eid-Guide" to discover how Muslims from different parts of the world celebrate.*



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