

Religion	Islam
Denomination	Shi'a
Question answered:	How special is your relationship with God? (KS2 Q1)
Key concepts, questions, and outcomes:	God; Identity; Personal relationships; Diversity; Authority. How might beliefs and community shape a person's identity? Explain the significance of religious leaders and sacred texts. Describe and explain what motivates and inspires believers and how this can be reflected in actions/practice.
Key teaching points:	Allah is the Creator and is a source of comfort, safety, and knowledge. The world is designed with a purpose and that purpose is found in the Qur'an and in a relationship with Allah. Muslims believe that Allah is always with them.
Prior knowledge:	That Allah is God and that for Muslims there is one God. Some of the 99 beautiful names of God – especially Creator, Sustainer, Comforter. That Allah gave Muslims the words of the Qur'an to help them and guide them.

Core Vocabulary:			
Sustainer	The one who keeps things going; one of the 99 beautiful names of Allah	Creator	Another of the 99 beautiful names
All-powerful	Another of the 99 beautiful names of Allah	Coincidence	Chance or accidental event without purpose
Systematic design	Belief that the world was created with order and purpose, rather than randomly and for no reason	Purpose	For a Muslim this is the responsibility to learn about Allah.

Summary of answers:
These two answers give a different perspective on the question. The first centres on the sense of comfort and security that comes from knowing that Allah is always there. The second approaches this from a more intellectual basis: Allah as the source of answers to the big questions about life and creation.

Next Steps:
What questions do the pupils have about life and creation? Where might they look for answers? Find out if any other religious groups hold similar views and what impact that has on them. Hold a debate about purpose or coincidence in the world. Find and explore some verses in the Qur'an that answer the big questions of life.