



Mosque Playhouse Guide



Introduction to Mosques in Islam

- A Mosque, known as a “Masjid” in Arabic, is a place for Muslims to perform their five daily prayers (Salah)
- Mosques often hold group prayers, especially the Friday prayer (Jumu'ah), which is a special weekly group prayer
- They often serve as community centers where Muslims gather for religious, educational, and social activities
- The first mosque built by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was the Quba Mosque, in Medina, Saudi Arabia
- Haram al-Sharif, or the Temple Mount, is considered the second oldest mosque in the world. The site is located in Jerusalem, Palestine



Elements of Lil Crescent Mosque Playhouse

- 1** Prayer Hall (Musalla): The large open space where congregational prayers are performed. It is usually devoid of furniture to accommodate rows of worshippers. The men and women separate sections are either divided by a partition or located in different areas of the Mosque
- 2** Mihrab (Prayer Niche): A semicircular niche in the wall of the prayer hall that indicates the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca, which Muslims face during prayer
- 3** Minbar (Pulpit): A raised platform where the Imam (prayer leader) stands to deliver sermons (Khutbah), especially during the Friday prayer (Jumu'ah)
- 4** Dome (Qubba): Many mosques have a large dome above the prayer hall, which serves both aesthetic and functional purposes, helping with acoustics inside the mosque
- 5** Minaret (Tower): A tall, slender tower typically located at one or more corners of the mosque. It is used for the call to prayer (Adhan). Traditionally, a muezzin would climb the minaret to call the faithful to prayer, though loudspeakers are commonly used today
- 6** Ablution area (wudu area): a designated space where worshippers perform ritual purification before prayer. It is an essential part of cleanliness in Islam, as Wudu is required before performing Salah (prayer)



Ways to play our Mosque Playhouse:

- 1 Describe different parts of a Mosque to your child such as the prayer hall, mihrab, minbar, dome, and minarets
- 2 Perform the wudu together with your child
- 3 Guide your child on how to perform the basic steps of Islamic prayer (Salah)
- 4 Encourage your child to role-play different activities in a mosque, such as the Imam leading the prayer or the community members praying together
- 5 Teach your child the basics of the Adhan and encourage kids to try calling the Adhan themselves
- 6 Explain the significance of Jumu'ah prayer to your child
- 7 Visit a real Mosque and compare it with the Mosque Playhouse