



Celebrate! July 2017

Activity: Every party ought to have cake!

Purpose

To kick off the Diamond Jubilee with a little something sweet to remind us of the sweetness our Imam brings to our lives.

Description

Start by thinking about the significance of July 11 and Imamat Day. Now, think about the word “Jubilee”, it signifies the marking of a certain time period that is momentous. A Diamond Jubilee marks 60 years. To celebrate this Jubilee, bake your favourite cake and decorate it with a geometric motif similar to what you would find in Jamatkhana. You can use icing in a piping bag or create a stencil with paper, place it on the cake and dust icing sugar over it. The parts of the stencil that are cut out will form the pattern. To set the tone for the celebration listen to the Jubilee Mubarak song by Salim Sulaiman before cutting the cake.

Reflection and discussion questions

1. What is Imamat day? Why do you think it's important that we celebrate the Imam's Diamond Jubilee? What does it mean to you?
2. Look at the Islamic design you used to decorate the cake. What do you notice about the shapes and how they are connected? Why do you think these patterns are so common in Islamic design?
3. Often, at times of celebration, we give gifts to each other. What gift do you think Mawlana Hazar Imam would most appreciate from you?
4. How did you feel when you listened to the song, Jubilee Mubarak? What parts did you like best? What languages do you hear?

Resources

Primary Talim: Grade 3, Book 2 – Festivals and Celebrations Pages 10-14

Link to Jubilee Mubarak song

- <http://www.theismaili.org/heritage-expressions/first-musical-tribute-diamond-jubilee-released-today>

Links for cake recipes (if you don't already have a favourite)

- <https://addapinch.com/the-best-chocolate-cake-recipe-ever/>
- <http://ohsheglows.com/2016/05/12/fail-proof-vegan-chocolate-cupcakes-with-salted-buttercream/>
- <http://www.foodnetwork.ca/recipe/angel-food-cake/12490/>

Links for Islamic designs

- <http://artofislamicpattern.com/resources/educational-posters/>
- <http://www.broug.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yw4s7Fzu5ps>

Bonus activity: Make a commitment to read one book/article or watch one video each month of the Diamond Jubilee year that reflects the values of Islam. As you explore the values, think about whether they are important to you personally. If they are important, how do you demonstrate them in your daily life?

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