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Every ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar, Muslims around the world observe   **Ramadan**  . During this month, Muslims will fast from sunrise until sundown.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast to remember poorer people, the importance of generosity, their vow to   **Islam**   and self-discipline. As they fast, Muslims will spent a lot of time praying, reading the Quran, and giving to charity.

Ramadan is a wonderful time to spend with friends and family. Before the sunrises, families will come together and eat a pre-fasting meal called   **suhoor**  . When the sun sets, a much larger meal will be eaten in the evening called   **iftar**  . The food that is served during these meals must meet Islamic standards, called   **halal**  .

At the very end of Ramadan, a large festival called   **Eid ul-Fitr**   marks the beginning of the next lunar month. During this time, the Ramadan fast is broken and people will wear their best clothes and give each other presents. Money is handed to the poor as well, so that they can also celebrate the holiday. Friends and family come together, celebrating a wonderful Ramadan and a wonderful new month in their future.

**Ramadan** : The 9th month in the Islamic calendar.

**halal** : Islamic food preparation.

**Eid ul-Fitr** : A large festival that marks the next lunar month.

**iftar** : A fast breaking meal, eaten after sunset.

**Islam** : The religious faith of Muslims.

**suhoor** : Pre-fasting meal, eaten before sunrise.