

Activity: Create a scene of Al Haram Al Aqsa

Core Concept

Art allows children to process their world and to understand and deal with emotions in a safe way. This activity is a great way to introduce the important sites related to the conflict. Activity 1 develops awareness of the iconic structures within Al Aqsa compound. We will be able to recognise and name the structures, as well as know where they are situated within the compound.

This activity enhances visual perception, bilateral coordination, spatial awareness, problem-solving and language development.

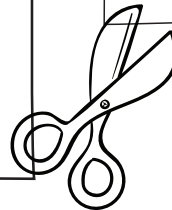
Activity

Let's create a mini version of Al Haram Al Aqsa!

Use a box or large poster paper to create the courtyard of Al Haram Al Aqsa. Colour the pictures of the iconic sites in the courtyard, then cut the pictures out and paste them into your scene. Use the image on the next page as a guide. You can add little stones and dried leaves to fill the courtyard and complete your scene.

What you will need

- Scissors
- Cut-outs from the activity
- Box / large poster paper
- Crayons / felt tip pens
- Glue
- Dried leaves
- Flat stones
- Textured paper



Extension

1 Let's talk

Talk about the names of the iconic structures within Al Aqsa compound and how important they are to Muslims and people of other faiths.

Talk about conflict resolution and bullying, engage your child in role plays demonstrating (using age appropriate key vocabulary) how to voice their opinion and resolve conflicts.

2 Let's watch

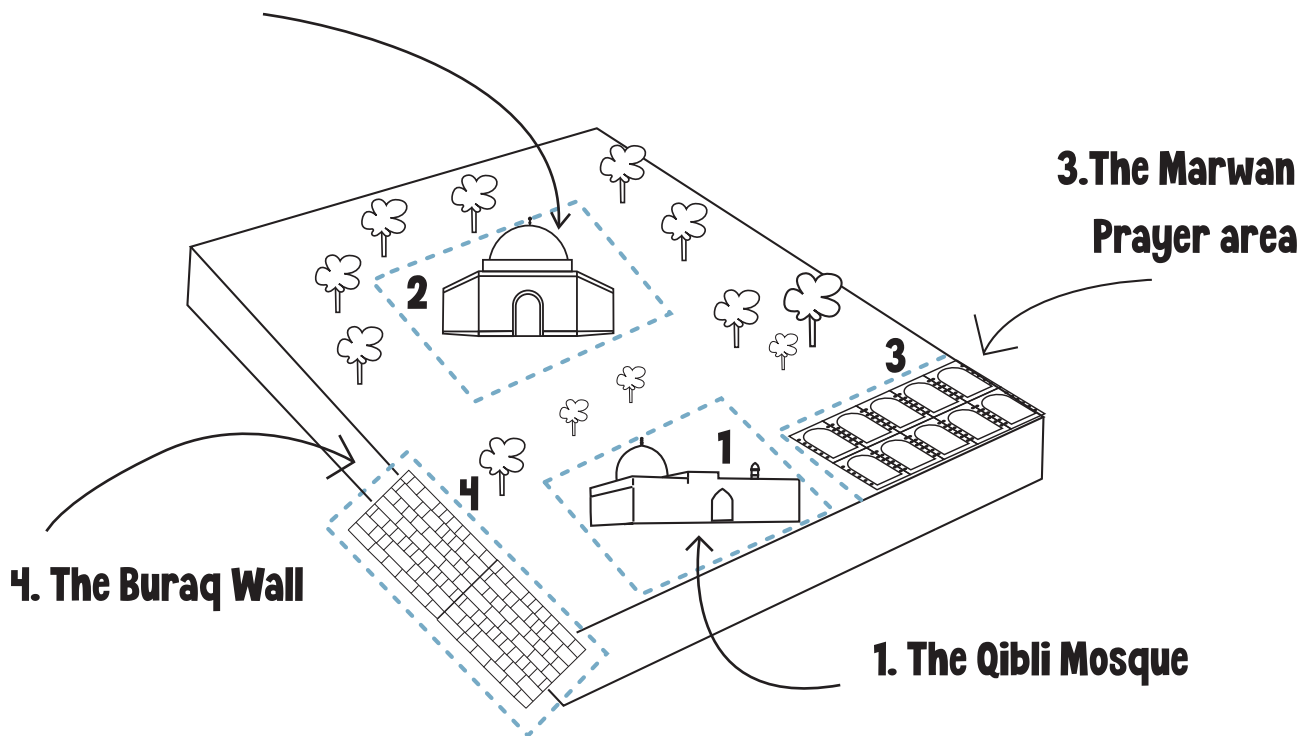
Watch virtual tours of the Al Aqsa Compound together, making connections between the pictures in the activity and the real life structures in the video.

Did you know?

Al Haram Al Aqsa also known as Al Haram Al Sharif compound in palestine, is located in the Old City of Jerusalem. Inside the compound you will find the Qibli mosque, The Dome of the Rock, The Marwan prayer area and The wall of Buraq. There are also many other prayer areas, buildings, structures and courtyards within the compound.

Al Haram Al Aqsa

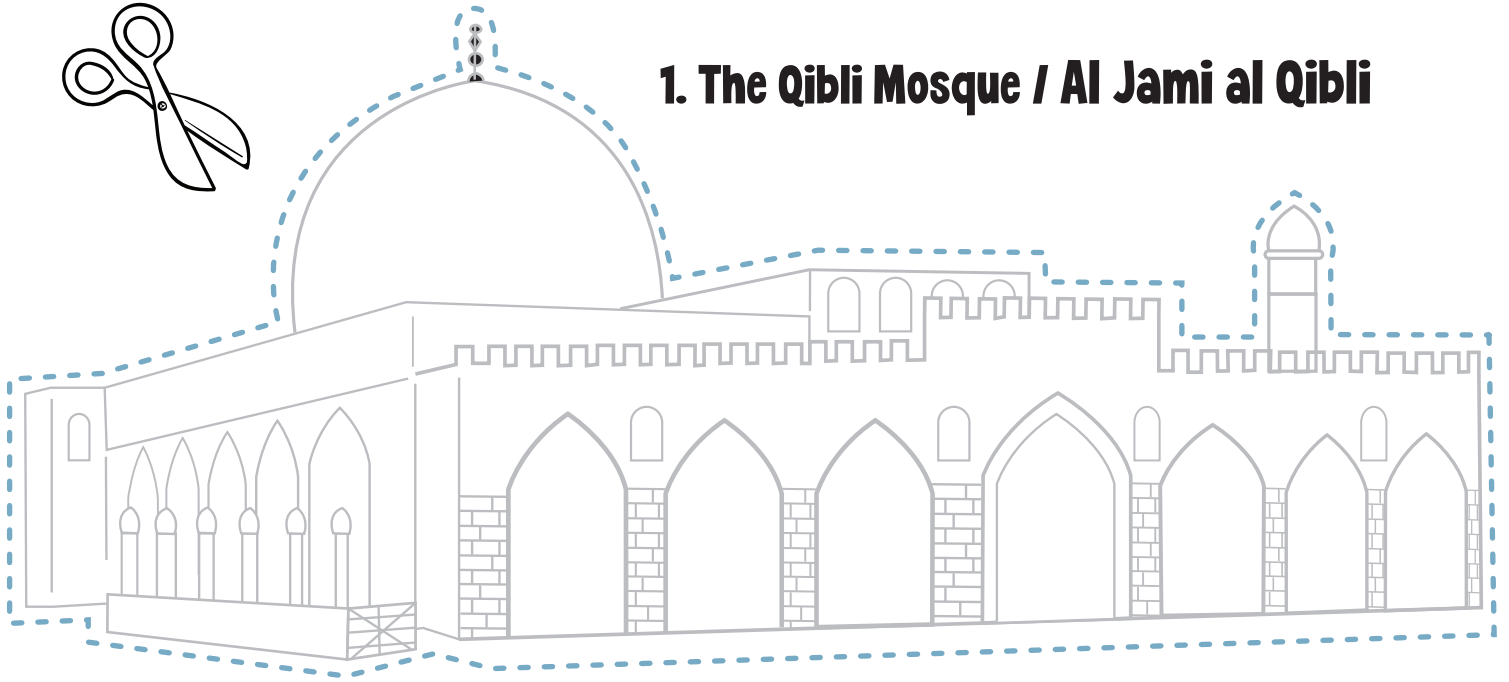
2. Dome of the Rock



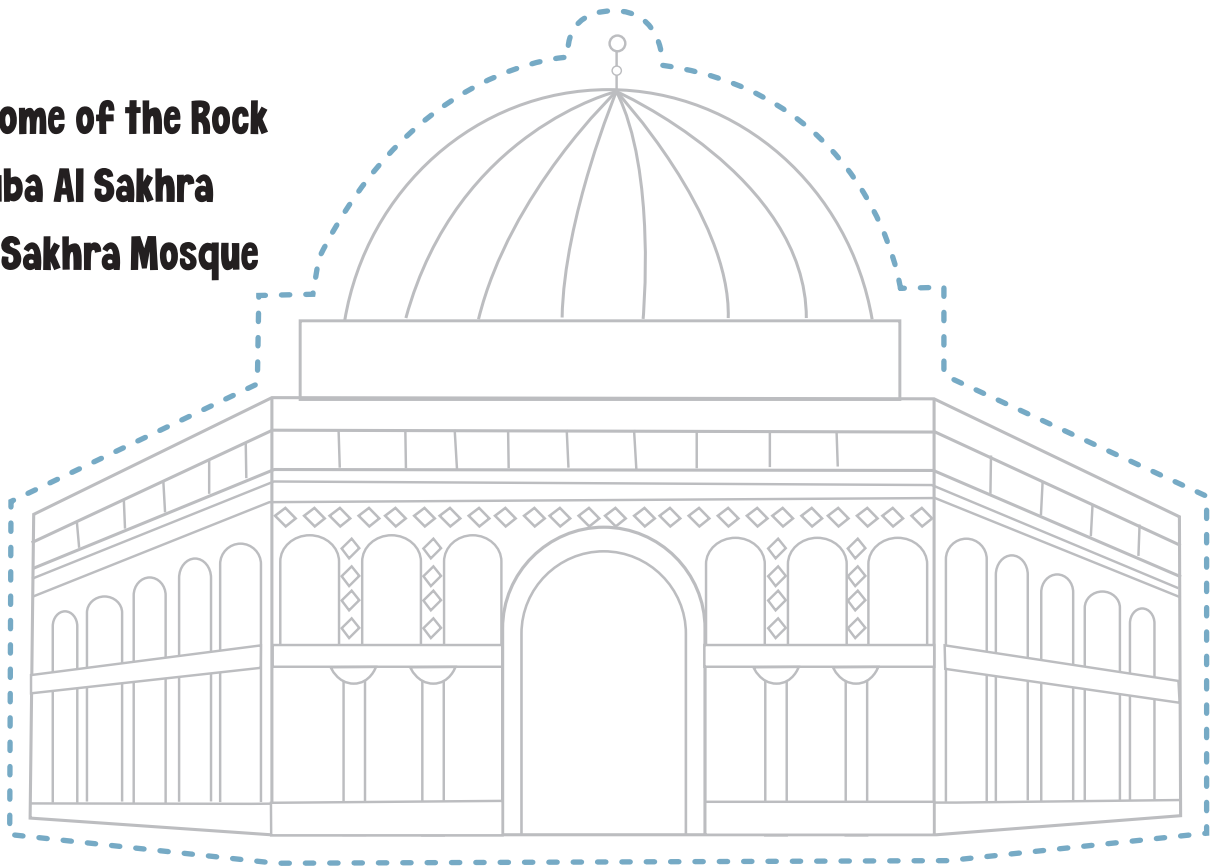
1. Colour and cut out the pictures on the following pages.
2. Stick them onto your poster paper / box
3. Create little trees, add leaves and stones to fill the court yard



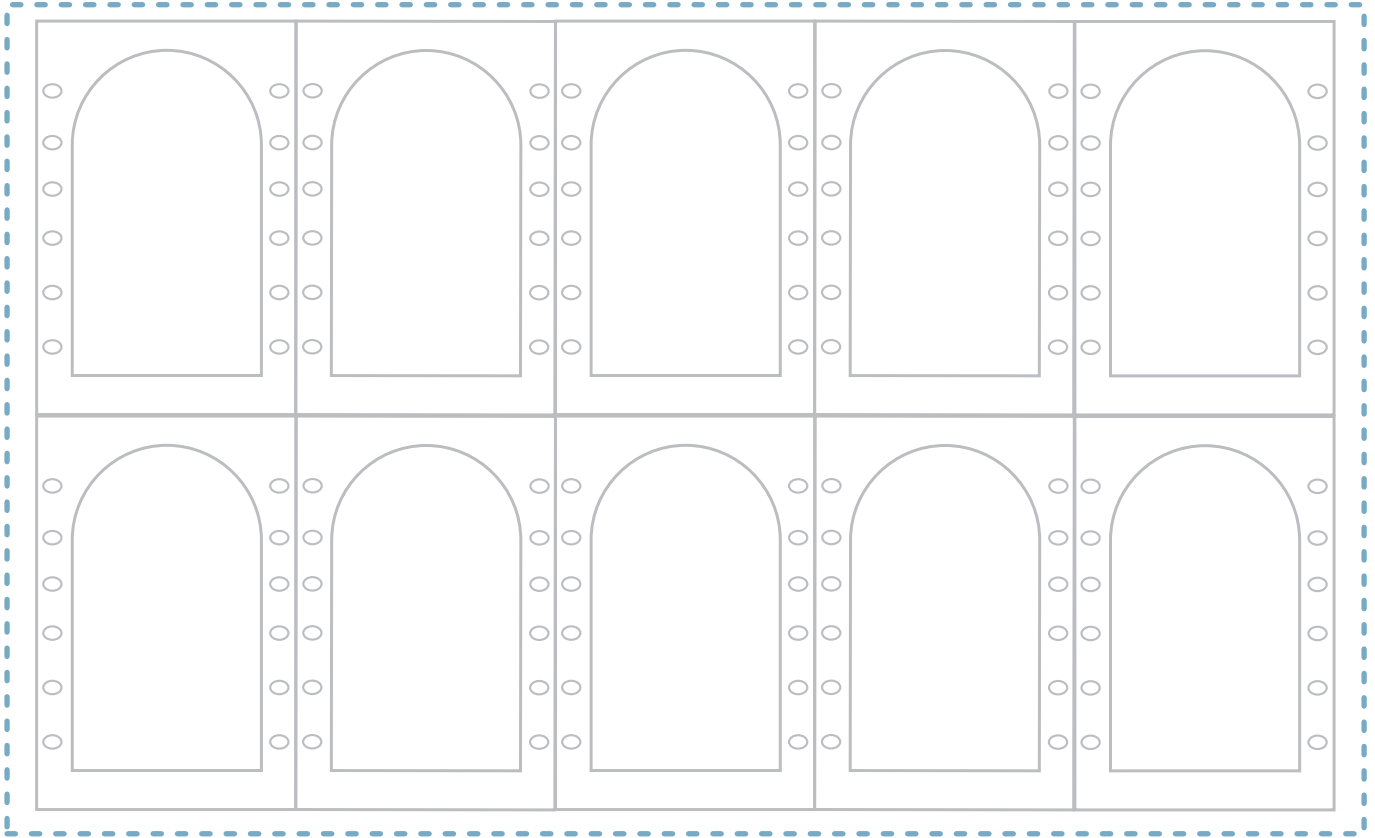
1. The Qibli Mosque / Al Jami al Qibli



2. Dome of the Rock / Quba Al Sakhra / Al Sakhra Mosque



3. The Marwan Prayer area / Musallah Al Marwani



4. Al Buraq Wall / Hait al Buraq

