

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Eid for Kids

The Eid morning checklist
for both Eids

A free gift from Maktab Quran · maktab-quran.com

For parents

Two Eids, two different mornings

On Eid al-Fitr, eat a few dates before the prayer. On Eid al-Adha, wait and eat after it. Children like the rule because it flips.

Start the night before

Lay out the clothes, put the dates on the table, and hand the checklist to your child so the morning is theirs to run.

Everyone goes

The Prophet (peace be upon him) told the Muslims to bring everyone to the Eid gathering, young girls included - Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim.

Let it be joyful

"Every people has its Eid, and this is our Eid" - Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim. Play, visits and food are part of the day.

About the sources

Quran references are given by surah and verse. Hadith are given with the collection they are narrated in - Sahih al-Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi - rather than a number, because numbering differs between printings. This is a learning aid for families, not a substitute for a teacher or a scholar.

Eid al-Fitr morning (1 Shawwal)

Before we leave

- ☐ Bath, and my best clothes on (Muwatta of Imam Malik; Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim).
- ☐ Eat a few dates - an odd number, like 1, 3 or 5 (Sahih al-Bukhari).
- ☐ Zakat al-fitr has been paid for everyone in the family (Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim).

On the way and at the prayer

- ☐ Say the takbir: Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar, la ilaha illallah... (Quran 2:185).
- ☐ Pray the two rak'ahs of Eid, then listen to the khutbah. There is no adhan for it (Sahih Muslim).

After the prayer

- ☐ Go home a different way from the way we came (Sahih al-Bukhari).
- ☐ Greet people: Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minkum - may Allah accept it from us and from you.
- ☐ Visit family, share food, and enjoy the day. No fasting today (Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim).

Eid al-Adha morning (10 Dhul-Hijjah)

Before we leave

- ☐ Bath, and my best clothes on.
- ☐ Do NOT eat yet - on Eid al-Adha we eat after the prayer (Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah).

On the way and at the prayer

- ☐ Say the takbir on the way.
- ☐ Pray the two rak'ahs of Eid, then listen to the khutbah.

After the prayer

- ☐ Go home a different way, and greet people.
- ☐ The sacrifice, for families who are able: its meat is shared with family, friends and people in need. "Their meat will not reach Allah, nor their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you" (Quran 22:37).

The takbir of Eid

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar, la ilaha illa'llah, wa'llahu akbar, Allahu akbar, wa lillahi'l-hamd

"Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. There is no god but Allah. Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and to Allah belongs all praise."

Source: reported from Ibn Mas'ud - Musannaf of Ibn Abi Shaybah