



Craft Activity: Create a Calendar Wheel for the Four Sacred Months



Teaching children about Islamic concepts doesn't have to be complicated—it can be fun, interactive, and creative! One beautiful way to introduce the concept of the Four Sacred Months in Islam is through a calendar wheel craft.

This hands-on project allows kids to visualize the Islamic calendar and learn when the sacred months occur. It's perfect for use at home, in Islamic studies classes, or even during Ramadan or Dhul-Hijjah-themed units.



What You'll Need:

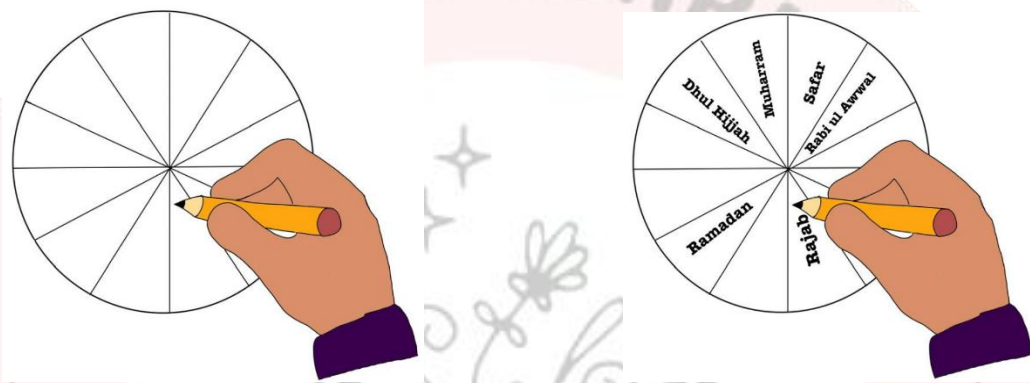
- 2 sheets of cardstock or thick paper
- Scissors
- Brass paper fastener (split pin)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Glue or tape
- Ruler (optional for neat lines)
- Printable Islamic months template (optional)



Steps to Create the Sacred Months Calendar Wheel:

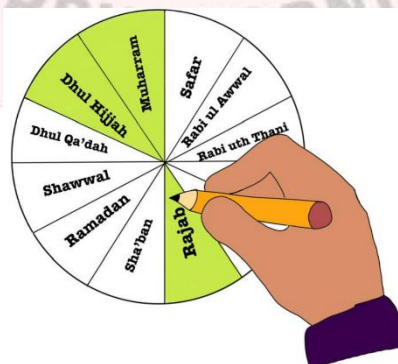
1. Draw or Print the Base Wheel

On one sheet of cardstock, draw a large circle and divide it into 12 equal sections (like a pie chart). Label each section with one of the 12 Islamic months: Muharram, Safar, Rabi al-Awwal... all the way to Dhul-Hijjah.



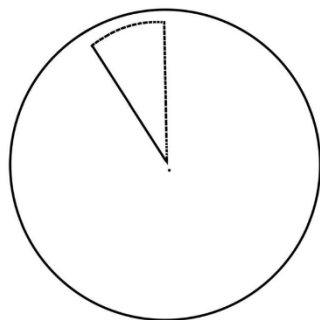
2. Highlight the Sacred Months

Use a different color or add a star/sticker to mark Muharram, Rajab, Dhul-Qa'dah, and Dhul-Hijjah. These are the four sacred months mentioned in the Qur'an (Surah At-Tawbah 9:36).



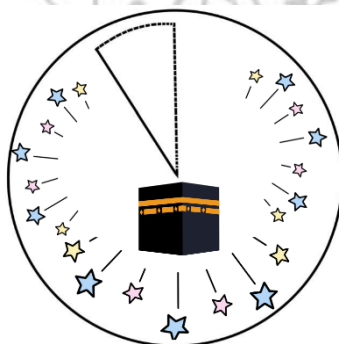
3. Create the Top Layer

On the second sheet of cardstock, draw a slightly smaller circle and cut out a small window or wedge that reveals one section at a time from the base wheel.



4. Decorate the Top Layer

Let your child decorate this part with moons, stars, the Ka'bah, or peaceful symbols like doves.



5. Attach the Layers

Place the top layer on the base wheel and use a brass fastener to join them in the center. Now you can turn the wheel to reveal each month one by one!





Learning Outcomes:

- Children learn the names and order of the Islamic months.
- They understand the importance of sacred months in Islam.
- Encourages fine motor skills, creativity, and Islamic awareness.



Extension Ideas:

- Add small facts or Qur'anic ayat around the edges.
- Incorporate this into a lapbook or Islamic calendar wall display.
- Use the wheel during class discussions about Hajj, Ashura, or Isra & Mi'raj.



Final Thoughts:

This Sacred Months Calendar Wheel is a wonderful blend of education and fun, helping young learners absorb Islamic teachings in a hands-on way. It's simple enough to make at home and meaningful enough to use year after year.