A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a hand holding a coin, likely a silver dirham, against a warm, golden background. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the coin held between the thumb and index finger. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of warm tones, suggesting a sunlit or indoor setting with warm lighting. The overall mood is one of generosity and care.

# Zakah/Zakat

3<sup>rd</sup> pillar of  
Islam

## Lesson aim:

- to learn what Zakah is.
- to evaluate (to research and make a decision) your personal responses about sharing wealth just as a Muslim does through the act of Zakah.

A hand holding a string of prayer beads (tasbeeh) against a warm, golden background. The beads are in focus, and the hand is partially visible. The background is a soft, glowing light with some blurred shapes, possibly other beads or a bowl.

**By the end of the lesson:**

**All of you will know what Zakah is and why it is important to Muslims.**

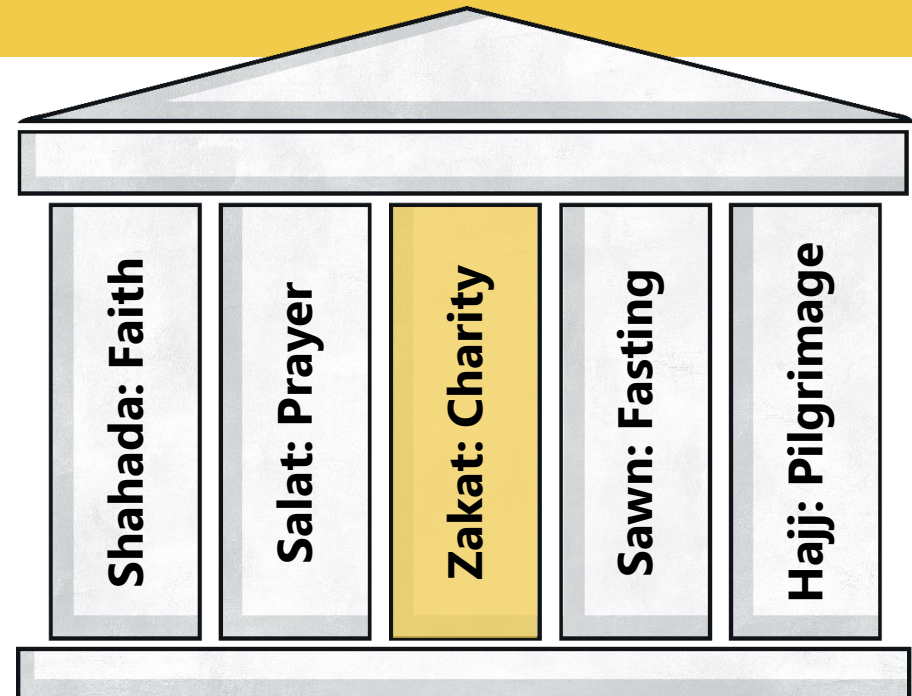
**Most of you will know how it affects a Muslims life.**

**Some of you will be able to apply your own personal responses about Zakah into your own lives.**

# Zakat

Giving to charity or being charitable to others is a very important part of being a Muslim.

In fact, it is such an important part of Islam, it is the third of the Five Pillars and is called Zakat.



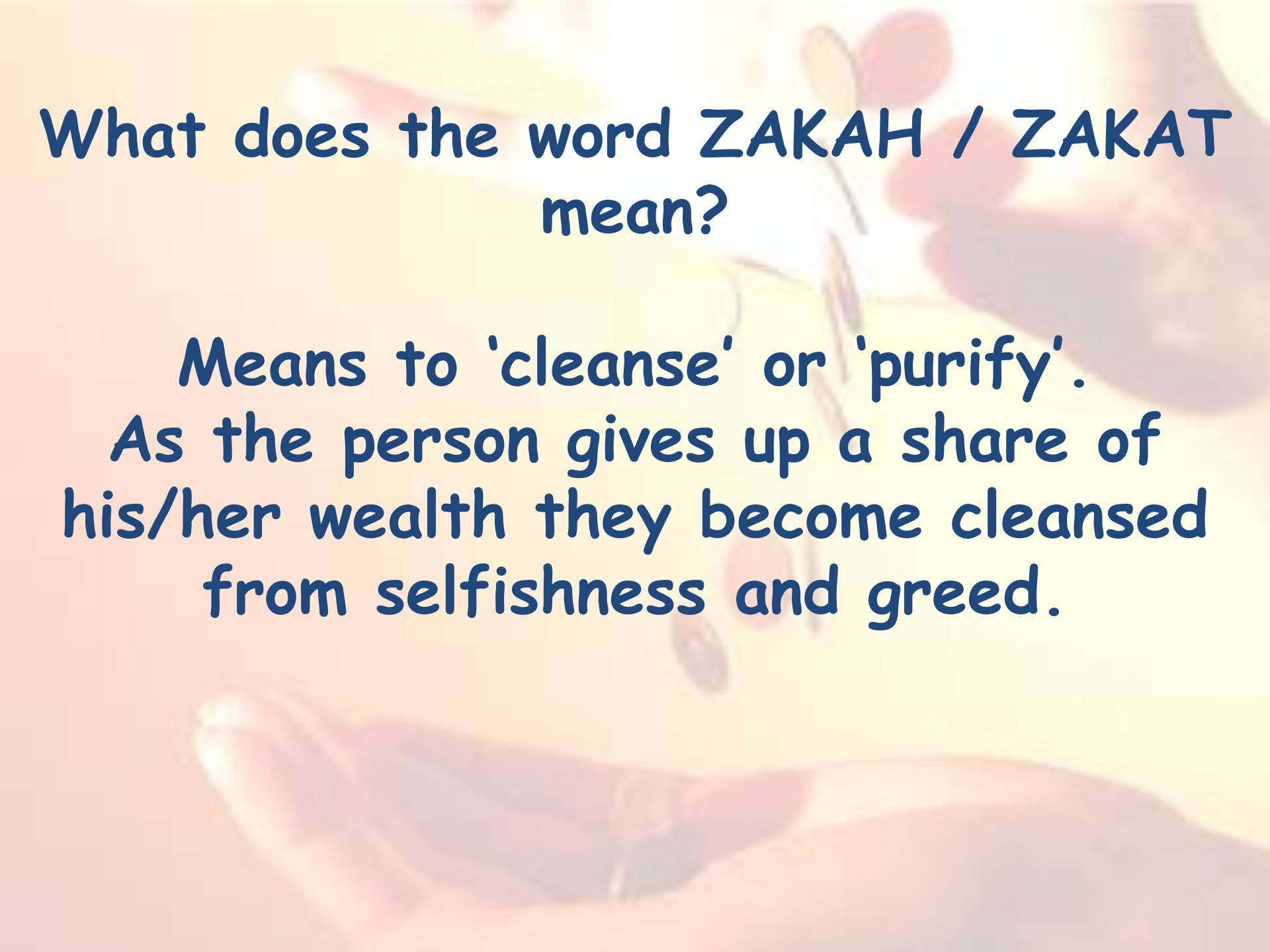
# Key words

**Zakah – Purify / Cleanse.**

**Distribute- to give to people.**

**Debt – money that needs to be given back to its rightful owner.**

- What is money for? Why do people need money?
- What do you buy with money?
- What would happen if someone didn't have any money?
- Why don't some people have a lot of money?
- What can we do to help people who don't have enough money?

A hand holding a string of prayer beads (tasbeeh) against a warm, golden background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**What does the word ZAKAH / ZAKAT  
mean?**

**Means to 'cleansed' or 'purify'.**

**As the person gives up a share of  
his/her wealth they become cleansed  
from selfishness and greed.**

Once a year - Muslims must give Zakah which is 2.5% of their savings to the poor.



All Muslims who are financially able and past the age of puberty **MUST** pay Zakah.

How much is 2.5%?

If someone has £1000 savings - then £25 **MUST** be given to those who need it.

Muslims believe that he/she who does not give Zakah is not considered a Muslim!



Zakah is an act of worship.

It is not charity - because charity is voluntary.

It is a duty.

People who pay it should not feel proud and good about themselves

Zakah helps to make a fairer society.

## Muslims believe:

Everything that they own has been given to them by God.

They are simply looking after what God has given them.

The money they have should be used wisely and in a way which God will like.

This means giving things to those who need them.

The poor have a right to share the wealth that belongs to the rich people.

Zakah makes sure this happens and that no one is left really poor in the society.



## What are the benefits of giving Zakah?

- Obeying God-being a true muslim.
- Freeing oneself from the love of possessions and greed
- protecting society - so that the poor don't feel that they need to turn to crime such as stealing.
- Acknowledging that whether we are rich or poor is God's choice So we should help those he has chosen to make poor.
- Zakah makes a fairer society, so that the poor don't get poorer and the rich don't get richer.

Muslims believe it is a sin to let people in the society suffer from hunger and disease.

Hanging and holding on to the wealth which God has given you is also a sin as it is being greedy, and being greedy is a sin.

In Muslim countries - the government will collect the money and distribute it amongst the poor.

In non-Muslim countries such as the UK - Islamic organisations will collect the money and send it to the poor Muslim countries.

# Who receives Zakah money?



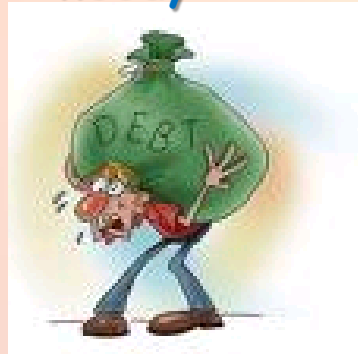
The poor and the needy



Muslims studying Islam



Travellers who need money



People in debt

Zakah goes to:



New Muslims



Prisoners of war



Schools, Hospitals, Libraries, Mosques



Consider **WHY YOU** think these people might need help?

a) A new Muslim



b) Prisoners of war

c) Muslims studying Islam



d) Travellers

e) Schools



f) Mosques

g) Libraries



# Zakat during Ramadan

Giving to others becomes even more important during the month of Ramadan.

During this special month, Muslims make personal sacrifices through their fasting. Fasting helps them to remember those who go without food, shelter and water daily.



# Charity during Ramadan

Muslims remember those less fortunate during Ramadan through their actions.

Charity drives and charity events encourage people to give more than money during Ramadan. For example, in Bahrain, many mosques offer Iftar meals for the poorest in their communities.



# But What Can Children Do?

During Ramadan, children are encouraged to be charitable to others through their actions because they don't usually have money and other things to donate.



# Being Charitable

Being charitable means to be compassionate towards others. This doesn't just mean giving money.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) himself said:  
'when you smile to your brother's face, it is charity.'

There are many ways children can show charity to others.

This can be through doing good deeds for others and looking after yourself.



# Good Deeds

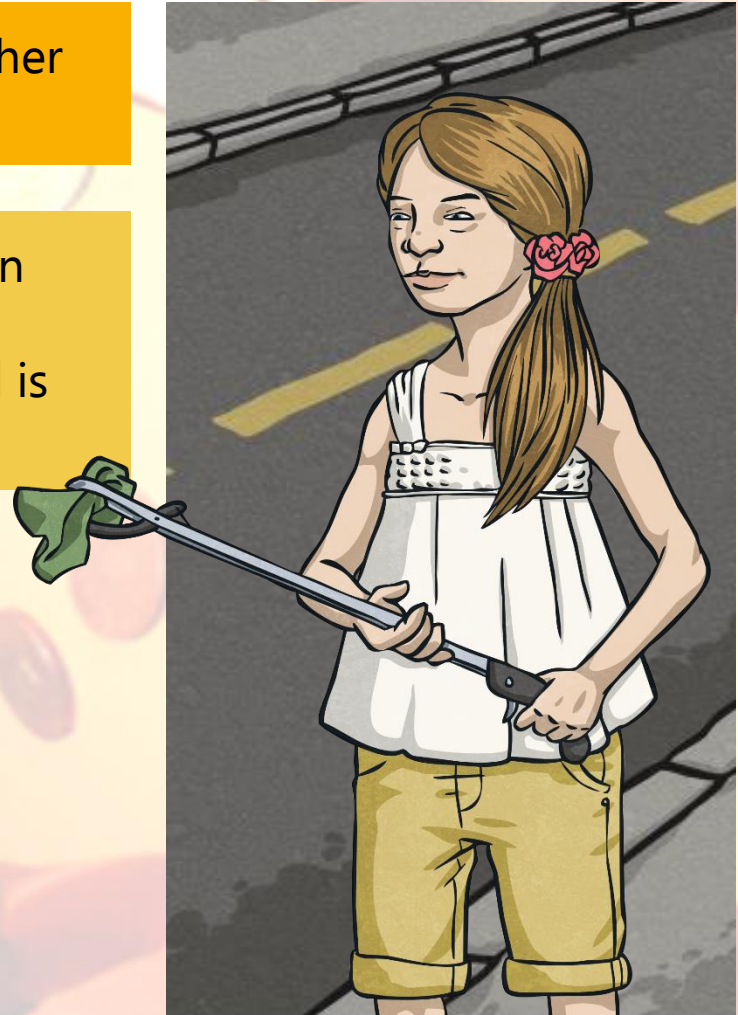
There are many good deeds children can do, such as helping around the house or visiting older relatives.



# Taking Care of Your Environment

Keeping your environment clean is another way of showing charity.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:  
'Removing harmful things from the road is an act of charity.'



# Keeping a Record

Some Muslim children keep a record of the good deeds they do during Ramadan or write a list of one good deed they will do every day.

This helps them to plan what they will do and record it when they have.



# So, What Will You Do?

Think about how you could show charity to other people in this holy month of Ramadan.

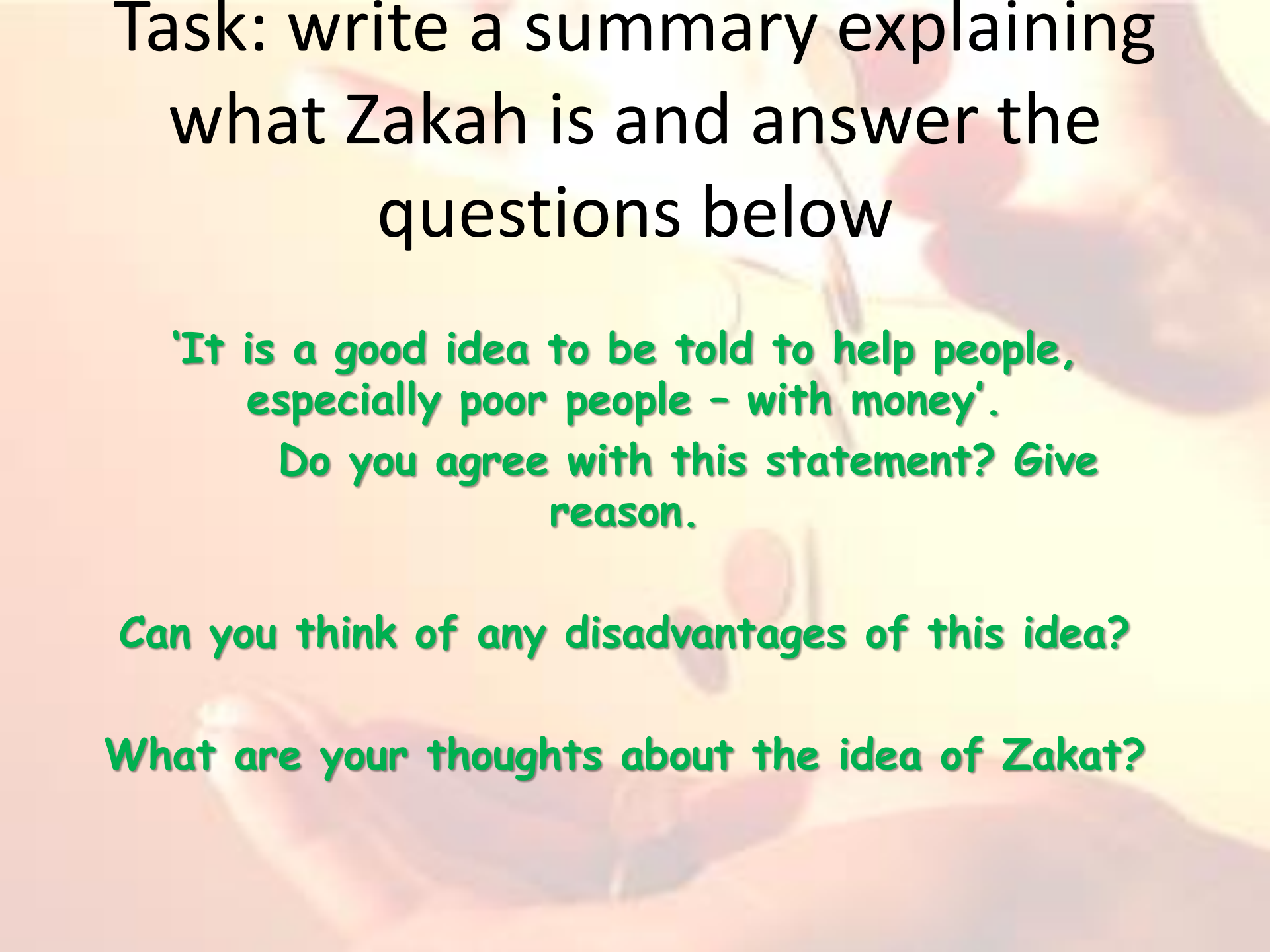
Remember: anyone can do a good deed and a good deed brightens a dark world!



## RECAP - what do you remember?

Ask the person next to you the 'odd' numbered following questions. Then they will ask YOU the 'even' questions.

1. What does Zakah mean?
2. Why is it important to Muslims?
3. How is Zakah creating a 'fair' society?
4. What is a benefit of paying Zakah?
5. What is another benefit of Zakah?
6. How much of one's wealth is Zakah?

A background image showing a pair of hands, one holding a coin, symbolizing charity or giving. The image is slightly blurred and has a warm, golden-yellow tint.

Task: write a summary explaining what Zakah is and answer the questions below

'It is a good idea to be told to help people, especially poor people - with money'.

Do you agree with this statement? Give reason.

Can you think of any disadvantages of this idea?

What are your thoughts about the idea of Zakat?

