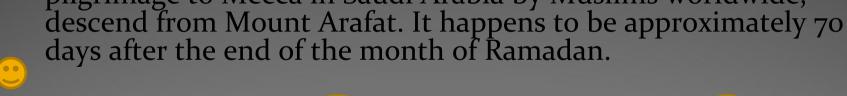


FESTIVAL OF SACRIFICES

Kurban Bayramı is a religious festival celebrated by Muslims worldwide as a commemoration of Prophet Ibrahim's (Abraham's) willingness to sacrifice his son Ismael for God. It is one of two Eid festivals that Muslims celebrate. Like Eid ul-Fitr, Eid ul-Adha also begins with a short prayer followed by a sermon (khutba). Eid ul-Adha is three days long and starts on the 10th day of the month of Dhul Hijja (the lunar Islamic calendar) This is the day after the pilgrims in Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia by Muslims worldwide,















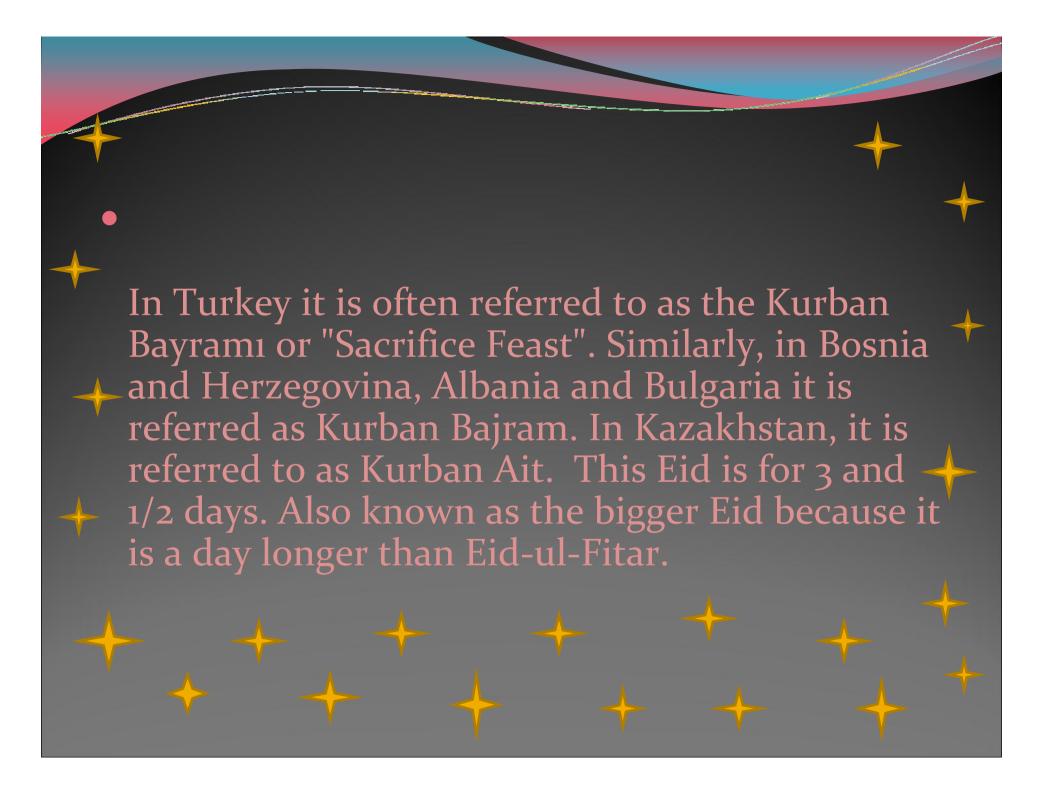














Traditions and Practices

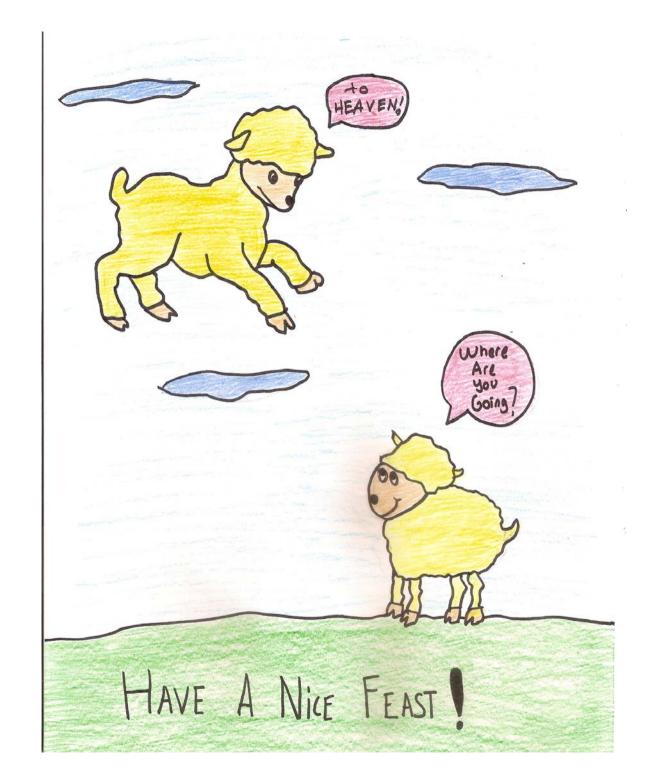
Men, women, and children are expected to dress in their finest clothing and perform the Eid prayer in any mosque. Muslims who can afford to do so sacrifice their best domestic animals (usually sheep, but also camels, cows, and goats) as a symbol of Ibrahim's (Abraham's) sacrifice. The sacrificed animals have to meet certain again. and quality standards or else the animal is considered an unacceptable sacrifice. At the time of sacrifice, Allah's name is recited along with the offering statement and a supplication as Prophet Muhammad said. According to the Quran a large portion of the meat has to be given towards the poor and hungry people so they can all join in the feast which is held on Eid-ul-Adha. The remainder is cooked for the family celebration meal in which relatives and friends are invited to share.

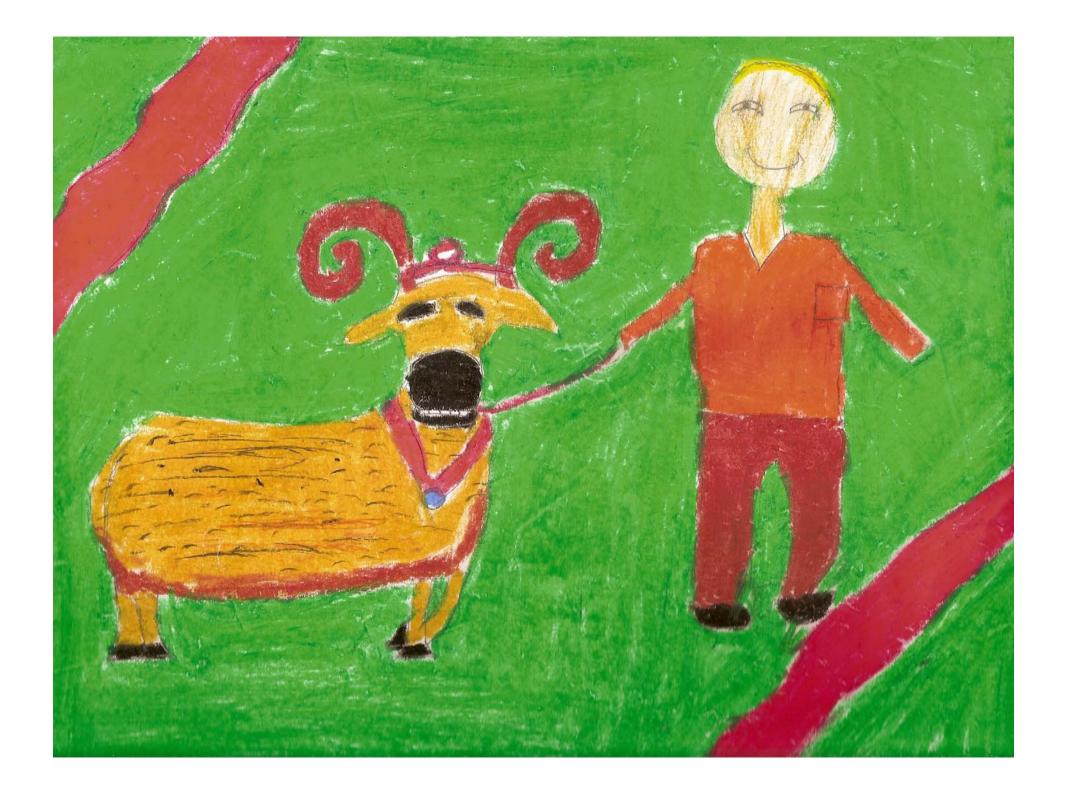
















FEAST THE SACRIFICE

In Turkey, we have two religious festivals: Ramadan and the Feast of the Sacrifice. Both of them are celebrated to days earlier every year. Because celebration days are calculated according to the lunar calendar. According to the lunar calendar. According to the lunar calendar, the feast of the Sacrifice is celebrated on the tenth day of the month 2ilhice. It is celebrated in four days.

In the past, the prophet I brahim hadn't had a child for many years. Then he promised God "if God gave him a son, he would sacrifice him for God". After he had got a son, he told Ismail that he had to sacrifice him for God when he intended to sacrifice Ismail for God, aran fell from the sty. God told Ibrahim to sacrifice a ram instead of Ismail. After that day it becam a trattion.

