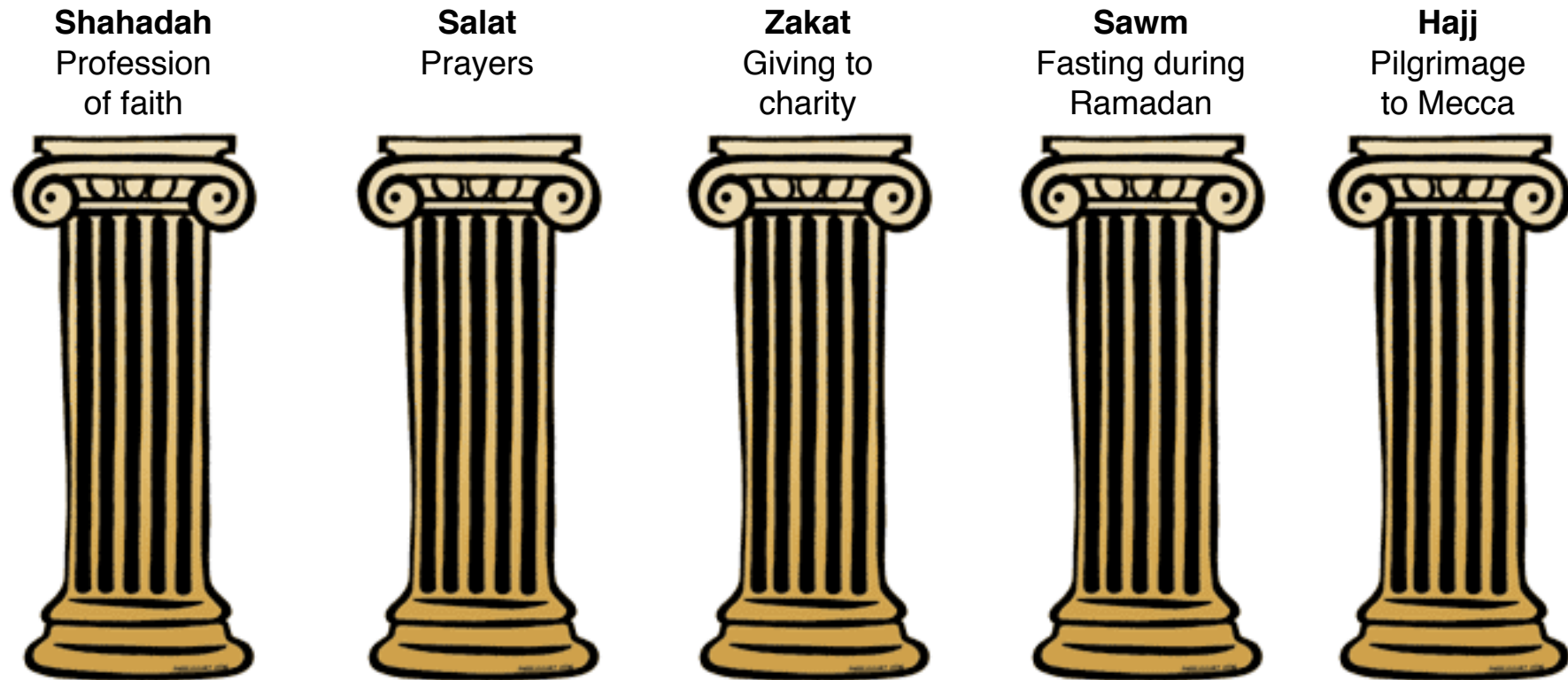


The 5 pillars of Islam.

The most important Muslim practices are the Five Pillars of Islam. The Five Pillars of Islam are the five obligations that every Muslim must satisfy in order to live a good and responsible life according to Islam.

The Five Pillars consist of; **Shahadah**: sincerely reciting the Muslim profession of faith, **Salat**: performing ritual prayers in the proper way five times each day, **Zakat**: paying an alms (or charity) tax to benefit the poor and the needy, **Sawm**: fasting during the month of Ramadan and **Hajj**: pilgrimage to Mecca.



The 5 pillars are important to Muslim life because it helps Muslims to live out their faith practically. It is no good just believing the right things; they must also be lived. This are not just the Pillars to a religious belief but the Pillars to a way of life.