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Dear Children,

Asalamo Alaikum and Ramadan Mubarak!

We thank Allah (swt) for this great opportunity that we are able to experience another holy month of Ramadan with many blessings and mercies. I know that you are excited to start this beautiful month! You will inshaAllah fast if it is wajib for you or practice fasting and worshiping Allah if fasting is not mandatory yet. Ramadan comes with a lot of beauties such as duas, Quran recitation, worshiping Allah, helping each other, and family bonding.

The Holy Quran says:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَ الْفُرْقَانِ

The month of Ramadan is the one which the Quran was revealed as guidance for mankind and as clear sign that shows the right way and distinguish between right and wrong.

Baqara, 185

Therefore, based on this Ayah, we should try to find guidance and the right path in this month. According to Allah, the right way is the way of Prophet Muhammad and Ahlul bayt (pbut). If you are going to follow the right way you should follow the path of the Ahlul bayt, which is the path of worshiping Allah, helping others, having a nice temper, and kindness.

But how can we find out more about this path and the guidance that the Holy Quran has mentioned? We need to learn more and add to our knowledge about Allah and the Ahlul bayt (pbut). According to a tradition by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh): The best action during the night of Qadr which is better than a thousand months is learning about Allah and Islam as the best religion.

Therefore, I would suggest that you use your time this month very wisely. Make sure you have a goal to achieve in this month and a schedule to follow. Shaitan might try and tell you to waste your time and not learn anything. You need to defeat him by learning more and worshiping Allah through fasting, Quran or dua recitation, memorizing the Quran, etc.

You can create a nice schedule and assign yourself little goals to reach each day of Ramadan. For example, one day memorize a short surah, another day memorize a hadith, another day help your mom, and so on. At the end of Ramadan, score yourself to see how successful you were based on your goals.

Alhamdullah we created this interactive booklet for you with a lot of information about Allah and the Ahlul bayt (pbut). So you have it all here! Make sure you follow the structure of this booklet and join the program each night to get the most out of it.

I pray that this booklet is beneficial and it is to the satisfaction of the Imam of our time Imam Mahdi (ajtf)

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Below are some guidelines to get the most out of this booklet:

1. Treat your lesson booklet as a doodle book! Color in the headings, icons, borders, or anywhere else you'd like.
2. Read through the story for each lesson once to get a general idea of the story.
3. Read through a second time, this time marking up (annotating) the text to pick up the details of the story. You can use the text code guide below. Use different colors for each code if you'd like.



When you read something that makes you think, "I knew that" or "I saw that coming"



When you come accross something that you didn't expect



When you have a question or need clarification



When you learn something new



When you read something that is key information, important, or something you want to remember




When you are able to visualize what you're reading



When you can connect the text to something that's happened in your life or in the world

4. Go to the end of the booklet and answer the reading comprehension questions for the story you just read.
5. Markup (annotate) the second page of the lesson as well.
6. Pull out some notebook paper and write a response to the journal entry prompt that's on the second page of the lesson. Draw a picture to go with your response if you'd like.
7. The end of your booklet has a word search and crossword puzzles for the lessons. Work on these throughout the month.



GRATITUDE

One day, Muhammad went to his friend Isa's house to play. They were having a lot of fun together playing with Isa's things. Isa had a lot of model vehicles in his room. He liked using kits to build real looking models of planes, trucks, and cars. Isa had one model fire truck that Muhammad was really fascinated by. All of the little details made it look just like a real fire truck. He would always admire it when he was at Isa's house. "I really like this fire truck of yours, Isa", Muhammad said. "Thanks! Let me show you this new model car I'm working on," Isa replied. He showed Muhammad what he was working on. Muhammad was surprised by how many little pieces were used to make the model car. The boys continued to play until Muhammad's mother came to pick him up.

Just as Muhammad was about to leave, Isa asked his mother if he could give his model fire truck to Muhammad. Isa's mother replied, "That's very kind of you. I'm sure he'll like it very much." Isa ran to his room and carefully picked up the fire truck. "Muhammad, I know you really like this fire truck model. You're my good friend and I'd like you to have it." Muhammad smiled, "Thank you, Isa! Wow, this is great. That's so nice of you." Muhammad was so happy to be given the fire truck. He couldn't wait to get home and display it.

As soon as Muhammad got home, he ran to his room to find a spot for his fire truck. But before Muhammad could put the truck down, he tripped over a book he had left on the ground and the fire truck fell to the ground. A few of the pieces of the front of the engine fell off. Muhammad's heart sank. He was so excited to have the fire truck and it was ruined before he even got to enjoy it at home. "Why me? Why would this happen to me? All I wanted was to display it nicely in my room," Muhammad complained.

Muhammad's father walked in the room to see what had happened and quickly understood. He sat with Muhammad to console him. He said, "I understand that you are disappointed about the fire truck, Muhammad. But Alhamdulillah this is something that can be fixed. Only a few pieces fell off and they can be put back together. Be thankful for your situation instead of focusing on the bad things that happened." Muhammad replied, "But I've never built a model fire truck and I don't even have the instructions. I won't be able to fix it today. I'll have to wait until I see Isa again to ask him for help. And I want it fixed now. I'm not sure what there is to be thankful for."

"Muhammad, we are blessed in so many ways. We can't even count all the ways that Allah has blessed us. We have our families, good health, our homes, and so many other things beyond what we need. You had a fun day with Isa who is such a good friend to you. And he gave you his model fire truck as a gesture of kindness. These are all blessings from Allah. We should show our gratitude by remembering and thanking Allah. Even when something happens that you don't like, try to see all the things that you do have. You'll feel content if you are grateful for what you have." Muhammad listened to his father's words and realized that even though he was disappointed, he had so much to be thankful for. "Alhamdulillah. I'm truly blessed."

Name of Allah

1

Al-Ghaniy

The Self Sufficient

Allah (swt) does not need anyone or anything. In Surah Hajj, Ayah 64, Allah says: "His is whatever in the heavens and in the earth, and most surely Allah is the Self-Sufficient, the Praised." Allah does not need us, but we all need him.

Ghaniy also means richness. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said: "Wealth is not the abundance of availability; rather, it is the richness of one's own nafs".

Dhikr of Allah helps us remember that we should only rely on Allah for our needs and that feeling gratitude for all that Allah has given us will give us contentment.



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s), Imam Ali (as), and Imam Sadiq (as) said, "If one is given gratitude, he will not be denied increase [of blessings]." (Tuhaf, p.41. Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 135. Amali., p. 693, h 1473)



"Whatever blessing you have is from Allah."

(Quran 16:53)



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How do you think feeling entitled (deserving more than we actually have) prevents us from feeling grateful? Are contentment (happiness) and gratitude related?



MAINTAINING PRAYER

It was a bright and sunny day, perfect for playing all day. Ali asked his sister, Mariam, if she wanted to go outside. Mariam agreed happily and they went to find their friends at the park. They were having so much fun, but all of a sudden Ali noticed that his parents were setting up for their afternoon prayers in the grassy area nearby. "Come on, Mariam. Let's take a break and join Mom and dad for prayer," Ali called out. Mariam didn't want to stop playing. She asked, "Why do we have to go right now Ali? Can't we play with our friends, I'm having so much fun today!"

Ali replied, "It would be better if we took a short break to pray Dhuhr and Asr, it's important to pray everyday." Mahdi and Haleema walked over to Ali and Mariam and said they were going to take a break from their play, but would come back to play soon. Mariam asked, "Why are you taking a break. Aren't you having fun playing at the park?" Haleema replied, "I am having fun. But I have been practicing praying on time and it's almost Dhuhr time." Mahdi chimed in, "Our parents told us that maintaining prayer is very important to stay close to Allah (swt)." After hearing this, Mariam was convinced that she should also try to pray on time so she could be closer to Allah (swt).

Ali and Mariam ran towards their parents and told them they would like to join them in prayer. They all prayed together. After prayer, Ali and Mariam's mother and father came and sat down next to their children and told them how proud they were that Mariam and Ali made such a good choice to take a break from their play to pray salaah. Mariam told her mom about how Mahdi reminded her that praying on time and maintaining prayer were very important to stay close to Allah (swt).

Ali finished his tasbeeh and then asked if they could go back to playing. The children's father said, "Of course, just remember to be back by maghrib time, so that we can pray together on time again."

Ali and Mariam replied, "Thank you so much Mom! We will be sure to come back on time so we can pray on time." Of course Mariam and Ali made sure to come back on time and kept up their routine of praying on time so they could maintain their prayer everyday!

Name of Allah

2

Al-Khaliq The Creator

Allah (swt) is The Creator of everything. He was not created and does not need anything from his creations. Allah says in the Quran, "Such is Allah, your Lord! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Creator of all things. So Worship Him alone and he is the guardian over all things. (Quran 6:102)



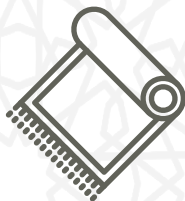
Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "The prayer of a person is (in reality) a light in his heart, so whoever desires, can illuminate his heart (by means of prayers)." (Kanzul 'Ummal, Volume 7, Tradition 18973)



"Recite, [O Muhammad], what has been revealed to you of the Book and establish prayer. Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing, and the remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows that which you do." (Quran, 29:45)

What are a few benefits to praying regularly? Does prayer help us make positive changes in our lives?



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One day, Mustafa and Ayaan were playing at home. They were bored and trying to figure out what to do to keep themselves busy. “Mom, what should we do,” Ayaan moaned. “Why don’t you take the spare cardboard boxes in the garage and use them to build something together,” their mother suggested. The boys quickly sat up in excitement. They liked to build things and there were enough boxes to build something really big!

The boys ran to the garage and carried the boxes to their room so that they could plan out what they would build with the boxes and other supplies they already had. The boys discussed different ideas and finally decided that they would make robot costumes with the boxes. They quickly got to work. They had to cut the cardboard up into small pieces for the details of the robot. They wanted it to look as realistic as possible. They made mini screws, buttons, and switches from paper and cardboard. They also glued on beads and other knick knacks they found around the house.

“Mustafa, Ayaan, please clean up your project, wash up, and come eat your lunch,” the boys’ mother called. The boys were so busy working on their robots that they didn’t realize how fast the time had passed. The boys jumped up and ran to the table. They left all of their scraps and half glued items on the ground.

After lunch, the boys ran back to their robots and started putting their costumes on. They had so much fun going around the house in their robot costumes that they played with it for the rest of the day.

In the evening, their mother happened to pass by the boys’ room and noticed that they hadn’t cleaned up their mess after making the robots. There were little pieces of cardboard and paper everywhere. Some parts of the carpet were even sticky from the glue they had used. “Mustafa and Ayaan, please come here right away.”, she called out to the boys. They quickly ran towards their mother. She looked at their hands and noticed that their hands were sticky as well. “Didn’t I ask you to clean up your mess before lunch? And did you wash your hands before and after lunch like I’d asked?” The boys were having so much fun that cleaning up their mess or themselves had completely slipped their minds. “Sorry, mom, we’ll start cleaning up now,” Ayaan said. Their mother replied, “Thank you, boys. Allah (swt) likes for us all to make cleanliness a priority. Try your best to remember this next time.”

Name of Allah

3

Al-'Aleem

The All-Knowing

Allah (swt) has knowledge of every detail on this earth and is aware of everything that happens or that will happen. The guidance that Allah gives us is based on his infinite knowledge of what is best for us. Allah says in the Quran, "And with Him are the keys of the unseen, none knows them but He. And He knows whatever there is in the land and in the sea. Not a leaf falls, but He knows it. There is not a grain in the shadows of neither the earth nor anything fresh or dry, but it is written in a Clear Record." (Quran 6:59)



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "Try to be clean as much as you are able to. Verily, Allah has based the foundation of Islam on cleanliness; hence, never can a person enter Paradise but the clean ones." (Kanz-ul-'Ummal, Tradition 26002)



"Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you, but He intends to purify you and complete His favor upon you that you may be grateful."
(Quran, 5:6)

Name Islamic practices that help us stay clean.

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One bright sunny day, Imran and Haadi went to the neighborhood park to play. They both loved swinging and running around. On this particular day, they were both having fun riding around the park on their scooters. Imran noticed a boy sitting on the park bench quietly looking at all the other kids playing. He hadn't seen him before, and the boy looked like he was bored. "That boy may be new to the neighborhood. We should go over and introduce ourselves and invite him to join us," Imran said to Haadi. Haadi replied, "But we are having so much fun on our scooters. And that boy doesn't have a scooter. If we ask him to play with us, we'll have to do something else." Imran paused and sighed, "I guess you're right. Maybe someone else will go and talk to him."

The boys continued to ride on their scooters. They were going very fast and going up and down slopes on the pavement. "Imran, do you want to race down that big slope?" Haadi yelled excitedly. "Sure, let's see who is the fastest of all," replied Imran. The two friends walked their scooters up to the top. They started racing again and again. Haadi won the first race. But Imran won the next one.

Imran and Haadi continued racing for a few minutes, until Imran remembered the boy on the bench and looked over to see what he was doing. Imran was sad to see that the boy was still sitting alone on the bench, watching the other kids play. No one had approached him like Imran had hoped. "Haadi, I'm going to go talk to the boy on the bench. He doesn't seem to know anyone and I know if I were at the park alone, I'd want someone to show some kindness to me and invite me to join them. It's not easy being the new kid." Haadi shook his head in agreement and the boys walked over to the bench. The boy at the bench noticed Imran and Haadi walking over and shifted nervously on the bench as he wondered what they would say.

"Salaam Alaikum, my name is Imran and this is Haadi. We haven't seen you at this park before. Are you new to the neighborhood?" The boy replied, "Walaikum Salaam, yes, I'm new to the neighborhood; my family just moved here. My name is Hasan." "Nice to meet you, Hasan," Haadi responded. "Do you want to play with us? We can go on the swings or if you want, we can take turns racing with our scooters." Hasan's face lit up, "Sure! I'd like to do that." The three boys ran back to the big slope and took turns racing down. They talked and got to know each other better and realized that they were in the same grade and had a lot of common interests.

The boys played for hours until it was evening time. As they all started to leave for home, Hasan turned to Imran and Haadi and said, "Thanks for including me, guys. I was nervous that I wouldn't be able to make any friends in our new neighborhood. My parents told me that I should come to the park to meet people, but it's not easy when everyone else already seems to know each other. I'll never forget the kindness you've shown to me. May Allah (swt) reward you for it." Imran and Haadi were glad that they decided to be kind to their new friend Hasan. Allah had rewarded their kindness with a great new friend.

Name of Allah



Al-Lateef

The Most Kind

Allah (swt) is kind to us in every way and knows the details of everything that we need. He is kind to us in such a subtle way that we often don't even realize the kindness He is showing us by putting us in certain situations.



Did you know...

Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (a.s.) was asked: "What is the definition of good manners?" The Imam said, "

Keeping your wings soft, (i.e., behaving benevolently and courteously), talking sweetly and virtuously and meeting your fellow brethren with a happy and smiling face. (Biharu 'l-Anwar, vol.74.)




"Verily, Allah is with those who are righteous and those who do good."

(Quran 16:129)



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What are some acts of kindness that you can do regularly that would help a member of your family? Try committing to one new kind deed starting tomorrow.



RESTRAINING ANGER

It was the first day of second grade, and Zara had just moved to a new city. As she walked onto the playground, she was approached by a group of girls. One of the girls said, "Salaam Alaikum, my name is Sana. These are my friends, Zainab and Maryam. Do you want to play tag with us?" Zara smiled eagerly and said, "I'd love to!" Zainab screamed, "Sana you're it!" The girls all shrieked and ran in different directions across the playground. Sana darted after Zara, but Zara narrowly escaped her grasp every time. Finally, after chasing her for fifteen minutes, Sana caught Zara. "Tag! You're it!" She screamed as she darted away. Zara felt a little frustrated as she thought to herself, "Why did she only chase me? I don't want to be it." Nevertheless, she put on a smile and chased after her new friends.

When class started, Sana, Zainab, Zara, and Maryam ran into class. Maryam sat down next to Zara. She exclaimed, "I'm going to tell Miss Fatima that we have a new student." Zara froze. She didn't feel ready to talk in front of the whole class. "Maryam, no, please don't say anything," she cried.

Maryam raised her hand anyways and announced, "This is my new friend Zara, and she just moved here from Florida." Zara's face turned red with embarrassment. Miss Fatima said, "A new student! Wow! Zara, can you please introduce yourself?" Zara mumbled her name and where she was from as fast as she could and then slid down into her seat. She felt very unhappy that her new friend disrespected her wishes. The next day, before class, the girls played tag again. Sana seemed to single out Zara and chased her more than any of the other girls. Zara grew more frustrated as the day went on.

After a whole week of feeling singled out by her new friends, Zara was losing her patience. During a game of four-square, after she was knocked out of the king square by Zainab. "This isn't fair! You always pick on me and never listen to what I want! I don't want to play with you anymore!" she yelled as she ran away. Sana, Zainab, and Maryam stared after her in shock. For the next few days, Zara sat alone at lunch and stayed in the classroom for recess. But she started to miss her friends.

Finally, Zara decided to approach the girls. "I just wanted to say I'm sorry for getting angry. That was rude of me. The truth is, I felt disrespected by the way I was getting treated. I didn't like that you ignored my wishes and always chased me during the games. But I should have controlled my anger and I'm really sorry. Do you think we can be friends again?" Zainab smiled and gave Zara a hug. "I'm sorry we mistreated you, Zara. We never meant to make you feel bad," she said. Sana and Maryam both nodded. "We promise we'll be more fair in our games and listen to what you ask." Maryam added. "We missed you!" Sana chimed in.

Zara smiled at her friends, and they all hugged before walking into school. As Zara walked into class, she marveled at how easy it was to get her friends to listen if she withheld her anger and spoke to them kindly. From then on, Zara decided she would do her best to hold her temper and speak to people nicely.

Name of Allah

5

Al-Khabeer The Fully Aware

Allah (swt) is aware of everything and understands both the outward and hidden reality of all things. Allah says in the Quran, "And He is Dominant over His servants.

And He is the Wise, the Acquainted [with all]." Quran (6:18)



Did you know...

A man asked Prophet Muhammad (s), "Advise me." The Prophet replied, "Do not be angry". The man repeated his question and (the Prophet) again said, "Do not be angry," and continued, "He is not strong and powerful who throws people down but he is strong who withholds himself from anger." (Harrani, Tuhaf al-Uqul an aal al-Rasul, p.33, 5th Edition)



"Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good"

(Quran 3:134)



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What is one thing that makes you angry? What can you think about the next time you get angry as a reminder of how Allah wants us to control our anger?



Mariam was having such a great day so she was very excited to go and play with her friends at recess. When she was on the blacktop with her best friend playing their favorite game, her friend said she had to tell Mariam something.

“Ok, what is it?”

“I have to move across the country next week with my family because my grandma is really sick, I am going to miss you a lot, but I will remember you and I am sure you will make more friends.”

Mariam woke up feeling very grumpy and upset. She had a very bad day yesterday because her best friend told her she was moving to a different state in one week. When her mother called her downstairs for breakfast, Mariam responded in a harsh tone. Her mother didn’t say anything until Mariam came downstairs and sat down at the table.

“Mariam, I understand that you have been having a rough time lately, but you need to remember that you have to always speak to people in the best way. Just like it says in ayah 83 of surah Baqarah, ‘And speak to people good [words]’.”

“Ok, Mom I’m sorry. I will remember to always speak with the best words so I can make sure to keep everybody I talk to happy.” Mariam’s mom felt very happy that she could teach her daughter such an important lesson of always using good language and speaking with a good tone.

Later that day, Mariam saw Ali speaking harshly towards their friend. She asked him what was wrong and he said that his friend made him fall so he would lose their game. Mariam thought about what her mother had said to her in the morning so she said to Ali, “It doesn’t matter what happened, but remember even when you are mad you have to speak to others with kindness and respect just like it says in the Quran. You will feel better about it later on instead of regretting what you’ve said.”

“Thank you for reminding me Mariam, I am going to go and say sorry to my friend and ask him politely if we can make sure not to hurt each other again so our friendship stays strong!”

“Good job Ali, I am very proud of you!”

When the children returned home, they both made sure to only speak to their parents with respect and they only used good words that would make everybody feel loved and happy.

Name of Allah

6

Al-Muta'ali

The Most Exalted

Allah (swt) is exalted and is higher than any of his creations. His highness is beyond anything that we can imagine. Allah says in the Quran, "[He is] Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, the Grand, the Exalted."
(Quran, 13:9)



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "Surely, Allah does not like obscene language and abusiveness" (Jaame' Al-Sa'adaat, vol. 1, pg. 314)



"Believers, fear Allah and speak the truth. Allah will set your deeds right for you and will forgive your sins. Whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has achieved a great triumph."
(Quran 33:70-71)

Do our words impact how other people feel? When someone says something unkind to you or uses bad language, how does it make you feel?

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HONORING PARENTS

Ashar was busy doing his homework one evening. He had had a long day with school and after school activities and was exhausted. He just wanted to get his homework done quickly so that he could have some time to play his favorite video game before dinner. Ashar quickly worked through his last word problem of his math homework, and started to put his work in his backpack. “Finally, I’ll get some time to relax,” he thought to himself.

Just as Ashar was getting up to walk towards his video game, his mother called out to him. “Ashar, please come and help set the table with your sister. We are about to have dinner.” Ashar groaned, “Mom, I just finished my homework. I’m exhausted. I want to play my video game for a little while. Why do I always have to help you?”

Ashar’s father was surprised by Ashar’s rudeness towards her. “Ashar, is that any way to talk to your mother? Please apologize to your mother and set the table right away.” Ashar grumbled an apology and began to help his sister set the table.

When they sat for dinner, everyone started talking about their busy days. Ashar’s sister talked about school and the projects she was working on. Ashar’s father talked about his busy day at the office and how he had been working extra long hours the last few weeks in order to meet his deadlines. When Ashar’s mother began talking, she sighed a little just thinking about the day she’d had. She had been on her feet all day, rushing around with school and activity drop offs and pick ups, errands, work projects, and meal preparation. Ashar realized that both of his parents worked very hard for their family and that he was wrong for being so rude and ungrateful towards his mother.

“I’m sorry, Mom, for my attitude towards you earlier. I was tired and cranky but that is no excuse to be rude to you. You and Dad have always done so much for us and I should show more appreciation and do more chores without complaining.” Ashar truly felt badly about his behavior. “I accept your apology, Ashar,” his mom replied with a smile. “I’m glad that you know how important it is to respect your parents. Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “The best deeds are: Salat in its stipulated hour, goodness towards parents and Jihad in the way of Allah.” (Biharul Anwar, Volume 74, Page 85) Always remember that.”

Name of Allah

7

Ar-Raheem

The Most Merciful

Allah (swt) continuously bestows His mercy on us. He shows us so much kindness and compassion. Allah says in the Quran, "It is He who confers blessing upon you, and His angels [ask Him to do so] that He may bring you out from darkneses into the light. And ever is He, to the believers, Merciful (Raheem)." (Quran, 33:43)



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"Your Lord has commanded that you worship none but Him, and that you be good to your parents. If either of them or both of them reach old age with you, do not say to them a word of disrespect, nor scold them, but say to them kind words."

(Quran 17:23)

What are some ways that you can improve your behavior towards your parents? Commit to something good that you starting tomorrow can do that will make your parents happy.

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PROMISES AND TRUST

Fizza was carrying a big stack of papers to put in the recycling bin when Yousuf came running and bumped into her with full force. "I am sorry Fizza, did you get hurt? I didn't mean to hurt you at all," Yousuf apologised for colliding. "I am fine, Yousuf. Can you help me pick up these papers? I was taking them to the recycling bin, Fizza replied while picking up the scattered papers from the floor." Yousuf looked at Fizza and hesitantly said, "Hmm, I have to go and play with my friends. I had promised to join them after dhuhur. They'll be waiting for me at the playground.", explained Yousuf. Fizza answered, "I understand, but if you help me by taking these papers to the recycling bin, I'll help you with your science project that you've been working on." Yousuf was really confused about the situation. He really needed help with his science project, but he had promised to go meet with his friends, too. He looked at the clock; there were still five minutes left before he had to be at the park. He quickly started gathering the papers and both of them successfully took all of the papers for recycling. Right after helping Fizza, Yousuf said salam to his mother and went out to meet his friends who were waiting for him. He thanked Allah for being there on time and for being able to fulfill his commitment.

In the evening when Yousuf came back, he had his evening snack and started to work on his science project. The due date was not far but he still had a lot to do. He went to Fizza's room to remind her about her promise to help him. The door was closed so he stood outside and knocked twice. No one answered. He opened the door a little bit and peeked, Fizza was sleeping. Yousuf went back and continued working. An hour later, he went back to check on Fizza and she was still asleep. He went to his mother and asked her to wake Fizza up. His mother told him that Fizza had not been feeling well so she went to sleep earlier. She thought it might not be good for Fizza's health if she woke her up. Yousuf had dinner and went to sleep. He was sad but thought that he'd ask Fizza for help the next day.

It was around 9 o'clock at night when Fizza woke up thirsty and feeling better. While drinking some water, she saw the light in Yousuf's room. He was still up working on his project. She remembered that she had promised to help him, so she went to his room. "Yousuf, I'm sorry I wasn't able to help you earlier; can I help now?" Fizza asked. Yousuf was happy to have the help, but wanted to make sure his sister wasn't still feeling unwell. "Thanks, Fizza. Are you feeling well enough? If you're still not feeling well, please go back to sleep. I can manage on my own." Fizza insisted, "I'm feeling a lot better at the moment. Let's work on your project." Yousuf explained the details of the project to Fizza and she started helping him put the different parts of his project together. They worked together for over an hour, until Yousuf's project was finally complete. "Thank you for your help, Fizza," Yousuf exclaimed. Fizza was happy that she was able to keep her promise.

The next morning, at the breakfast table, Yousuf asked Fizza if she was still feeling okay. Fizza replied, "Yes, I'm feeling better, alhamdulillah." Yousuf was very grateful for his sister's help. He knew that he could always rely on her to keep her promises.

Name of Allah



Al-Wakeel The Trustee

Allah (swt) is a guardian for us and our interests. We can rely on Allah for anything and everything. Allah says in the Quran, "And to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs."
(Qur'an 4:132)



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "Whoever has faith in Allah and the Day of Reckoning, should fulfill his promises." (Usul al-Kafi, v 2, p. 364)



"Believers! Do not be unfaithful to Allah and the Messenger, nor be knowingly unfaithful to your trusts."

(Quran 8:27)



What qualities make a good friend? Would you be friends with someone that you couldn't trust?

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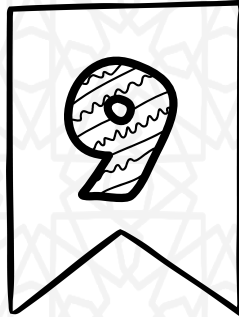
Spring break had started and Rayhan was excited to spend the week at home. He wanted to play with his friends. After having breakfast and getting ready for the day, he called Amir to check if they could play in the backyard. A few minutes later, Amir came and the boys ran to the backyard.

An hour of playing soccer and hide and seek, Rayhan suggested that they go to the playground to play on the play structures. He wanted to play on the swings. “How about making our own swing?” Amir suggested while looking at the big branch of a tree in the backyard. “Baba told me once that they used to make their own swings when they were kids.” “Yaay! That’s going to be fun,” said Rayhan. They both ran inside and asked Rayhan’s grandpa if he could help them make a swing. His grandpa agreed. The boys helped him looking for a rope, an old car tire and the toolbox. Soon, they all were busy making a tire swing.

Once the swing was ready after an hour of work, Amir was the first one to sit on it. He figured that it was strong enough to hold him and started swinging. “Wooo hooo I am flying, this swing is great. I am flying high on the clouds. Captain Amir is flying up high in the sky. The weather is really good and the sun is smiling.” Amir pretended to be an airplane captain. After fifteen minutes, Rayhan asked Amir if he could play on the swing. Amir gave Rayhan his turn and he liked the swing as well. “Wow! This is so much fun. I had never thought that we could make such a good swing at home. Now I can swing even when I’m at home.” A few minutes later, Amir asked Rayhan if he could get back on the swing again. Rayhan replied, “No, this is my swing, my grandpa made this swing. You can’t ride it. Only I can play with it.” Rayhan refused to let Amir sit on the swing. “But it was my idea to make the swing at home. You would never have thought of it. I helped you make the swing as well. It’s not fair to not let me have a turn.” Amir explained. “Yeah, it was your idea but it’s in my house so it’s my swing,” Rayhan said dismissively. “You’re being really unfair,” Amir said before walking away and sitting on a chair in the yard. He was visibly upset.

Rayhan’s grandpa had been observing the situation from inside and walked over to the boys. He held Amir’s hand and came near the swing where Rayhan was still sitting on it. “My dear grandson, I heard your discussion while sitting over there”, he pointed. “Amir is right. He gave you the idea to make the tire swing. Because both of you helped me, we were able to make the swing. On top of that, he is your guest. It is unfair for you to play with it and exclude Amir. Allah likes it when we are fair and give the right to the deserving. Allah wants us to be fair and just. People around us have rights over us and safeguarding their rights helps us make a just society.” Rayhan’s grandpa’s words made sense to Rayhan. He came down from the swing, apologized to Amir and soon they were taking turns and playing again on the swing happily.

Name of Allah



Al-'Adl

The Just

Allah (swt) is just to all of his creations. He has complete knowledge of all things, so he is capable of being just. Allah says in the Quran, "And the word of your Lord has been fulfilled in truth and in justice. None can alter His words, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing." (Quran, 6:115)



Did you know...

Imam Ali (as) said, "One, who exhibits fairness on his part, Allah shall increase him in glory." (Jaame' al-Sa'adaat, vol. 1, pg. 368)



"Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly."

(Quran 49:9)



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Write about a time you can think of a time when you were treated unfairly or when you treated someone unfairly. Why is important to be fair to everyone?



GENEROSITY

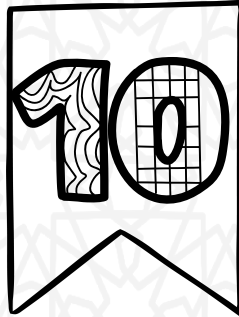
It had been a long day for Zainab. She had fasted for the first time and towards the end of the day, she felt really hungry. While she was eating iftar after Maghrib salaah, she truly thanked Allah for the food in front of her. Today was the first time that she realised the pain of hunger. Her father gave her twenty dollars as a reward for fasting. At night before going to sleep, she asked her mom if she could spend this money on a toy of her choice. “Yes, my daughter, you can get any toy that costs less than twenty dollars with this reward money.” Zainab went to sleep thinking about it.

The next morning, soon after finishing breakfast, she went to her father and asked him to take her to the toy store so she could get something for her. Mr. Hashim, Zainab’s father, told her that they’ll go in an hour. After an hour, Zainab left with her father, excited and happy.

When they reached the toy store, she held her father’s hand and took him straight to the end of the store. She wanted to look at everything and then choose a toy that she liked the most. After searching for almost an hour, she finally found a toy baking set. It included a pink oven, some baking pans and trays and a few pretend cakes and cookies. She instantly knew that this was what she wanted. Zainab took that toy from the shelf and went to the cash register. She paid and told the cashier that she was getting this toy with her own money. She was so happy and excited as she left the store.

Just when she was about to sit in the car, she heard someone crying. She saw a girl with her mother, sitting on the curb in the parking lot and crying out loud. The girl was almost Zainab’s age. Zainab asked her father if they could help the little girl in any way. Both the father and daughter went over to the other side of the parking lot and asked the lady about what happened to the girl and if they could help. The lady told them that her daughter wants a toy from the store but they don’t have enough money to get it. The lady’s explanation left Zainab deep in thought. She remembered her mother telling her that a true fast is actually giving up your desires and making Allah happy. She knew what she had to do. Zainab immediately handed her toy over to the little girl and said, “This is an Eid gift for you, my sister.” The girl smiled with tears in her eyes and that smile made Zainab’s day. She felt happy that she was able to give her favorite thing to make someone else happy. The little girls’ happiness made Zainab understand the true meaning of fasting and sharing. Because of her generosity, Zainab’s father took her back to the store and bought her the baking set again.

Name of Allah



Al-Kareem

The Most Generous

Allah (swt) gives to us in the most beneficent manner and also forgives us very generously when we sin. When we show appreciation to Allah or when we perform a small act of kindness, Allah blesses and rewards us abundantly. Allah says in the Quran, "O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous." (Quran 82:6)



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "Nothing shall ensure the welfare (and interests) of your religion except generosity and good disposition." (Jami' al-Sa'adat, vol. 1, pg. 308)



"Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it."
(Quran 3:92)

Think about all that you have been blessed with. What is one act of generosity that you can do this week? This can be giving something away or being generous with your time to help someone.

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Ali came back from school happy and delighted. Right after coming into the house, he said salaam to his mother and showed her something wrapped in brown paper. "What's inside this paper, Ali?" asked his mother. "My teacher has given me a sunflower seed. I have to plant this seed and see it grow into a sunflower. I am so excited mama, this is going to be my first time planting something inshaAllah." Ali hugged his mother and told her the details. "I want to plant it right now, Mama." His mother replied, "Ali jaan, let's wash your hands, have lunch and then we can plant it together." Ali and his mother planted the seed after lunch.

The next day, Ali went to school and excitedly told everyone about his seed and how he can't wait to eat the sunflower seeds grown on the sunflower plant. As days passed by and Ali continued watering and caring for the seed, he grew impatient to see it grow into a plant and bear seeds.

When the first shoot finally appeared, Ali, filled with impatience, went to see his mother. "Can I uproot it yet?" he asked anxiously. His mother answered that he would still have to tend the plant for quite some time before he would be able to collect many seeds from just one sunflower. He was disappointed, but he kept on looking after his sunflower.

After months of watering and taking care of the plant, it finally had one seed. Ali could not wait anymore and cut the plant so he could eat them. But the plant was still green, the seeds were not ripe, and of course they couldn't be eaten. Ali was devastated. He had put so much effort into caring for the sunflower, but in the end he had ruined it all for a simple lack of patience. He was even upset when he saw how big his classmates' sunflowers grew. Ultimately, he resolved not to be so impatient in the future, and to listen to his parents. Fortunately, he wasn't completely out of luck, and his friends were good enough to share their delicious sunflower seeds with him.

As-Sabur

The Most Patient

Allah (swt) is the patient and steadfast. He does not rush to do anything before its proper time. Allah does not hasten to punish those who sin; He delays it and gives us the opportunity to seek forgiveness.



Did you know...

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (a) said, "Verily, Sabr is to faith what the head is to the body. The body perishes with-out the head, and so also when Sabr goes, faith also disappears." (Al-Kulayni, al-Kafi, vol. 2, bab al-Sabr, p. 128, Hadith # 2)



"And be patient and persevering, for Allah is with those who patiently persevere."
(Quran, 8:46)



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How has being patient rewarded you in your life?



Early in the morning, as her alarm went off, six year old Sarah jumped out of the bed and rushed towards the kitchen. “Mama, we have to go to the zoo today. See, I am ready on time”. Salaam un alaikum Sarah! Yes, we will go to zoo inshaAllah but first we’ll have our breakfast. Please wash your hands so we can start eating.” Sarah followed the directions.

Soon after they were done with the breakfast, Sarah excitedly said, Done! Done! Done! can we please go now? I am ready.” “I don’t think so” said the mom” Go look in the mirror.” Sarah ran to the bathroom and looked in the mirror. Her hair was tangled, and she had a big white milk mustache. Sarah washed her face, brushed her teeth and combed her hair. “Now I’m ready,” she called. Not yet,” Mom said. “Look in your bedroom for something Grandma sent you!” Sarah ran to her room. A new dress. Her eyes were wide open to see her favorite red colored dress with rainbows on it. She quickly went ahead to wear it but then put it back on the bed. She frowned and said, “it doesn’t have any sleeves mama”. Mama went to look into Sarah’s closet and found a red t-shirt. You can wear this underneath. Sarah put the shirt on and then the dress. “Now I am ready to go to the zoo!” “Yes,” Mom said and smiled. “Now you are ready!”

Sarah’s mother packed some snacks and they left for the zoo. Sarah has been waiting for this trip to the zoo for over a month now. Every time they made a plan, something unexpected would happen and they could not go. Finally, they were on their way to the zoo. Sarah could not hide her excitement and was constantly talking to her mother about what she would do at the zoo. It did not take that long to reach there. They parked the car and walked over to the entrance. While waiting in line for the ticket, Sarah heard someone calling her name. She turned around and saw the lady behind calling her daughter. She figured that her name was Sarah too. Before she could do or say anything, Sarah’s mom said salam to the lady and they started talking briefly until it was their turn to buy tickets.

While they were entering the bird center, Sarah asked her mom something she had been thinking about for a few weeks now, “Mama, just like the other Sarah was wearing a hijab, why do a lot of young girls wear hijab like you do?” Her mother replied, “Girls are Allah’s special creations. Just like a pea is a splendid produce and is placed inside the special strong green hijab that is its pod. The pod protects it from the hot and cold weather and guards it from insects. Allah has placed the peas in this cover because without it, the peas would fall off and die. Each and every fruit has a special Hijab (cover) that is necessary for its protection. Similarly, the oyster shell protects the pearl from sea animals and keeps its sparkle and shine intact. He knows the best way to protect its creations. Allah’s most beloved creations are humans. He knows that the best way to protect Muslim girls is to wear Hijab. This adds to the dignity and respect as well. For this reason, many Muslim girls love wearing hijab because they know that Allah has suggested the best for them,” Sarah’s mother explained. Sarah shook her head, “Ahh, I understand. When I’m older, I’m going to wear hijab just like you, inshaAllah.”

Name of Allah



Al-Musawwir

The Flawless Shaper

Allah (swt) has made everything and everyone in the best proportions and shapes. All of his creations depict beauty to the highest extent.



Did you know...

Imam Sadiq (as) said, "An unlawful gaze is an arrow from the arrows of Satan which is poisonous. He who abandons it for the sake of Allah, Almighty and glorious, and not for something else, Allah will give him a faith that he finds its pleasure."

(Man-la-Yahdharulfaqueeh, vol 4, p 18)

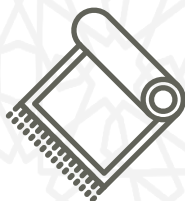


"Say (O Muhammad (s)) to the believing men to lower their gaze, guard their private parts, that is purer for them. Verily Allah is aware of what they do."

(Quran 24:30)



Why do you think it is important to wear modest clothing while offering salaah?



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DONT BACKBITE OR GOSSIP

It was a warm morning and the boys were on the track, ready to start the running practice. On the count of three, they started running. Both Ibrahim and Salman were ahead of everyone from the start. Samee was way behind all others, although he was trying really hard to catch up with the rest.

“Look, Salman is going to win this time like always,” said Yasir, while watching the practice from the side. “Yes, he is about to reach the finish line. I think he works really hard to be the best athlete every year,” replied Mateen. Yasir didn’t really agree with what Mateen had just said. In his heart, he thought that Salman must be the coach’s favorite, and that was why he would always tell everyone to be strong like Salman. While they were talking, practice ended and Salman won the race again.

It was break time when Samee came and sat with the boys. Yasir started again, “Samee, don’t you think that Salman is coach’s favorite? And he’s so arrogant because he thinks that he is the best athlete. On top of that he pretends to be modest about it. If he wins this game, he’ll go to the regionals this year.” Samee didn’t say anything and continued eating his lunch. Mateen looked at his friends and was distressed at their speaking ill of Salman. This was getting unbearable for him so he spoke, “Please don’t say anything bad about Salman. Speaking ill of people behind their back is similar to eating the flesh of your dead brother. Allah does not like it and we must not do anything disliked by Allah.” Yasir looked surprised, “But we’re not lying, we’re telling the truth.” “Our Holy Prophet (s) explained to his companions that backbiting is saying something bad about someone even if it is true, if you spread false rumors that’s bad too and is considered slandering,” Mateen explained to them in a calm tone. “What about if you don’t say anything and just listen?” asked Samee. “Those who listen are just as guilty as those who talk. You should stop the other person, defend the victim, change the topic or leave the gathering. If not, listening to backbiting is just as bad as actually backbiting. Before looking for anyone else’s faults, we must keep in mind that we all have faults and Allah hides our shortcomings from people. If all of our shortcomings are exposed in front of others, it would be embarrassing for us.” Mateen’s words left the other two in deep thoughts. Finally, Yasir said, “I never realized it is that big of a sin. I will never backbite anyone again and will go ask for forgiveness from Salman. Thank you Mateen for correcting us.” Mateen smiled with all his heart as his friend understood the right thing. He silently thanked Allah for guiding him and his friends and they all left for the class as the bell rang.

Al-Baseer

The All-Seeing

Allah (swt) sees and is aware of everything. He knows all of our thoughts and actions- what is apparent and what is hidden from others. He knows everything about everyone, yet does not reveal our shortcomings and flaws. Before talking ill about others, we should think to ourselves, if Allah revealed our sins and deficiencies to people, would we like it?



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "Backbiting eats away the faith of a Muslim worse than how leprosy eats one's flesh."
(Usul al-Kafi, vol 2, pg 257)



"And lest not some of you backbite others. Do any of you like to eat the dead flesh of his brother?"
(Quran 14:12)

If you hear someone backbiting (gheebah), what should you do?

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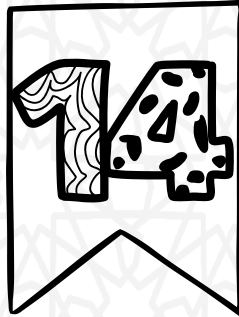


The doorbell rang and Maryam rushed to open the door. She was delighted to see Sarah standing outside. She said salam to Sarah and took her inside. When they were going to the playroom upstairs, Sarah told Maryam, “I saw an odd girl on my way to your house. She was wearing very different clothes. I have never seen her around the block before. Look, she’s coming towards your house.” She peeked behind the blinds and showed Sarah.

Just as they were talking, the doorbell rang. Maryam ran to open the door and saw the girl standing right outside. “Who are you? Why are you standing here?” asked Maryam promptly. Her mother appeared from behind to see who rang the bell and found a young girl standing outside. Just when the girl saw Maryam’s mother she said, “Salaam un alaikum auntie. My name is Aamna and I have come from the house across the street. We moved from Indonesia a couple of days ago. My mother has sent some Indonesian food for you.” Maryam’s mother looked at her with love and replied, “Wa alaikum salaam Aamna, welcome to the neighborhood. Thank you for the delicious food. Please come inside and wait till I wash dishes for you. Maryam and Sarah can play with you while you wait.” The girls took Aamna upstairs to the play room. Maryam said, “Aamna, please feel free to play with toys if you want.” They left her sitting in the corner and started playing together. Aamna tried to approach the girls a few times but they ignored her. Aamna felt hurt and sat back in the corner, fighting the urge to cry.

Maryam’s mother came in and handed the dishes to Aamna. She saw her teary eyes and asked what had happened. Aamna looked down and didn’t say anything. Maryam’s mother looked at Sarah and Maryam and asked if they had been including Aamna. Maryam and Sarah started mumbling and looked down as well. Maryam’s mother looked at the girls and politely said, “Maryam and Sarah, when someone comes to your house, he/she is your guest. Guests are Allah’s rahmah and having guests over is an opportunity to serve the creations of Allah and gain His mercy. I would like you to please apologise to Aamna and try to be good hosts from now on. Good hosts take care of their guests and serve them in the best possible way.” Hearing this, the girls felt ashamed of their behaviour and apologised to Aamna. Aamna graciously forgave them and they hugged. From that day onwards, the three girls became really good friends.

Name of Allah



Al-Mughni

The Enricher

Allah (swt) has bestowed abundant favors on his creations. Allah enriches His friends from the treasure of His Nur and gives them livelihood and sustenance. If we believe that Allah is the provider for all good, material or non-material, he will make us depend on Him only.



Did you know...

Imam Ali (a) said "Allah Allah! Consider Him and respect your guest. Your guest should not leave your house unless he is thankful to you (for your hospitality)." (Mustadrak, v.16 p. 241)



"Has the story reached you, of the honored guests (three angels- Jibril along with another two) of Ibrahim? When they came in to him and said: "Salam", (peace be upon you)! He answered: "Salam", and said: "You are a people unknown to me". Then he turned to his household, and brought out a roasted calf (as the property of Ibrahim (as)). And placed it before them, (saying): "Will you not eat?" (Quran 51:24-27)

What should you do if your friend comes to your house and wants to play with your things?

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It was the weekend and Ali was all ready to play with Mahdi. They had planned to play with their boats in an inflatable pool at 10 o'clock. There was still some time left before 10 o'clock so Ali helped his sister Maryam clean up the room. When they were done, Ali told his parents he was ready to go and took his stuff to the community playground in front of his house.

There were other children playing nearby. Ali's father helped inflate the pool and filled it with water. Once they finished setting up, Ali sat waiting for Mahdi. He was still waiting near the pool when Adil and Fazal came running towards Ali. They used something to poke the pool and ran away as water started gushing out of the pool. It had happened so quickly and unexpectedly that Ali couldn't figure out what had happened at first. When he realized what had been done, Ali was shocked and upset.

Ali ran home and went straight to his mother and started crying. "What happened Ali? Why are you crying?" asked his mother while hugging him. "Adil and Fazal pricked my pool and all the water came out," explained Ali while crying. "I wanted to play with my boat but now I cannot. I'll get back at them and mess up something of theirs next time I see them," he exclaimed. Ali's mother replied, "What will you get by doing that, Ali? Ruining something of theirs will not benefit you. It will not repair your pool either. You should be an example and do something good for them. Your kind gesture will make them realize how wrong they were. Now let me ask your father to repair your pool." She kissed Ali before walking away.

Ali sat thinking about what his mother had just said. He remembered how our Prophet (s) reacted to the woman who threw trash at him. After thinking calmly for some time, he decided that he would not react with anger and would instead be nice to Adil and Fazal. He picked up two of his favorite toys and wrapped them in colorful wrapping paper. He also drew on paper and made cards for Adil and Fazal. He took the presents and went out to the playground. Adil and Fazal were still there. Ali went up to them and gave them the toys. He did not say anything to them and came home.

Ali was eating strawberries with Maryam a little while later when the doorbell rang. His father went to open the door and told Ali that his friends want to speak to him. Ali went to the door and was surprised to see Adil and Fazal standing outside. "We want to apologize for what we have done. We shouldn't have ruined your pool. Please forgive us," said Adil. "It's all right Adil. I was upset initially but I am fine now", explained Ali. "What we did was wrong but you are so kind. Your kind gesture has really made us realize that our actions should be better", said Fazal. Ali smiled and replied, "It's okay, please come inside so we can play together."

That day Ali couldn't play with his boat but because of his Husn-ul-khulq, he was rewarded by Allah (swt), a good example for others, and made some really good new friends.

Al-Barro

The Source of All Goodness

If someone intends to do a good deed but is unable to do it, Allah (swt) rewards the intention as if it happened. But if a person intends to sin but does not do it, Allah forgives the intention. When you do good to Allah's creation even if it is by a smile or a kind word you will see the reflection of Al-Barro in you.



Did you know...

Imam Sadiq (as): Husn al-Khulq means to soften your behavior, to purify your words (that is, not to use rude words), and to treat your brothers amiably" (Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 68, p.389)



"Speak kindly to people, and maintain the prayer, and give the zakat."

(Quran 2:83)



What are the advantages of having good akhlaq?

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There were two girls named Hania and Rahma. Hania was very good at math. She was very proud and would always remind everyone about the competitions and challenges she had won. She would boast about how good she was even though she didn't put much effort into her work. She would always resist practicing math at home as well. She'd think to herself, "What's the point in practicing, I'm already so good and know math really well."

Rahma, on the other hand, was not extraordinary at math, but she liked it and worked very hard at it. She would always remember to do her math work and do extra math drills. She was confident that working hard and doing dua to Allah would pay off. Hania would laugh at Rahma whenever she struggled with a math problem and brag about her own math skills. She didn't think about how it made Hania feel when she showed off.

On the day of their math exam, Hania, Rahma, and the other students went into the exam hall to take the test. Some were worried and some were relaxed but Hania wasn't worried. She bragged, "I have always gotten an A and I'm sure I will this time, too." She entered the exam hall where she saw sitting with her eyes closed. She seemed very focused. "What are you doing, Rahma," asked Hania. "I'm praying to Allah that I do well on this exam. I've worked very hard and feel prepared, but I know I can only do well if Allah wills it. Without Allah's blessings, I'd be nowhere." Hania stood quietly for a second and pondered Hania's words. It hadn't crossed her mind before that she could only do well if it was a part of Allah's plan. This thought humbled Hania; she shouldn't be so proud of her own capabilities, because this was a blessing from Allah.

When the exam started, Hania quickly started answering the questions. She couldn't remember how to solve a lot of the problems. Hania felt very flustered and tried to focus, but she just hadn't practiced enough to really have a good grasp of all of the math concepts. "Oh Allah, please help me do well on my exam. I always brag about being the best at math. I'll be so embarrassed if I don't do well," Hania thought to herself. She looked over at Rahma and saw her writing continuously. She didn't seem nervous at all.

A few days later, everyone received their graded exams. Hania had not done well at all. When her classmates asked how she did, she turned her paper over in embarrassment. She looked over at Rahma's desk and saw that Rahma had gotten 100% on her exam. When her classmates asked Rahma how she did, she also turned her paper over, smiled, and replied, "I did well, alhamdulillah." Hania was surprised at how humble Rahma was. She could have bragged and boasted about her perfect score, but instead she thanked Allah and didn't make a big deal of how well she did.

After school, Hania approached Rahma and said, "Rahma, I saw that you got 100% on your exam. But you didn't make a big deal of it. I was so impressed by how humble you were when you could have bragged about it." Rahma replied, "I don't have anything to boast about. Anything good we have, we should always remember that it is from Allah and thank Him for it. Allah is the only One worthy of praise and he doesn't like it when we act proud or boastful." Rahma shook her head in agreement. She would always remember not to boast in the future.

Al-Hameed

The Praiseworthy

Praise (hamd) and thankful admiration is only for Allah (swt). He has created all the things that we can imagine and all those that are beyond our imagination.

All honor belongs to Him only. Whatever we possess, in skills or in assets, is a blessing from Allah. We do not own anything in this world so we should never feel proud about any success or achievement as everything is a blessing from Allah.

Did you know...

Imam Ali (as) said, "You should avoid self admiration, having reliance upon what appears good in yourself, and love of exaggerated praise because this is one of the most reliable opportunities for satan."
(Qur'ān-ul-Hikam, p. 298)



"Worship Allah and do not join any partners with Him... Allah does not love the proud, the boastful."
(Quran 4:36)



Write about an incident in your life when you have boasted about something. What else should you have done instead of bragging?

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It was snowing and Hashim was sitting beside the window looking at the soft white flurries. It was the first snowfall of the season. He had been waiting for the snowfall since the winter had started. Making snowmen was one of Hashim's favorite activities during the winter. That day he could not go out though because he had mild fever. His mother wanted him to stay inside so that he could rest until he felt better. It was freezing outside and the fever could have gotten worse if he played in the snow.

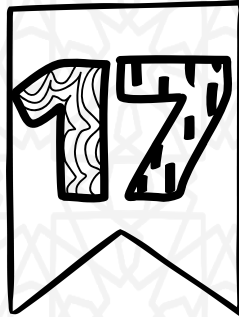
Hashim could see all his neighbors playing in their front yards. Sitting by the window and watching the kids play made him feel even worse, but he didn't want to stop watching them.

Hashim's mother came to give him some soup. After he had finished his soup, his mother said, "I'm going to go take a shower and will offer Dhuhr prayers after that. Why don't you go to your room and get some rest. It will help you feel better." As soon as Hashim's mother left for her room, Hashim went to his room and started putting on his jacket and snow boots. "While mama takes shower and prays, I can go and play in the snow! I'll be back before she's done so she won't even know that I went out," he thought to himself.

Hashim hurried out and closed the door behind him. He was excited to finally be standing in the snow. He went to his friend Zain's house and rang the bell. The door opened, Zain came out and said salam to Hashim. "Aren't you sick? I called you in the morning and your mom told me that you have fever. How are you outside in this chilling weather?" Zain asked. Hashim replied, "Well, she told you right, I am sick and have a fever and she did not want me to come out in the snow. But you know how much I like the snow. So when she went to offer Dhuhr prayers, I snuck out so that I could play for a little while outside." Zain invited Hashim inside and they both sat on the bench. When Hashim sat comfortably, Zain said, "My dear friend, I know you like playing in the snow but you are not feeling well. Your mother wanted you to stay inside because she cares about your health. It is really cold outside and if you play in the snow, your fever will get worse. Your mother loves you a lot and she does not want your health to suffer. This is the first snowfall and we will have many more of them in the coming days, inshaAllah. I hope you don't mind me saying this, but you are my friend and it is my responsibility as a good friend to guide you to do the right thing." Hashim thought about Zain's words and realized that his friend was right. He thanked him and got up to go back home quickly. He would have to tell his mom what he did and apologize for not listening to her.

When Hashim got back home, his mother was just finishing her prayers. He went to her and told him what he had done and apologized, "I'm so sorry for not listening to you and going outside without your permission. I should have known better. Alhamdulillah, Zain made me realize my mistake." Hashim's mother replied, "Thank you for deciding to tell me the truth, Hashim. I am not happy that you didn't listen to me and went out while you are still sick, but I'm glad you've learned from it. And I'm glad that you have good friends that remind you to do good."

Name of Allah



Al-Waliyy

The Protecting Friend

Allah (swt) is the Protecting Friend of His servants. He eliminates their difficulties and gives them guidance, peace, and success in their affairs in this world and the hereafter.



Did you know...

Imam Sadiq (as) said, "My most beloved brother is he who (makes me aware of) my faults." (Bihar ul Anwar, vol 74, p 282)

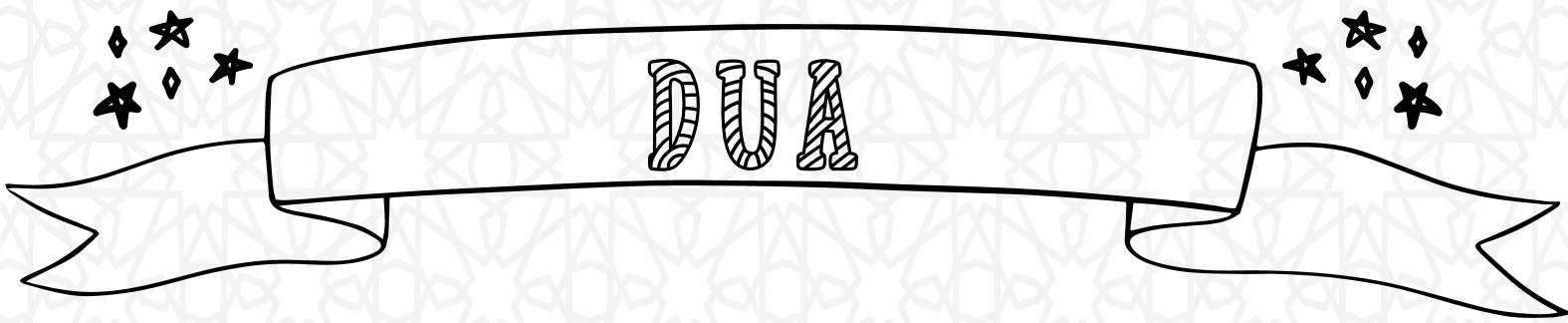


"The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakah and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those - Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise."

(Quran 9:71)

A new student comes to school and kids start making fun of him for his appearance. He feels very hurt and disrespected. What can you do to help?

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“Mom, why are you packing so much stuff, we are only going to the masjid?” remarked Ali as he looked confused at the backpacks his mother was packing.

“Tonight is the first night of Laylat ul Qadr. We stay at the masjid very late and make dua to Allah.” Ali seemed even more confused as he scratched his head. “But we go to the masjid every night and make dua, why is this night different?” asked Ali.

“Well tonight is the night that Allah decides what we will have and not have for the whole year until next Ramadan. So if we have any requests or duas tonight is a very important night to ask for them. Do you have anything you want to ask Allah for?” Ali smiled and said, “I think I do.” His mom handed him a piece of paper and told him to write down all the things he wants to do dua for. She also reminded him to remember others in his duas such as the sick and the poor.

Ali went to his room and started thinking about all the things he wanted this year, the list was long. When he was finished he took the list to his mom. “Wow, Ali you have a lot of requests! But you forgot something very important. You forgot to add duas for others. When you do dua it is important to pray for others as well and to not be selfish. Hadhrat Fatima Zahra (sa) said to her son Imam Hasan (as): pray for others then pray for yourself. The dua you make for others will come true for you as well.”

Ali was so busy thinking about all the things he wanted that he forgot to do dua for others until his mother reminded him. He quickly added it to the list.

Al-Qadir

The Most Powerful

Allah (swt) is the capable of anything. Nothing can happen against Allah's will and no request is too difficult for Allah to fulfill. We should always do dua to Allah to fulfill our needs. Allah says in the Quran, "Then He will forgive whom He wills and punish whom He wills, and Allah is over all things competent."
(Quran, 2:284)

Did you know...


The Holy Prophet (s) said, "Pray to your Lord day and night; indeed, the weapon of the believer is praying." (Kafi 2:468)



"And when My servants ask you (O Muhammad concerning Me, then answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me. So let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be guided."
(Quran 2:186)

What are some duas that you can make for others besides yourself such as your family, neighbors, community, or fellow muslims? What benefit is there in making dua for others?

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TRUTHFULNESS

Mariam and Ali were excited to have their friends over. They were going to spend the day with them. They had planned games and activities to do together. Mariam was the first one to wake up that day. She opened her eyes, quickly jumped out of bed and woke Ali up who was still in deep sleep. Maryam exclaimed, "Ali, Ali, wake up! It's morning and we have to get ready, hurry up. It's 8 o'clock already". When Ali heard the time, he immediately sat up straight and got out of the bed. Both changed their pajamas, brushed their teeth, washed their faces and almost ran to the breakfast table. Just as they finished their breakfast, the doorbell rang. "Mama, can I please open the door?" asked Ali. His mother nodded and he quickly went to open the door. His face shone with excitement to see his friends.

Maryam and Ali both took their friends upstairs and started playing right away. After playing some board games, the kids decided to go out to play in the backyard. It was so hot, though, that they decided to come back inside. Sarah, one of Mariam's friends suggested playing dodgeball inside instead. "But dodgeball is an outdoor game and it's not safe to play inside the house," Mariam replied. "Nothing will happen, we've played it inside with our cousins before", insisted Sarah.

Everyone agreed that it would be okay to play inside and even though Mariam felt uncomfortable with it, she joined as well. In the middle of the game, Mahdi threw the ball towards Ali so forcefully that he could not catch the ball and it hit the vase on the end table. The vase shattered and broke into pieces. "Ya Allah! This should not have happened," Ali exclaimed. Ali knew that his mother would not like what had happened. Everyone started collecting the pieces. Mahdi said, "Please don't tell your mother about this. Let's just throw these pieces away so that she won't know what happened."

The children heard Mariam and Ali's mother call them, "Children, please come downstairs for lunch" They all looked at each other and quickly decided that they wouldn't say anything about what had happened. Mariam was not comfortable hiding it from her mother. While everyone was eating at the dining table, she asked her mother, "Mama, should we tell the truth even when we know that we have done something wrong?" Her mother replied, "Yes, my dear Mariam. Even when we make a mistake, being truthful is the best option. We all make some mistakes in life and it is fine as long as you don't hurt someone intentionally." Maryam felt reassured. She looked at all others; they were staring down at their plates. Her mother's words gave her the courage to tell the truth. She started, "Mama, we were playing with the ball inside and we accidentally broke the vase on the table. We're sorry, we didn't do it on purpose." Her mother did not say anything for a second, but then hugged her and said, "My lovely daughter, I was not happy when I heard about the vase, but by telling me the truth, you have made me extremely happy. May Allah bless you with the courage to always be truthful. I hope you all have learned from this." Everyone was relieved and continued eating their lunch.

Al-Haqq The Truth

Allah (swt) is the only ultimate reality of this Universe. He was existed when there was nothing and will exist forever.



Did you know...

Imam Redha (as) said, "Be truthful and avoid telling lies."
(Bihar ul Anwar, Vol 78, pg. 347)



"And (as for) those who believe in Allah and His apostles, these it is that are the truthful and the faithful ones in the sight of their Lord: they shall have their reward and their light."

(Quran 57:19)

Do you always get rewarded for being truthful? How can the reward be different in this life and in aakhirah?

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In the beginning, the Prophet's (s) mission of spreading Islam was a secret. Ten years later, Allah (swt) revealed the ayah, "And warn thy nearest relations." (Quran 26:214). Allah had commanded the Prophet (s) to declare the religion to his relatives. Following Allah's orders, the Prophet (s) arranged a feast for his family members.

Forty men from the children of Abdul Muttalib gathered near the mountain of Safa. This event is called "dawat ul dhul ashira". For two days, each of the forty men ate till they were full yet the quantity of the food remained the same. When The Holy Prophet (s) stood up to address the people, his uncle Abu Lahab announced to the people that the Prophet (s) had done some magic and everyone left.

On the third day, immediately after the meal was over, the Prophet stood up and addressed the gathering. He declared that there is one God (Allah) and that Allah has appointed him as the Prophet. He told them whoever will support him in his mission will be His brother (akhii), successor (wasiyyi) and the caliph (khaleefati).

When the speech was over, the entire crowd remained silent. A thirteen year old boy stood up and said, "O Prophet of Allah, I am prepared to support you." the Holy Prophet (S) asked Him to sit down and repeated his question two more times. Each time, however, no one except that young boy stood up and confirmed his support to the Prophet (S). After the third time, the Prophet(S) announced that this was his brother and successor.

That young boy was none other than Imam Ali (as). He continued supporting the mission of spreading Islam during and after Prophet's life. Imam Ali (as) fulfilled his promise till the end of his life when he was martyred while leading fajr prayers in Masjid e Kufa on 19th of Ramadan.

Al-'Aliy

The Most High

This is derived from 'uloo which means height. Allah (swt) has the highest status. It is so high that He can never be conceived or visualised.

He is exalted above everything and everything in existence is under His control. Surah A'la best describes this attribute of Allah.



Did you know...

Prophet Muhammad (s) said, "Make your gatherings lively with the remembrance of Ali ibn Abi Talib (as)."

(Bihar ul Anwar, vol 38, pg 199)



"And among men is he (Imam Ali (a)) who sells his self in exchange of pleasure (discretion) of Allah and verily, Allah is affectionate to the servants."

(Quran 2:207)

Write one Character trait from Imam Ali's (as) life that you like the most. How has that inspired you to become a better person?

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SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

It was a lovely day outside, so Sakina decided to go outside and ride her bike. She quickly put her hijab on and ran out, calling to her parents, “Mama, Baba! I’m riding my bike outside.” Just as she was about to ride, she had an idea. She turned around and walked to the house right next to hers. One of her close friends, Jessica, might be interested in going bike riding too!

Sakina rang the doorbell and waited for a few seconds before Jessica’s mom opened the door. “Hi, I was wondering if Jessica would be interested in going on a bike ride with me!” Sakina asked eagerly. Jessica ran to the door at the sound of her friend’s voice. “I would love to! Let me grab my helmet and some snacks and I’ll be right out,” she smiled.

After a couple minutes, Jessica and Sakina were riding to the park. When they arrived, Jessica spread out a blanket on the grass and the girls sat down to enjoy their snacks. As they ate, they began chit-chatting. Sakina offered some of her strawberries to Jessica. Jessica happily accepted and offered some of her food, “Would you like some of my chicken nuggets.” Sakina replied, “Actually, I only eat halal meat, so I can’t eat those.” Jessica looked at Sakina with curiosity. “If you don’t mind, could you tell me why you have to eat halal meat?” she asked.

Sakina stopped to consider the question. She knew from her parents that she was only supposed to eat halal foods but had never really thought to ask why. She felt embarrassed as Jessica stared at her, waiting for an answer. “Is it okay if I give you an answer tomorrow?” Sakina replied. Jessica nodded kindly and they went on to talk about school.

When Sakina got home, she ran up to her mom and gave her a big hug. “Mama, I have a question for you. Why do we only eat halal food?” Her mom smiled and said, “What a great question, Sakina. We eat halal food because Allah (swt) told us to in the Quran. Halal means permissible in Arabic. Allah (swt) is Al-Hakeem, which means he is the Most Wise. Everything Allah tells us to do is based on His divine wisdom. Sometimes we understand the wisdom and sometimes we don’t; but whether or not we know all of the reasons, we always only do what Allah tells us is permissible because we know He knows better than us. Does that make sense?”

Sakina nodded at her mom and thanked her. As she climbed into bed, she thought of the embarrassment she felt when Jessica asked her a question about her own religion, that she didn’t even know the answer to. She vowed to never allow that to happen again, and began to research Islam on her own. Seeking knowledge was empowering, and it felt good to know the right answers!

Al-Hakeem

The Most Wise

Allah (swt) is the most wise because His wisdom has no misunderstandings or errors. Everything that Allah does is based on His divine wisdom, so even if we don't understand why something happens, we should be at peace with it because Allah does everything at the right time. Allah's guidances to us are based on his divine wisdom, so we should always follow His guidance and commands.

Did you know...

The Holy Prophet (s) said, "He who searches for knowledges is similar to a person who fasts during the day and keeps vigil at night and is busy worshipping." (Bihar ul anwar, vol 1, pg 184)



"Read in the name of your Lord, Who created. Who created man from a clot. Read and your Lord is Most Generous, Who taught by the pen, taught man what he did not know."
(Quran 96:1-5)

Why is it important to always seek knowledge? Is there a certain age in which you can stop learning?



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FORGIVENESS

Grandma was sitting on her rocking chair waiting for Ali and Mariam to come for the story before going to sleep. Soon the kids came and sat with the grandma. “Which story are you going to tell us tonight, grandma?” asked Mariam eagerly. “I have a very special story to tell you tonight. Tonight’s story is about an Imam (a.s) who has the same name as you, Ali, and is our fourth Imam. Can you guess who he is?” “Yes, yes, I know. You are talking about Imam Ali Ibn al Hussayn (a),” said Mariam. “You guessed it right Mariam. Let us start the story.”

They all recited Bismillah and Salawat together and then the grandma continued, “Imam Ali Ibn al Hussayn (a) is also called Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a). It means (the adornment of the worshippers). One day, the Imam (a) was sitting with his companions when a man came and started insulting him. He used unkind words and abusive language towards him. He called him names and behaved in a mean way. Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a) did not say anything but let the man complete what he had to say. After some time, the man left and everyone else remained sitting. The Imam (a) asked his companions, who were sitting there watching the incident, if they wanted to know what his reply to the man’s insult would be. If they do, then they would have to come with him. Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a), along with his companions, went to the man’s house. On his way, the companions heard him reciting the verse from the Holy Quran. He recited, “The ones who spend (for the sake of Allah) in prosperity and adversity, and those who control anger and forgive people. And Allah loves those who are good in their deeds.” (Quran 3:134).

When they reached the house and knocked, the man came out angrily thinking that Imam (a) has come to treat him the way he has insulted him. Before he could say anything in his anger, the Imam (a) said, “O brother! You said some words about me. If what you said is true, I repent, but if it is false, May Allah forgive your sins.” The man regretted his speech, kissed the forehead of the Imam (a), and said, “I said things which are not true about you and they are true about myself.”

“My dear children, it is very hard to remain calm when someone says something bad about us or harms us. We immediately feel like taking revenge but if we forgive the other person, it will not only make the other person our friend but will also make Allah happy that we are controlling our anger,” explained Grandma. Both the kids promised to forgive whoever had done anything wrong to them to make Allah happy. Grandma kissed their foreheads before they went to their rooms to sleep.

Name of Allah



Al Ghafoor The Most Forgiving

Allah (swt) forgives beyond the capacity of any of His creations. He accepts our repentance and forgives our sins very easily. We should always remember that no matter how big the sin is that we have committed, Allah's willingness to forgive us for it is much greater. Allah says in the Quran, "Say, " O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah . Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.""
(Quran 39:53)



Did you know...

Imam Baqir (as) said, "He who repents of his sins is as the one who has not any sin"
(Wasail us shia, vol 16, pg 74)



"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden the extensiveness of which is the heavens and the earth, prepared for those who guard against evil."

(Quran 3:132)

How does seeking forgiveness constantly help us stay away from sins and be closer to the All Mighty?

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“I’m going to beat you,” giggled Fatima as she raced towards the restroom to make Wudhu. A rush of kids filled the halls along with the sound of Adhan, “Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar...”. There was already a line of girls waiting to make Wudhu to pray afternoon Salaat during Sunday school. Fatima and Noor waited in line while the other girls made Wudhu. One of the girls was busy talking to her classmate and left the water running. Just at that moment, teacher Mariam came in to let the girls know Salaat was about to begin. She noticed the water running, but not being used. “Girls please don’t leave the water running; it is wasteful” said teacher Mariam.

Noor remarked that her mom always told her not to wastewater. After Salaat all the students returned to class and Fatima and Noor told their class what their teacher had said. Their teacher asked the students how else can they conserve and not be wasteful. Hadi raised his hand. “Yes, Hadi.” “My Dad installed motion-detecting lights in our house so the lights turn off on their own, it conserves energy!” Fatima waved her hand in the air anxiously. “What about you Fatima?” Fatima answered, “Our masjid uses compostable dishes during Ramadan. And some people even bring their dishes. Is that a good example of conservation?” Their teacher replied, “Yes. Great examples, students!”

“So we have learned that we can conserve water and energy. What about our time?” Their teacher waited for the students to think about the question she had asked. After a few minutes a few students raised their hands. “Go ahead Reza.” Reza answered, “I think we can conserve our time by not wasting too much time playing video games; I keep a timer on so it will remind me when I’ve spent enough time playing. Sometimes it is hard for me to stop but I am trying my best.” The teacher replied, “That is a great example Reza. Thank you Fatima and Noor for bringing up this topic. We need to be careful not to be wasteful because Allah has blessed us with many things and it is our job as good Muslims to protect the world around us.”

Ar-Razzaq The Provider

Allah (swt) provides everything that we need (rizq). He provides for us so that we can grow our mind, body, and soul. Allah provides rizq to us in ways that we would never expect. We must always work hard, but also trust that ultimately Allah is the provider of everything that we have. Allah says in the Quran, "Indeed, it is Allah who is the [continual] Provider, the firm possessor of strength."
(Quran 51:58)

Did you know...

The Holy Prophet (s) said, "Certainly, moderation is liked by Allah and He dislikes extravagance; even in the throwing away of a date-seed, because that too can be used. And the same is with the throwing away of water left after drinking." (Wasail al-Shia)



"... and eat and drink and do not be extravagant; surely he doesn't love the extravagant"
(Quran 7:31)

What are some of the reasons we should avoid waste? Should a person who is truly grateful for his or her blessings be mindful of how much they are using?

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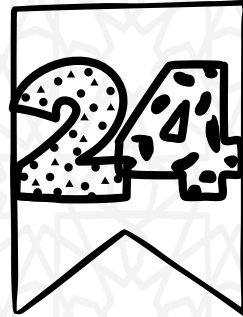


Maryam sat in her grandmother's lap after dinner. They were waiting for Ali to come so that they could start listening to a story. While they waited, they recited surahs from the Quran. Soon after they completed Surah Asr, Ali showed up. Ali exclaimed, "Please Grandma, let's start the story. I can't wait to hear what you have to tell us tonight." Seeing Ali's excitement, his grandmother smiled, hugged him, and kissed his forehead.

Ali and Maryam's grandmother began, "Tonight I will tell you a story about a strong man's trust in Allah. Once upon a time, The Holy Prophet (s) and his army rested at a place during a war. Soon it started to rain and the entire valley was flooded by water. The water separated the Noble Prophet (s) from all of his companions and he could not reach them. Taking advantage of this situation, the enemies of Islam attacked the muslim army. One of these soldiers saw the Prophet (s) and came near him with his sword. He arrogantly spoke to the Prophet (s) and asked who would save the Prophet (s) from his sword? The Prophet (s) remained calm and was not terrified at all. He peacefully replied, "The Lord of both you and I." As the man started approaching the Prophet, he twisted his ankle and fell down. The sword fell on the ground. The Holy Prophet (s) picked up the sword and asked the man, "Now who is going to save you from me?" This reversed situation left the soldier terrified and he asked the Prophet (s) for mercy. Even the enemies knew that the Prophet (s) was very forgiving and merciful. The Noble Prophet (s) forgave him and let him go. The enemy was so impressed by the behavior of the Messenger (s) that he agreed to the true nubuwah of the Prophet (s). You see kids, even when he was right in front of the enemy, the Holy Prophet (s) did not lose trust in Allah. A true believer always keeps his faith strong even in the hardest times."

Both the kids were so interested in the story that they did not want it to end. Maryam and Ali wanted their grandmother to tell them more stories from the Prophet's life but it was bedtime and they had to go to sleep. They looked forward to tomorrow, when they could learn more stories about their beloved Prophet and Ahlul Bait (pbut).

Name of Allah



Al-Mujeeb

The Responsive

Allah (swt) answers our pleas and grants what is pleaded for. Allah is closer to his creations than they are to themselves. His proximity to all his creations is the same. He knows the needs of all His creation before they arise. He provides their satisfaction even before it is needed. Al-Mujeeb gives prior to being asked and accepts even prior to being pleaded to.



Did you know...

Imam Sajjad (as) said, He who acts according to what Allah has enjoined for him, is the best of people." (Al-Kafi, Vol 2, pg. 81)



"And whoever puts all his trust in Allah, He will be enough for him.

(Quran 65:3)



Does trusting Allah mean one should not work hard? How is Tawakkul (trusting Allah) and hardwork related to exams in school?

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Ali and his sister Maryam were watching TV when they heard the adhaan for maghrib. They knew it was time for salaah but they were in the middle of a very interesting show so they decided to finish it and pray later. When the show finished the time for Maghrib had almost passed and they had to rush in order to pray before it became qadha.

Their mother came in and saw them reciting prayers in a rush. Their mother waited for them to finish their prayers and then asked them to come to her. They stood quietly as their mother asked, "Why did you wait so long to perform salat? The time for Maghrib had almost passed by the time you prayed."

Ali responded, "We were watching TV and it was a really good show and if we got up then we would have missed it."

Ali's mother replied, "Do you know what Allah (SWT) has said about performing prayers on time? It is narrated from Imam Hasan Al-Askari (a) that Prophet Musa (a) in whispered prayer to Allah (swt) used to say, "O' Allah! What is the reward for one who performs his salaah in its proper time?" Allah replied, "Whatever he asks from Me, I will give it to him and I will make heaven permissible for him.""

Ali and Maryam realized what they had done and they felt guilty for not obeying Allah. They promised themselves that from then onwards they would make sure that no matter what, they would read their salaah on time.

The next day came and it was once again time for Maghrib. Ali and Maryam were watching their favorite show. As soon as they heard the adhaan they turned off the TV and went to do wudhu and pray salaah.

After they finished their prayers, Ali said to Maryam, "It feels good to pray on time and we are earning so much thawab for it".

"Yes I agree", said Maryam, "Now we won't feel guilty for disobeying Allah (SWT)". "Do you want to go and finish up the show now?", asked Ali.

"I would love that", replied Maryam.

Ali and Maryam ended their day by finishing up their show. Not only were they able to watch their show but they obeyed Allah (SWT) by praying on time and earned the thawab for praying on time.

Al-Malik

The King

Allah (swt) is the king, owner, and ruler of all of His creations. He has supreme authority and power over everything and He gives authority in this world to whoever He chooses. Allah says in the Quran, "So exalted is Allah, the Sovereign, the Truth; there is no deity except Him, Lord of the Noble Throne."
(Quran 23:116)

Did you know...

Imam Sajjad (as) said, "He who acts according to what Allah has enjoined for him, is of the best people."
(Al-Kafi, vol 2, pg 81)



"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you"
(Quran 4:59)

Why is it important to obey Allah over all else? Give examples of things you do for the sake of Allah.



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PURE INTENTIONS

A long time ago, in the city of Qom, Iran, there lived a family of reputed scholars and religious students. They were all keen to gain religious knowledge and did everything for the love of Allah.

One of the sons from the family was a brilliant student and had a deep love for Allah, his Prophet (s) and Ahlul bayt (a). After getting his initial education in Qom, his love for knowledge made him travel to several cities in Iraq and Iran. As time went by, the boy made his heart purer by truly dedicating it to Allah. His love for the Ahlul bayt (a) drove him to compile their ahadith in a book so people could make use of the golden sayings of the Masoomeen (a).

As time went by, the young boy grew up to be a learned scholar and an author of several books. While he was residing in Qom with his family, his father used to attend lectures by another scholar. Every day before Dhuhr prayers, people would gather in the haram of Sayyeda Masooma (s) and Sheikh Abdul Razzaq would explain religious rulings and would talk about life after death from a book.

One day after coming back home, Karbalai Mohammad Ridha, the father of the young scholar, went to his son and said, "I wish you would be like that person, who explains religious rulings, and climbs onto the pulpit and recites from the book in the manner in which he recited for us today." The son wanted to tell his father that the book Sheikh Razzaq was using was actually written by him. But at that very moment, he held his tongue and remained silent. He thought to himself, "Did I write this book for Allah or for my father?" He commanded himself not to say anything, swallowing his urge and so that he would not be proud. He thought to himself that if his deeds are for Allah then what benefit would he get by showing off to his father. "Pray to God that He may grant (me) grace and success (for such a venture)," he replied without mentioning anything about the book. That day, he protected his ikhlaas (sincerity) and later in his life, Allah blessed him with worldwide fame and acknowledgement.

This young scholar was none other than Sheikh Abbas Qummi, the author of "Mafatih-ul-Jinnan" meaning the "Keys to Heaven". This book is of great importance and is present in many Shia households around the globe.

This and many other stories tell us that Allah is As-Samee (All Seeing) and Al- Baseer (All-Knowing). Nothing is concealed from Him and he is aware of our intentions. Everyone will be rewarded based on the intention of their actions.

Reference for the story: Seema-e-Farzanagan, p. 153; Mard-e-Taqwawa Fadhilat, p. 48.

An-Noor The Light


Allah (swt) is Light (Noor) and has given the heavens and earth noor as well. He illuminates the hearts of the believers. Allah (swt) says in the Quran, "Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The example of His light is like a niche within which is a lamp, the lamp is within glass, the glass as if it were a pearly [white] star lit from [the oil of] a blessed olive tree, neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil would almost glow even if untouched by fire. Light upon light. Allah guides to His light whom He wills. And Allah presents examples for the people, and Allah is Knowing of all things." (Quran, 24:35)

Did you know...

Imam Sadiq (as) said, "Anyone who performs a small act for the sake of God, God will make it bigger than he wishes in the sight of others. And anyone who performs a great act for the sake of people, God will make it trivial in the sight of others." (Rawdhah al-Muttaqin, vol. 12, p. 142)



"And those who strive for Us, We will surely guide them to our ways. Indeed, Allah is with the doers of Good."
(Quran 39:69)



Why is it important to purify our intentions? Since Allah (swt) judges us based on our intentions, does it make sense to do good to impress people?



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Journal entry 24, wrote Sara into her journal. She sat in her reading nook with a blanket wrapped around herself to stay warm and cozy. As she began to write she heard the familiar sound of a video call from her grandma. She quickly threw her blanket off and raced down the stairs. She loved video chats with her grandma.

Her grandparents lived overseas. So she couldn't see them in person all the time. So they would video chat all the time so they could see each other. "Salamun Alaikum grandma, how are you?" "I'm good Alhamdulillah thank you for asking my dear," Sara's grandma replied warmly. They talked and Sara showed her grandma all her artwork.

After they were done talking Sara looked sad. Her mother hugged her and asked why she was sad. Sara sighed and replied "I just miss grandma so much, I wish she lived closer." Sara's mother hugged her tighter and said, "I know, I wish we were closer too. But inshaAllah we will go visit them in the summer. Alhamdulillah we are blessed to be able to talk to them all the time. As good Muslims it is very important for us to keep in touch with family no matter what. We call it Selah Rahim."

Sara went back upstairs to finish writing in her journal. Journal entry 24. In a few more months I will get to see my grandparents and all my aunts and uncles and cousins inshAllah. I sure do miss grandma's yummy food. I am thankful to have them in my life. Maybe I will mark my calendar so I can remember when we are going. Allah bless my grandparents and keep them safe. Now I think I'll go paint something for grandma.

Name of Allah



Al-Wadud

The Most Loving

All love, affection, and kindness comes from Allah (swt). Allah loves us more than we can imagine and we should love Allah for all the blessings and mercy he showers upon us. Allah says in the Quran, "And ask forgiveness of your Lord and then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is Merciful and Affectionate."
(Quran, 11:90)

Did you know...

The Holy Prophet (s) said, "He who wishes that his sustenance be increased for him and his death be delayed, then he should be attention to his kinfolk." (Bihar ul Anwar, vol 74, pg 89)



"Your Lord has decreed that you shall not worship anyone except Him, and kindness to parents. Should they reach old age at your side – one of them or both – do not say to them, 'Fie!' And do not chide them, but speak to them noble words."

(Qur'an 17:23)

What are some reasons for maintaing good relations with your family?

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“I’m a peace officer,” said Mahdi as he jumped into the living room wearing a badge that said peace police. “Oh really? And what is your job officer Mahdi?” asked his older sister Zainab. With a very proud look on his face, Mahdi replied, “To keep everything and everyone around me peaceful. Let me show you.” Mahdi walked over to his baby brother who was fussing because he couldn’t reach his favorite toy. Mahdi handed it to him and right away he began to smile. “See Zainab, I brought peace to Ali by giving him his toy.”

Mahdi kept busy all day being a peace officer. He helped mom clear the table after lunch. He played quietly while his mom was on the phone. He got dressed the first time his mom asked him to. Because of all these things he did, the day had been very calm and enjoyable.

On the way to the masjid for Ramadan program his dad asked him how he could be a peace officer at the masjid. Mahdi tapped his finger on his forehead as he thought. “I can help set up for Salaah, or I can remind my friends to be quiet during the program.”

“Those sound like good ideas, let’s see how good of a peace officer you can be tonight”, laughed Mahdi’s dad.

That night Mahdi helped set up for Salaah. The uncles thanked him for his help. Later his friend asked him about his badge and he explained that his is a peace officer and that he helps keep everything peaceful by helping. Soon his friends wanted to join the peace police force. They asked for paper and markers to make badges and before long the masjid was full of peace police keeping everything calm and peaceful.

As-Salaam

The Source of Peace & Perfection

Allah (swt) is free from any imperfection and is the ultimate source of peace. Through Allah, we are able to find safety and inner peace. Allah says in the Quran, "He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior." (Quran, 59:23)

Did you know...

Imam Ali (as) said, "Sensitive your heart to mercy for the subjects, and to affection and kindness for them. Do not stand over them like greedy beasts who feel it is enough to devour them, for they are of two kinds; either your brother in faith or like you in Creation." (Nahju 'l-Balagha, letter 53).



"Whosoever kills a person without any reason, it is as though he has killed all the people. And whosoever saves a single life, it is as though he has saved all the people."
(Quran, 5:32)

What are some ways that you can maintain peace within your group of friends?

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EID NIGHT

Eid Mubarak! Alhamdulillah, Allah (swt) has given us the strength and opportunity to fast for the entire month- what an accomplishment! Eid-ul-Fitr is a celebration of that accomplishment. We are sad to see it go and look forward to the blessings of Ramadan in the year to come, inshAllah. Below are some words about Ramadan by Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a):

"O Lord, You have ordained Ramadan to be one of the most chosen

.. .. ; and You have distinguished it from all other months, and chosen it out of all other seasons and periods; and given it preference to all the times of the year, by having sent the Qur'an and the light of guidance in it, and by having increased the faith, and by having enjoined the observance of fast in it, and by encouraging us to stand up for prayer at night, and by placing in it the glorious 'Night of Qadr' which is better than a thousand months."

"Therefore, in accordance with Your command, we kept fast in its days, and with Your help, we stood up for prayers in its nights; presenting ourselves, by means of its fasts and prayers, for Your Mercy which You did offer to us."

"And, verily, this month of Ramadan stayed amongst us a welcome stay; and gave us a righteous company; bestowing upon us the most excellent benefits in the universe. Now, it departs from us at the completion of its time."

"Therefore, we bid it farewell as we did good-bye to one whose departure is hard upon us and makes us sad; and whose parting away makes us feel lonely."

Then he directly addressed Ramadan, speaking in an endearing tone:-

"How much did we long for you yesterday; and how intense will be our eagerness for you tomorrow. Peace be on you and your excellence of which we have been deprived, and your blessings which will no longer be with us."

(As-Sahifah As-Sajjadiyyah)

Activities



Do something to celebrate with your family! You can decorate your house, make Eid cards, make a sweet treat, play a board game together, or anything else to celebrate Eid! Below is one recipe you can use with your parent's permission and supervision:

Cupcakes

(makes 12 regular size or about 48 mini cupcakes)

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 ½ sticks (12 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted)
- ½ cup milk
- Your favorite frosting, for topping

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F and position a rack in the middle of the oven. Line one 12-cup standard muffin tin or two 24-cup mini-muffin tins with cupcake liners.
2. Whisk the flour, baking powder and salt together in a medium bowl.
3. In another medium bowl, beat the eggs and sugar with an electric mixer until light and foamy, about 2 minutes. While beating, gradually pour in the melted butter.
4. While mixing slowly, add half of the flour mixture. Then add all the milk, followed by the remaining flour mixture; take care not to overmix the batter. Divide the batter evenly in the prepared muffin tin.
5. Bake until a cake tester inserted into the center of the cupcakes comes out clean, rotating the tin about halfway through baking time, 18 to 20 minutes for standard cupcakes or 10 to 12 minutes for minis. Cool the cupcakes in the tin on a rack for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin and cool on the rack completely. Frost and decorate as desired.

Source: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/go-to-vanilla-cupcakes-3338835>

Fluffy Vanilla Frosting

- 1 ½ cups unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 pound (4 cups) confectioners sugar, sifted

1. With an electric mixer, beat butter on medium-high speed until pale and creamy, about 2 minutes
2. Reduce speed to medium. Add the confectioners' sugar, ½ cup at a time, beating well after each addition and scraping down sides of bowl as needed; after every two additions, raise speed to high and beat for 10 seconds, then return to medium. This process should take about 5 minutes. Frosting will be very pale and fluffy. Beat until smooth.

Source: Martha Stewart

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 1- Gratitude

1. Which good qualities or traits a good friend should have?
2. How was Isa a good friend to Muhammad?
3. What was Muhammad's reaction after he tripped and few fire truck pieces fell off?
4. How did Muhammad's father console him after the incident?
5. How should we react when we are in a difficult situation?

Lesson 2- Maintain Prayers

1. Why did Ali and Mariam take a break from playing?
2. Why were Mariam and Ali's parents proud of them?
3. What did Mahdi's mother tell him about maintaining prayers?
4. Which prayer were Ali and Mariam's parents setting up for?
5. Why should you pray on time?

Lesson 3- Cleanliness

1. What should Musa and Ayaan have done after they finished making their cardboard robots?
2. What instructions were given to them by their mother?
3. What should we do before and after eating food?
4. Why is it so important to keep ourselves and our surroundings clean?
5. Is it ok to make a mess or have fun? And if yes, then what should we do when we are done?

Lesson 4- Kindness

1. What was Haadi's first reaction when Imran told him that he wanted to talk to the new boy sitting alone on the bench?
2. What did Imran tell Haadi that convinced him to go and talk to the new boy sitting on the bench?
3. What was Hasan's first reaction when he saw the two boys walking towards him?
4. How did the act of kindness make Hasan feel?
5. Is it important to try to understand how someone is feeling? Why?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 5- Restraining Anger

1. How did Zara feel when Maryam told the teacher she was new in class?
2. Why did Zara get frustrated while playing?
3. What was the girls' reaction when Zara yelled at them?
4. If you meet a new student in the class, how should you treat them?
5. What are some ways you think that can help us to control anger?

Lesson 6- Use Only Good language

1. What did Mariam's friend tell her that made her upset?
2. Why was Mariam's friend moving across the country?
3. Why was Mariam rude to her mother?
4. What advice did Mariam's mother give her when she behaved badly?
5. Which verse did Maryam's mother mention to make her realize the importance of using good language?

Lesson 7- Honor Parents

1. How was Ashar's behavior towards his mother when he was not able to play video games as planned and had to help set up the dinner table instead?
2. What did Ashar's father say after listening to Ashar's reply to his mother?
3. When things don't go as we hope, do we have the right to take out our anger and frustration on others, especially our parents?
4. What should be the tone and volume of our speech, when we are talking to our parents?

Lesson 8- Keeping Promises and Trust

1. Was Yousuf able to help out Fizza and fulfill his commitment to be at the park on time?
2. When Fizza was asleep, why did Yousuf want to wake her up?
3. How should we react when someone is not able to fulfill their commitments or promises for some reason?
4. Should we try our best to keep our promises? How did Fizza keep her promise?
5. Do you feel accomplished when you are able to fulfill your commitments or keep your promises?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 9- Fairness

1. Whose idea was it to make a swing at home?
2. Who helped the boys make the swing in the backyard?
3. What did Rayhan say when Amir asked for a turn on the swing?
4. Do you think Rayhan was fair?
5. How can we be fair to others? How did Rayhan's grandfather explain fairness to him?

Lesson 10- Generosity

1. As Zainab's mother explained, What is the true meaning of fasting?
2. Give one reason that it is good to fast?
3. How did Zainab help the girl who was crying?
4. How did Zainab feel after giving away her favorite toy to the girl?
5. Give an example of how you can help someone in need. Have you ever given up something you liked for others?

Lesson 11- Patience

1. Why was Ali so excited to plant the sunflower seed?
2. What happened when Ali cut the plant early?
3. Do you think Ali could have gotten all the seeds if he stayed waited longer?
4. What did Ali learn from his mistake?
5. Think of an incident in which you were rewarded for being patient.

Lesson 12- Modesty

1. What was Sarah excited about?
2. What did Sarah's grandma send for her?
3. Why did Sara suddenly get upset while trying the dress on?
4. What did Sarah ask her mother before entering the bird center?
5. Which examples were given by Sarah's mother to explain why young girls wear hijab?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 13- Do Not Backbite or Gossip

1. Who started talking bad about Salman?
2. Who took a stand and what did he do to stop his friends talking ill of Salman?
3. What did our Holy Prophet (s) say about backbiting?
4. What is the difference between backbiting and slandering?
5. What is your responsibility if someone is talking bad about someone else in front of you?

Lesson 14- Be good hosts

1. Why did Sarah call Amna strange and odd?
2. What did Amna bring to Mariam's house?
3. Why did Amna feel like crying?
4. Do you think Mariam's behavior with Amna was fair?
5. How do good hosts treat their guests?

Lesson 15- Good Naturedness

1. What did Fazal and Adil do to Ali's pool?
2. What did Ali initially want to do with Fazal and Adil for revenge?
3. What advice did Ali's mother give him when he came back home in tears?
4. Which incident of the Holy Prophet (s) changed Ali's mind about doing something bad to Adil and Fazal?
5. What did Ali decide to do instead?
6. How do you think you can make others realize their mistakes?

Lesson 16- Do Not Boast

1. What did Hania boast about?
2. Why did Rahma manage to do well despite not being very good at math initially?
3. Why didn't Hania get a good grade on her math exam?
4. What was Rahma's reaction when she found out that she did well on her exam?
5. Do you think being good at something means you can stop working at it? What should you do when you are good at something?
6. Why is boasting a bad habit?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 17- Be a Good Friend

1. Why did Hashim's mother tell Hashim not to go outside?
2. What did Hashim do when his mother went to take a shower?
3. How did Zain convince Hashim to not play in the snow?
4. Did Zain's advice have a good impact on Hashim? What did Hashim do after getting back home?
5. What do you think a good friend should do if he sees his friend doing something wrong?
6. How does having a good friend make one a better person?

Lesson 18- Dua

1. Why is Laylatul Qadr a special night?
2. What are some things we can do during this special night?
3. What did Ali's mom remind him of while he was writing down a list of duas to ask Allah (swt)?
4. Which Hadith from Bibi Fatima Zahra (s) was mentioned by Ali's mom to explain the importance of praying for others?
5. Why is it important to make dua for others when we are asking Allah for our needs or wishes?

Lesson 19- Truthfulness

1. Why were Maryam and Ali so excited?
2. What did the kids decide to do when the vase broke? Was it a good decision to make?
3. How did Maryam feel about hiding the truth?
4. What was Maryam mother's reply at the lunch table when Maryam asked about telling the truth even if you know you have done something wrong?
5. Was Maryam's mother upset about the incident? If not, Why? What would have happened if she found out later herself?
6. Why should we always be truthful even if we have done something wrong?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 20- Imam Ali (a)

1. After how many years did Allah command the Prophet to reveal his religion?
2. How many men were there at the feast and what was it called?
3. What was the one special thing about the feast?
4. Who accused the Prophet Muhammad (s) of being a magician?
5. Who was the first person to stand in support of the Holy Prophet (s)?
6. What was the age of Imam Ali (a) when the Holy Prophet (s) declared his religion?
7. How did the Prophet Muhammad (s) introduce Imam Ali?
8. Do you know when and where Imam Ali (a) was born and when and where was he martyred?
9. Which holy city is Imam Ali (a) buried in?

Lesson 21- Seeking Knowledge

1. What did Jessica ask Sakina?
2. Why was Sakina embarrassed after being asked the question?
3. What was the first thing Sakina did when she got home?
4. What was Sakina's mother's reply when Sakina asked her about the reason for eating halal food?
5. Can a person know everything? If not, then what should we do when we do not know the answer to a question?

Lesson 22- Forgiveness

1. Who is Imam Ali Ibn al Husayn?
2. Which verse from the Holy Quran was recited by our Imam (a) on his way to the man's house?
3. What did Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a) say when he saw the man who insulted him?
4. What was the reaction of the man towards our 4th Imam (a) after the conversation in his house?
5. What is the first thing we should do when someone says something bad about us?
6. Is it always easy to forgive someone? If not, why should we still forgive others?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 23- Conservation

1. What did the teacher say when she saw the water running in the bathroom?
2. What does conservation mean?
3. What was Hadi's reply when the teacher asked the class about different ways to conserve?
4. Which example about conservation did Fatima give?
5. Why is it important to conserve or not waste time?
6. What should we always keep in our minds when we are wasting something?
7. Give a few examples of how you can conserve.

Lesson 24- Trust Allah

1. What did the enemy say to the Holy Prophet (s) when he was about to attack him?
2. What happened to the man who tried to attack the Holy Prophet?
3. What did Prophet Muhammad (s) do, when he had the sword in his hand?
4. Which action of Prophet Muhammad (s) impressed the enemy? And what did he do as a result?
5. Who should we trust in difficult times?
6. Why is it important to only have faith in Allah in difficult times?

Lesson 25- Obey Allah

1. What were Maryam and Ali doing when they heard Adhan for maghrib prayers?
2. What was the right thing to do when they heard adhan?
3. What is the reward of praying on time as promised by Allah (swt)?
4. What promise did Ali and Maryam make to themselves after listening to their mother?
5. What does Allah want to teach us by setting particular times for Salaat?

Reading Comprehension Questions

Lesson 26- Purifying Intentions

1. What did the scholar do in his life to show his love towards Allah (swt), His Prophets and Ahlul bayt?
2. What was the wish of the young scholar's father?
3. Instead of proudly telling his father about the book, what was the reply of the young scholar?
4. What was the name of the young scholar and which famous book was written by him?
5. How can we protect the Ikhlaas or sincerity of our actions if they are truly for the sake of Allah (swt)?
6. If someone performs a deed to make Allah (swt) happy, do they have to tell everyone about it?

Lesson 27- Maintaining Family Ties

1. Why was Sara sad after talking to her grandma?
2. What did Sara's mom tell her that made her happy?
3. What does Selah Rahem mean?
4. How do you show your love towards your family?

Lesson 28- Maintain Peace

1. What was Mahdi pretending to be?
2. How did Mahdi describe the job of a peace officer?
3. Which different things Mahdi did throughout the day to maintain peace at his home?
4. What were Mahdi's ideas when his dad asked him how he can be a good peace officer at masjid?
5. How can you maintain peace at your home and masjid?

Lesson 29- Eid Night

1. Who is Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a) addressing at the beginning?
2. Who is the Imam (a) addressing at the end?
3. What does the Imam (a) say is different about Ramadan compared to other months?
4. What are the Imam's feelings about Ramadan ending?

Word Search

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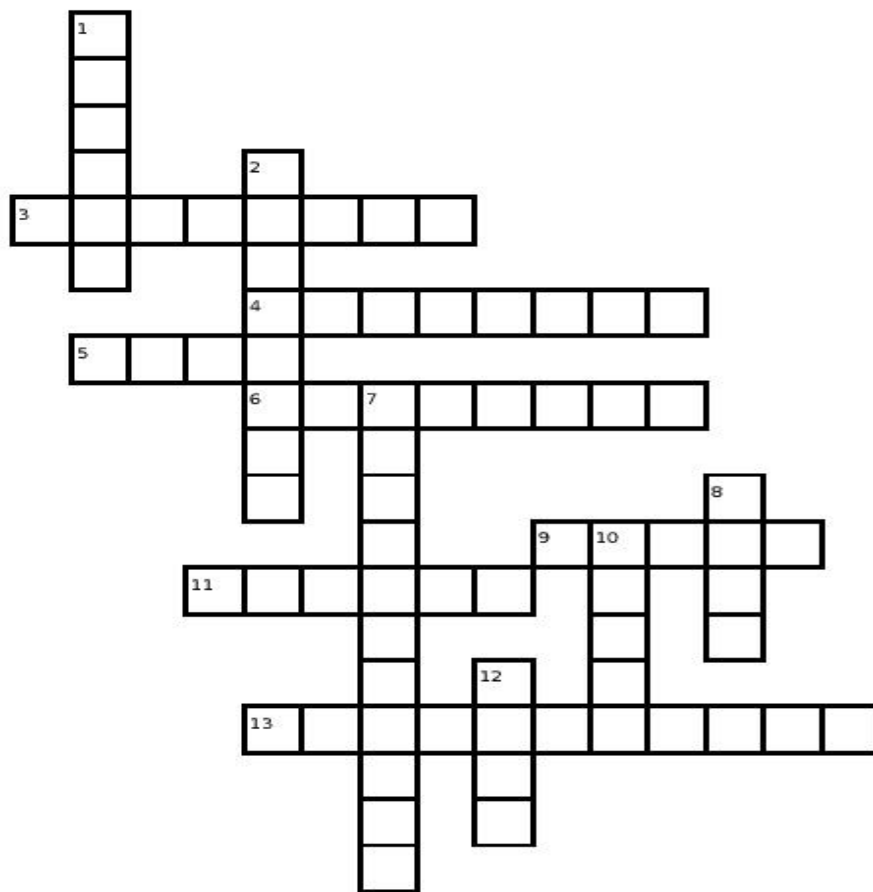
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Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 1-3



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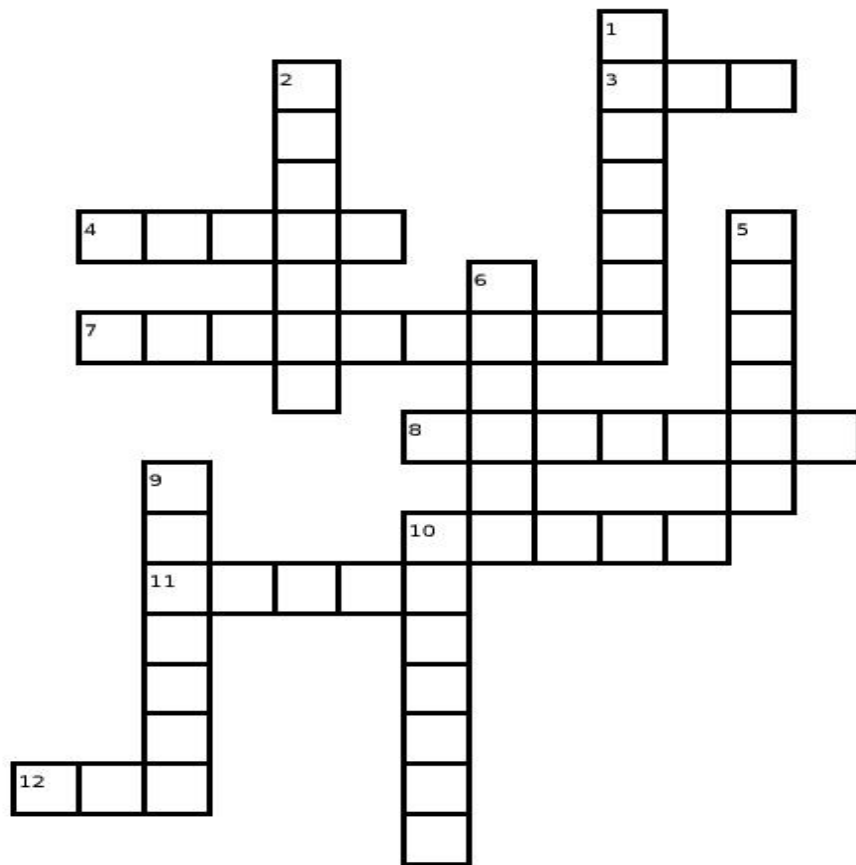
1. The name of Allah that means the Creator (Lesson 2)
2. Allah does not need anyone or _____. (Lesson 1)
7. The Holy Prophet (s) has told us that the foundation of Islam is based on this (Lesson 3)
8. The Holy Quran reminds us how Allah knows everything when it tells us, "...not a _____ falls, but He knows it. (Lesson 3)
10. The Prophet (s) has told us that prayer is a _____ in the heart. (Lesson 2)
12. Allah does not need us, but we all _____ him. (Lesson 1)

Across:

3. Ghaniy also means this (Lesson 1)
4. We should show our gratitude by remembering and _____ Allah. (Lesson 1)
5. One way to be clean is to _____ your hands when they're sticky and before eating. (Lesson 3)
6. The Prophet (s) told us, if someone shows gratitude, he will get an _____ in blessings. (Lesson 1)
9. The name of Allah that means the All-Knowing. (Lesson 3)
11. The Name of Allah that means the Self-Sufficient (Lesson 1)
13. When we feel gratitude towards Allah and rely on Him, it gives us _____. (Lesson 1)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 4-6



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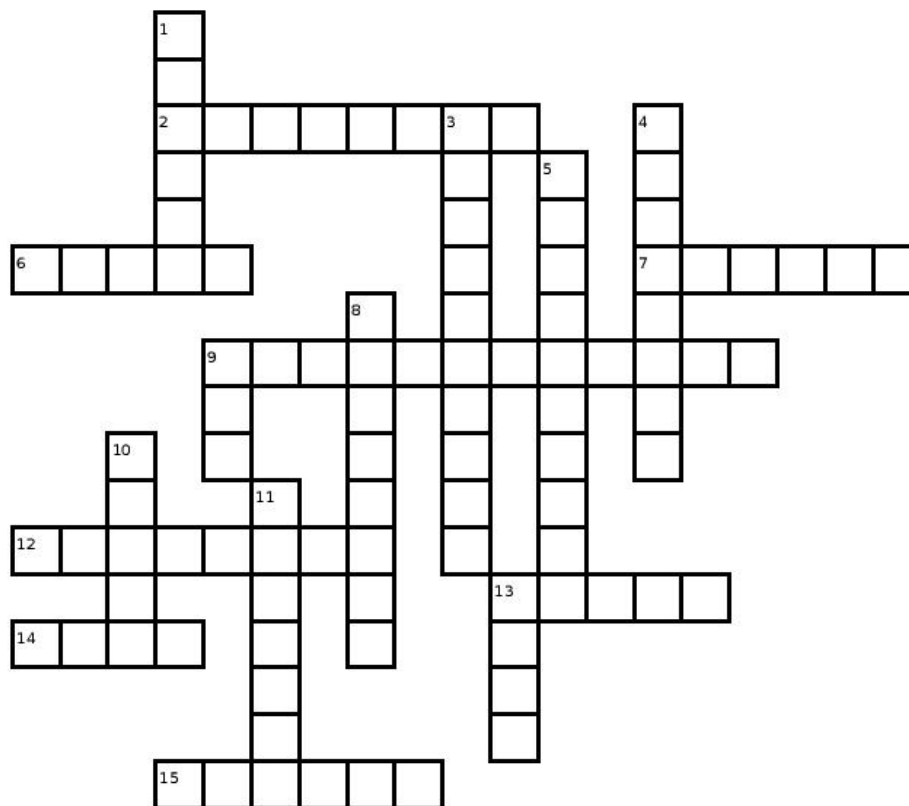
1. Imam Jafar Sadiq (a) taught us to meet each other with a happy and ____ face.
2. The name of Allah that means The Most Exalted (Lesson 6)
5. The name of Allah that means The Most Kind (Lesson 4)
6. Allah is ____ than any of His creations (Lesson 6)
9. Allah is fully aware and understands the outward and hidden _____. (Lesson 5)
10. The Quran tells us that whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger has achieved a great _____. (Lesson 6)

Across:

3. Even when you are ____, still speak to others with kindness and respect. (Lesson 6)
4. Surah Baqarah vs 83 tells us, “____ to people good words.” (Lesson 6)
7. Imran and Hadi showed the boy on the bench kindness by ____ him. (Lesson 4)
8. The name of Allah which means the Fully Aware. (Lesson 5)
10. The Quran teaches us to fear Allah and speak the _____. (Lesson 6)
11. The Holy Prophet (s) taught us that the strong one is one who withholds his _____. (Lesson 5)
12. Always speak to people in the best _____. (Lesson 6)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 7-9



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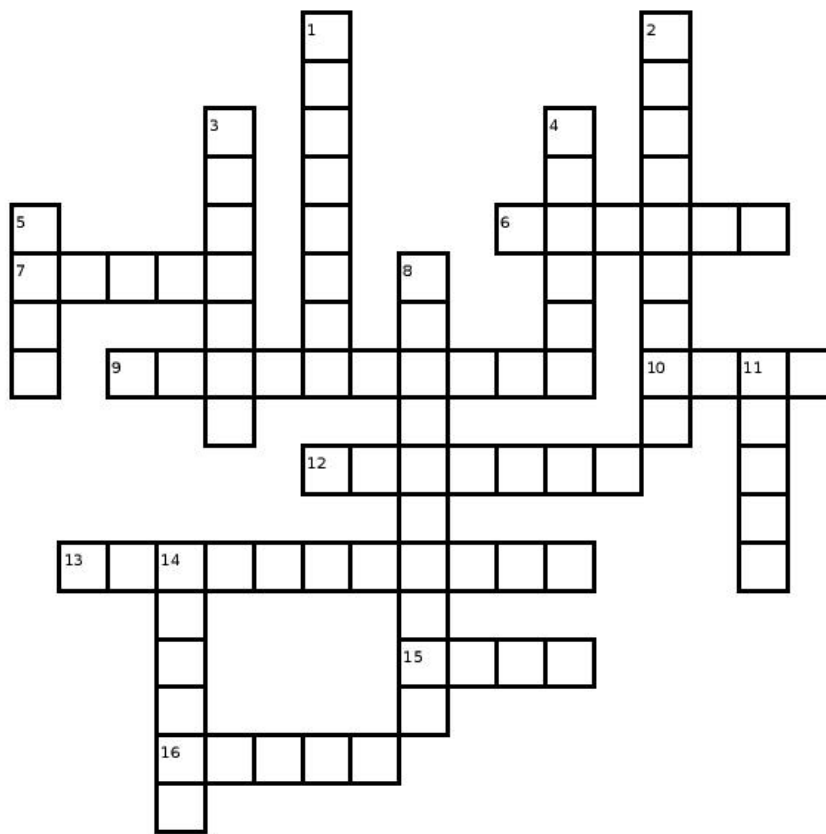
1. The name of Allah that means the Trustee (Lesson 8)
3. The Quran tells us that "Allah is ___ as the disposer of affairs." (Lesson 8)
4. Allah is the ___ of us and our interests. (Lesson 8)
5. Ashar realized he was wrong for being so ___ and rude towards his mother. (Lesson 7)
8. You should always fulfill your ___. (Lesson 8)
9. The name of Allah which means The Just (Lesson 9)
10. Always use kind ___ to your parents is what the Quran teaches us. (Lesson 7)
11. The Quran tells us that to Allah ___ whatever is in the heavens and earth. (Lesson 8)
13. Always be ___ to your parents. (Lesson 7)

Across:

2. Allah always shows us so much ___. (Lesson 7)
6. You should never ___ your parents. (Lesson 7)
7. The name of Allah that means The Merciful (Lesson 7)
9. We should show ___ to our parents. (Lesson 7)
12. Allah tries to bring us out of ___ and into light. (Lesson 7)
13. Imam Ali (a) tells us when you are fair Allah will increase your ___. (Lesson 9)
14. Allah has knowledge over all things and is capable of being ___. (Lesson 9)
15. Allah loves those who act ___. (Lesson 9)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 10-12



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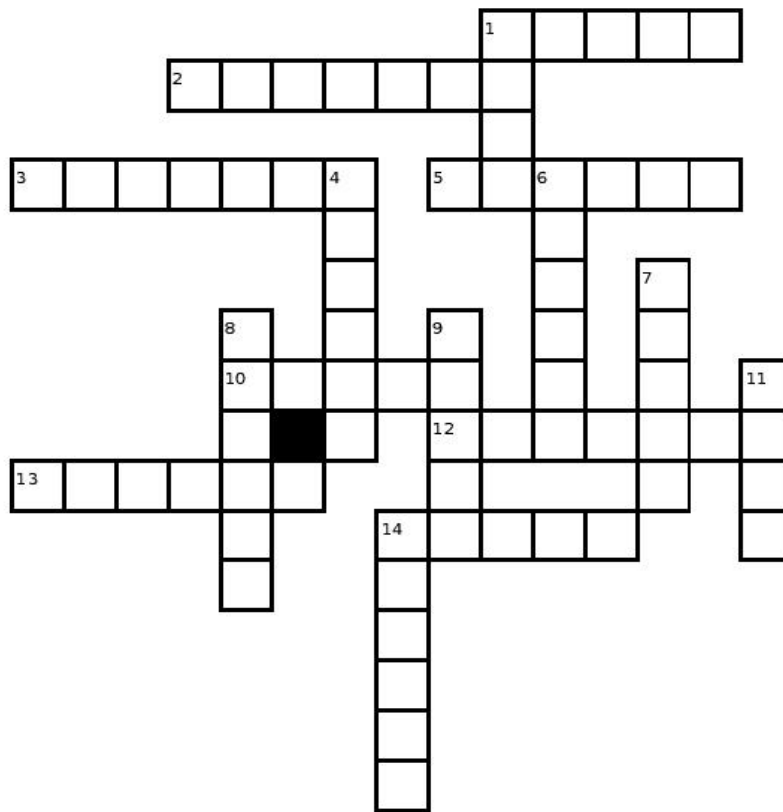
1. The name of Allah that means the Flawless Shaper (Lesson 12)
2. The Holy Quran tells us that Allah is with those who patiently _____. (Lesson 11)
3. The Quran tells us that, "Whatever you spend, Allah is _____ aware of it. (Lesson 10)
4. All of Allah's creations depict _____. (Lesson 12)
5. The Quran reminds us to lower our _____. (Lesson 12)
8. When we perform just a small act of kindness, Allah rewards us _____. (Lesson 10)
11. If Ali had been patient, he could have seen his plant bear _____. (Lesson 11)
14. Allah does not hasten to _____. (Lesson 11)

Across:

6. The name of Allah that means the Most Generous (Lesson 10)
7. An unlawful gaze is like a poisonous _____ from shaitan. (Lesson 12)
9. Allah also forgives us _____ (Lesson 10)
10. Allah does not _____ to do anything before its proper time. (Lesson 11)
12. By looking for something to cover her arms, Sarah was displaying _____. (Lesson 12)
13. Allah gives us the _____ to seek forgiveness by not punishing us immediately. (Lesson 11)
15. The Quran teaches us that we will attain reward by spending from that which you _____. (Lesson 10)
16. The name of Allah that means the Most Patient (Lesson 11)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 13-14



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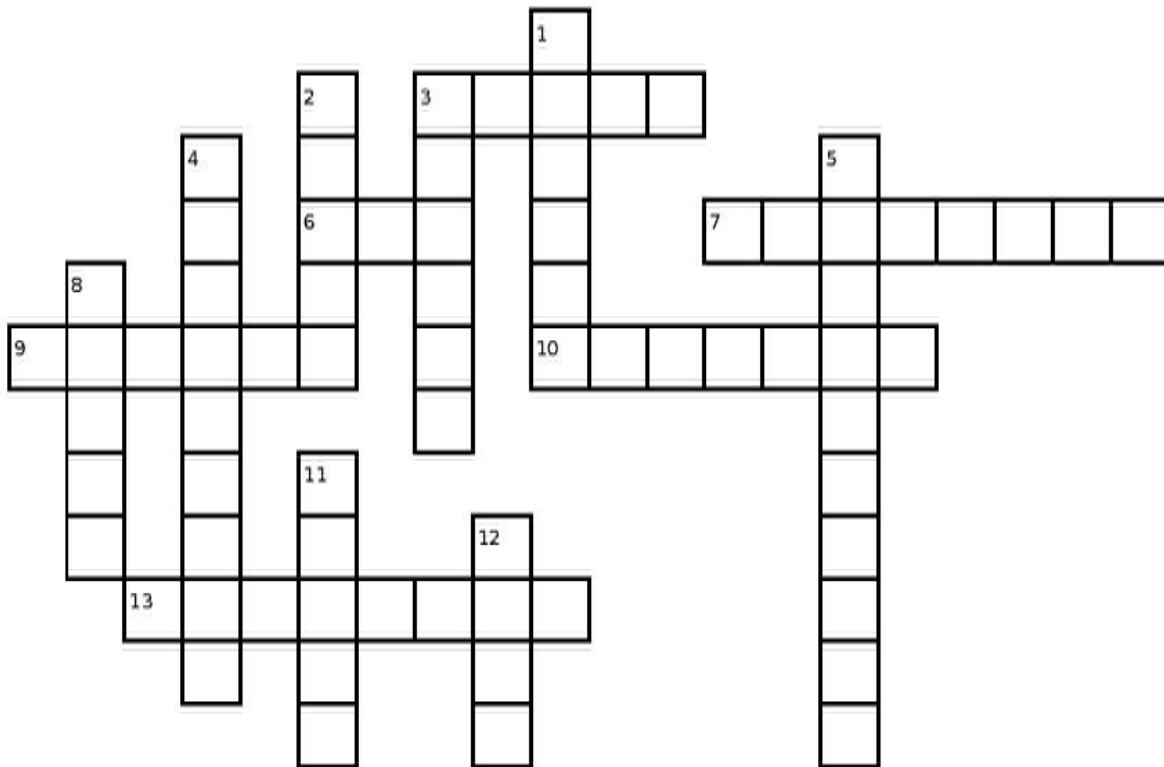
1. The Holy Prophet (s) taught us that backbiting is speaking ill of someone even if it is _____. (Lesson 13)
4. Guests are Allah's _____. (Lesson 14)
6. Allah bestows on His creations many of these. (Lesson 14)
7. Allah _____ our shortcomings from people. (Lesson 13)
8. A name of Allah that means the All Seeing (Lesson 13)
9. Having guests over is an opportunity to _____ Allah's creations. (Lesson 14)
11. When someone backbites, you should _____ them. (Lesson 13)
14. A name of Allah that means the Enricher. (Lesson 14)

Across:

1. Another way to stop backbiting is to change the _____. (Lesson 13)
2. To spread false rumors is called _____. (Lesson 13)
3. Backbiting is like eating the flesh of your _____. (Lesson 13)
5. When someone is backbiting about another person, you should _____ the person who is being talked about. (Lesson 13)
10. Allah is _____ of everything. (Lesson 13)
12. You should always _____ your guests. (Lesson 14)
13. Those that _____ to backbiting are just as guilty as those who talk. (Lesson 13)
14. Through having guests, you gain Allah's _____. (Lesson 14)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 15-16



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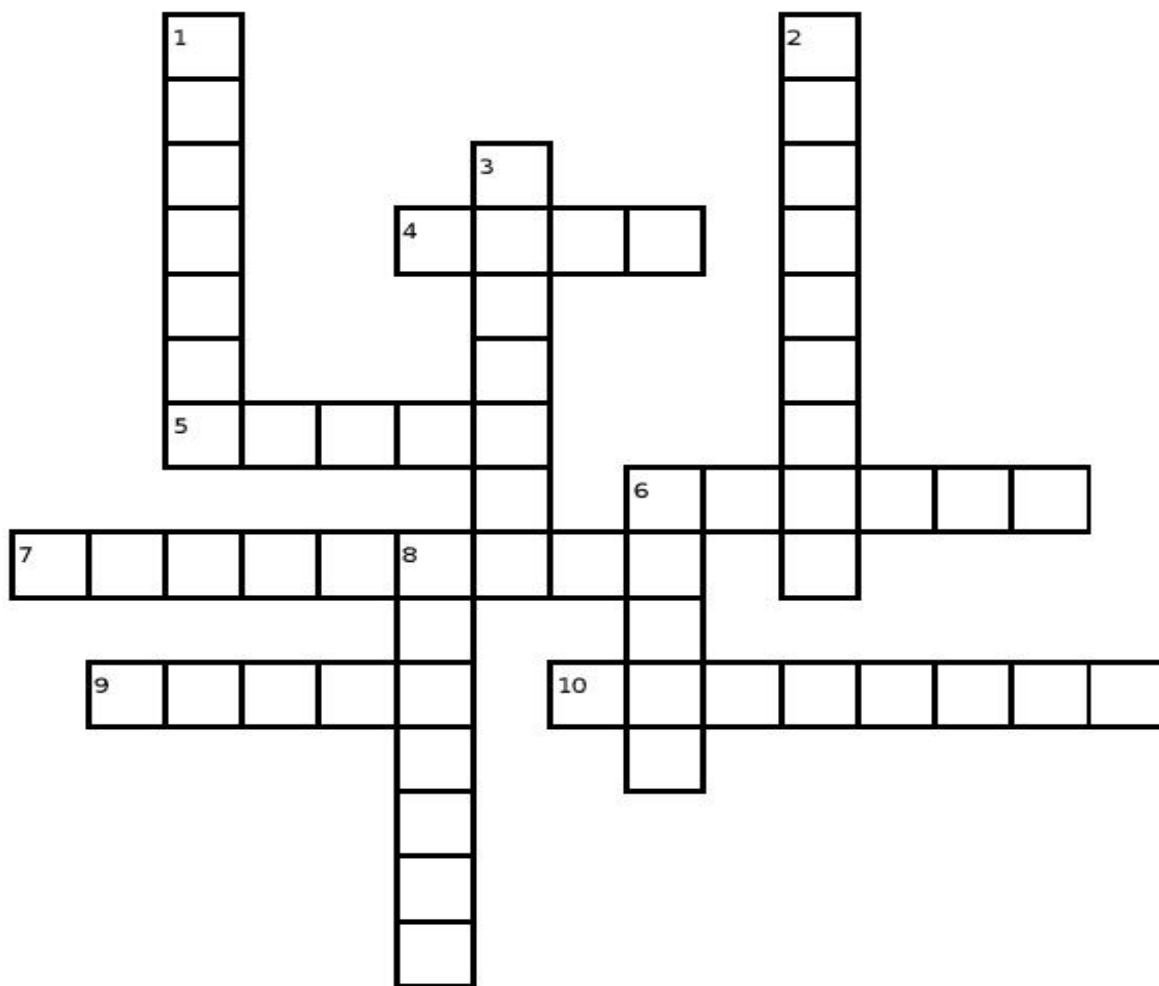
1. Hania learned how to be ___ from Rahma. (Lesson 16)
2. Allah does not like people to be ___. (Lesson 16)
3. How should we speak to people? (Lesson 15)
4. If someone intends to do a good deed, but can't do it, Allah still rewards the ___. (Lesson 15)
5. We see Allah's ___ in us when we practice His names and attributes. (Lesson 15)
8. A name of Allah that means the Source of Goodness (Lesson 15)
11. Ali decided not to react with ___ and instead decided to be nice to his friends. (Lesson 15)
12. It is through Allah's ___ that anything can be accomplished. (Lesson 16)

Across:

3. Because of Ali's husn al-___, Allah rewarded Ali. (Lesson 15)
6. We do not ___ anything in this world and all success is from Allah. (Lesson 16)
7. Everything we have is a ___ from Allah (Lesson 16)
9. A name of Allah that means the Praiseworthy (Lesson 16)
10. Even when others are not good to us, it's important for us to be a good ___. (Lesson 15)
13. If someone intends to sin, but doesn't do it, Allah ___ the intention. (Lesson 15)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 17-18



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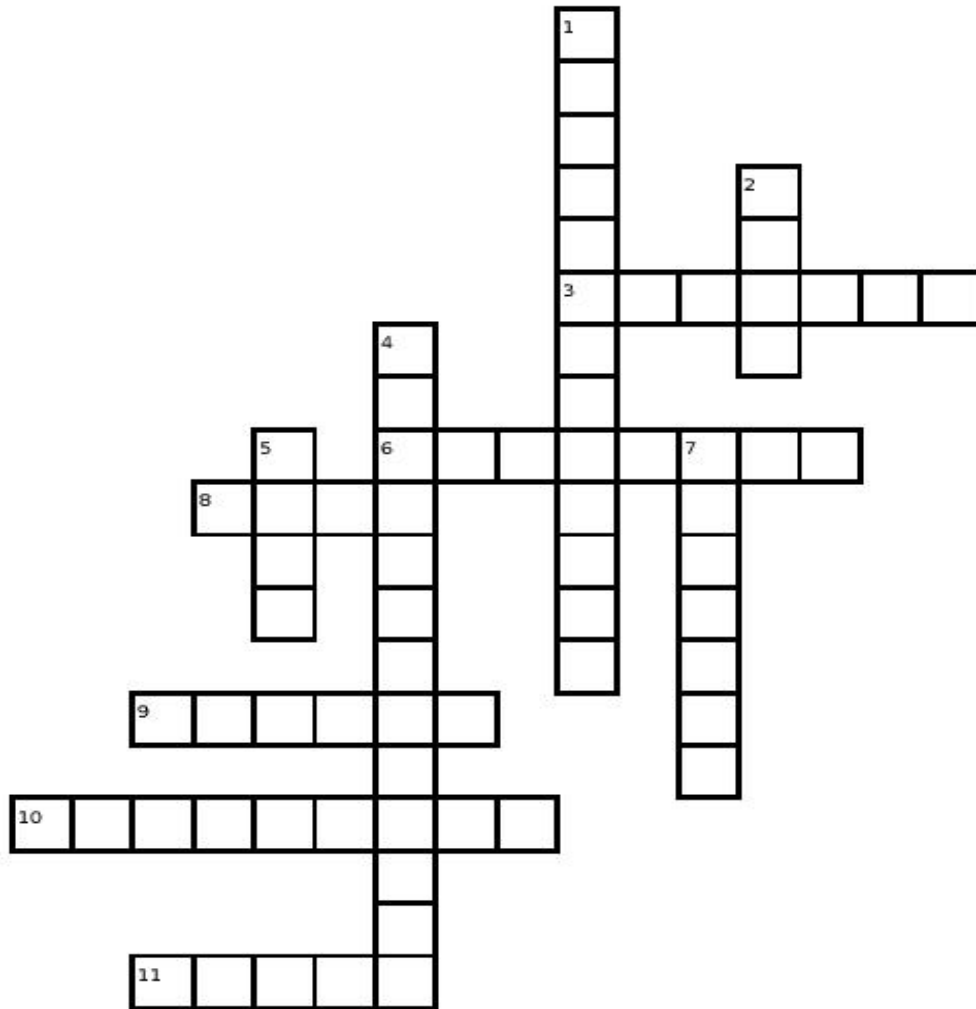
1. What is the weapon of a believer? (Lesson 18)
2. Nothing is too ___ for Allah to fulfill. (Lesson 18)
3. No ___ is too difficult for Allah to fulfill. (Lesson 18)
6. The Quran tells us to enjoin what is good and forbid what is ___. (Lesson 17)
8. Allah will ___ who He wills and punish who He wills. (Lesson 18)

Across:

4. Allah is ___ when we call on Him. (Lesson 18)
5. A good friend will ___ to do the right thing. (Lesson 17)
6. Name of Allah that means the Protecting Friend (Lesson 17)
7. Allah gives guidance, peace, and success as a Protecting Friend in this world and the ___. (Lesson 17)
9. Name of Allah that means the Most Powerful (Lesson 18)
10. What is Allah capable of? (Lesson 18)

Crossword Puzzle

Lesson 19



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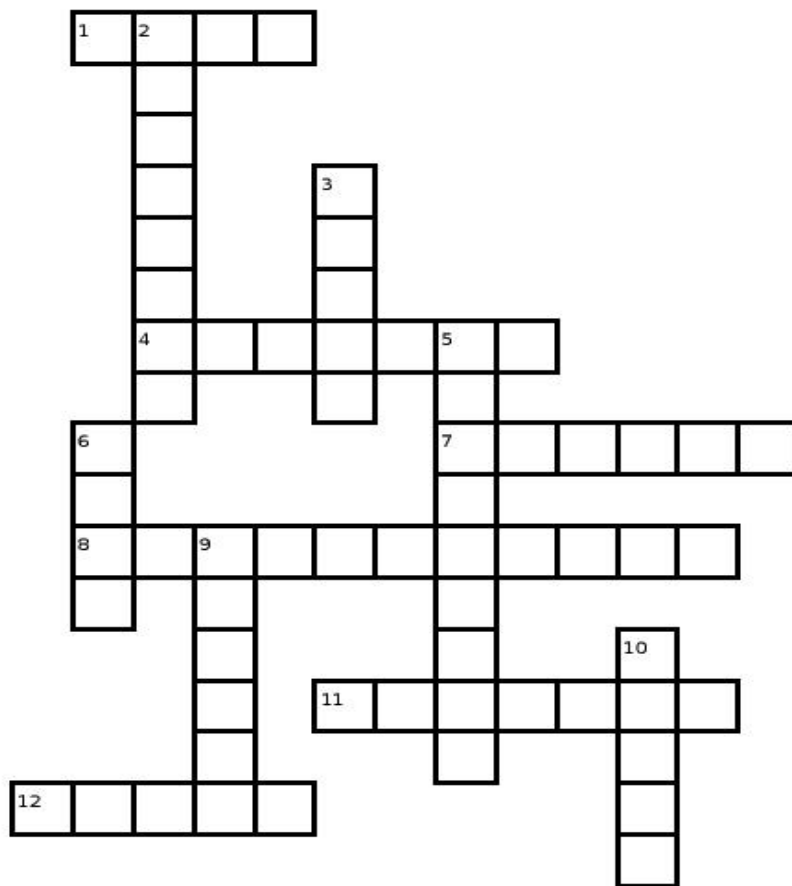
1. How did Mariam feel about playing dodgeball indoors? (Lesson 19)
2. Imam Ridha (a) advises us to be truthful by avoiding telling _____. (Lesson 19)
4. Mariam and Ali's mother teaches them it's okay to mistakes so long as you don't hurt someone _____. (Lesson 19)
5. The name of Allah that means the Truth (Lesson 19)
7. Allah existed when there was nothing and will exist until _____. (Lesson 19)

Across:

3. Ali and Mariam were excited because ____ was going to visit them that day. (Lesson 19)
6. Allah says in the Quran that those who believe in Allah and His apostle are the ones who are ____ and faithful. (Lesson 19)
8. What broke when the kids played indoors? (Lesson 19)
9. When we make a mistake, telling the truth is the best _____. (Lesson 19)
10. What did the kids want to play indoors? (Lesson 19)
11. Mariam's mother was extremely ____ when Mariam told the truth. (Lesson 19)

Crossword Puzzle

Lesson 20



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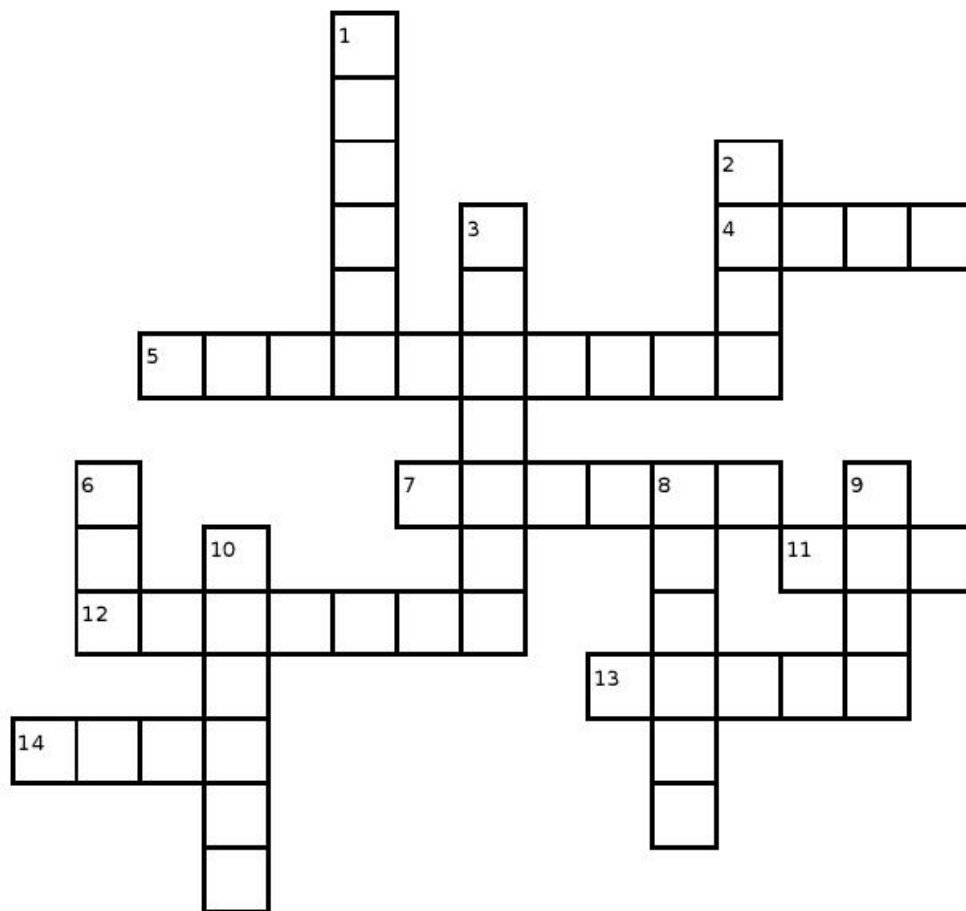
2. Which relative of the Prophet (s) accused him of doing magic? (Lesson 20)
3. On which day did the Prophet (s) announce the Oneness of Allah and his mission? (Lesson 20)
5. The Prophet (s) said whoever supports him in his mission will be his wasiyyi, which means _____. (Lesson 20)
6. At dawat ul dhul ashira, no matter how much food was eaten, it all remained the _____. (Lesson 20)
9. When the speech was over, the entire crowd was _____. (Lesson 20)
10. What did the Prophet (s) arrange for his family? (Lesson 20)

Across:

1. Imam Ali (a) was martyred while leading which prayer? (Lesson 20)
4. The Prophet (s) stood up to ____ the members of his family. (Lesson 20)
7. Khaleefa means _____. (Lesson 20)
8. The place Imam Ali (a) was at at the time of his martyrdom. (Lesson 20)
11. Akhi means _____. (Lesson 20)
12. The number of men who gathered near Mount Safa (Lesson 20)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 21-22



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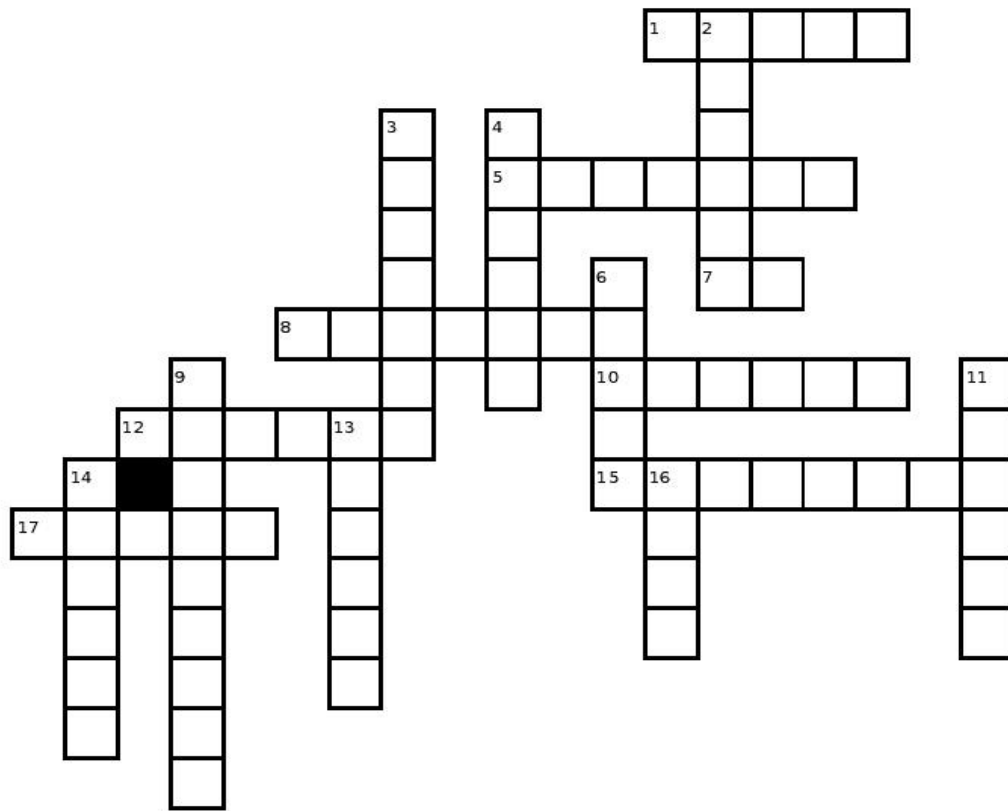
1. Everything that Allah does is based on what type of wisdom? (Lesson 21)
2. Allah tells us to do what in Surah 96? (Lesson 21)
3. In the Quran, Allah tells us not to ___ of His mercy. (Lesson 22)
6. No matter how ___ a sin is, Allah can forgive it. (Lesson 22)
8. Allah accepts our repentance very _____. (Lesson 22)
9. What is man created from? (Lesson 22)
10. The name of Allah that means the Most Wise (Lesson 21)

Across:

4. An extensive garden will be prepared for those who guard against _____. (Lesson 22)
5. Sometimes we may not ___ what happens, but should rely on Allah's wisdom. (Lesson 21)
7. We should ___ quickly towards forgiveness. (Lesson 22)
11. Allah forgives how many sins? (Lesson 22)
12. The name of Allah that means the Most Forgiving. (Lesson 22)
13. A person who fasts is similar to one who keeps vigil at _____. (Lesson 21)
14. Allah does everything at the right _____. (Lesson 21)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 23-25



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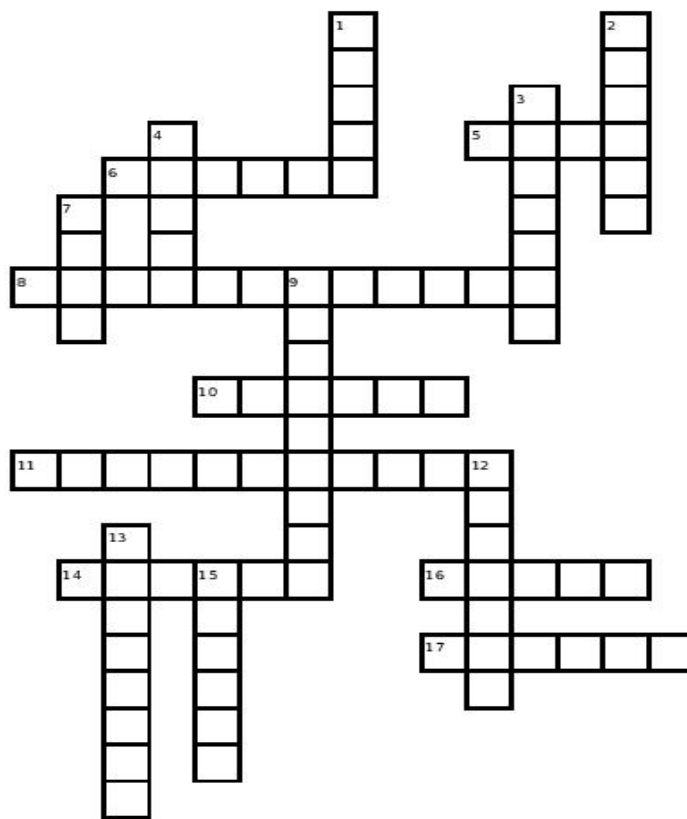
1. For performing salaah on time, in return Allah will ___ our prayers (Lesson 25).
3. During which prayer time were Ali and Mariam watching TV? (Lesson 25)
4. The names of Allah that means the Provider (Lesson 23)
6. Allah knows the ___ of His creations. (Lesson 24)
9. Allah gives ___ to whoever he chooses. (Lesson 25)
11. What did Mariam and Ali hear that caused them to rush to pray on time? (Lesson 25)
13. Allah provides for us in ways that we'd never ___. (Lesson 23)
14. What were Mariam and her grandmother reciting before Ali joined them? (Lesson 24)
16. Allah has told us to pray on ___. (Lesson 25)

Across:

1. The name of Allah that means the King (Lesson 25)
5. Allah ___ our pleas. (Lesson 24)
7. What were Ali and Mariam watching that distracted them from salaah? (Lesson 25)
8. The Prophet (s) ___ the man after his sword fell. (Lesson 24)
10. The Quran says that whoever puts all thier trust in Allah, Allah will be ___ for them. (Lesson 24)
12. The name of Allah that means the Responsive. (Lesson 24)
15. What is Allah the possessor of? (Lesson 23)
17. The action you do before salaah (Lesson 25)

Crossword Puzzle

Lessons 26-29



Down:

1. We should not ___ our parents. (Lesson 27)
2. Allah illuminates the ___ of believers. (Lesson 26)
3. In this month, Allah gave us a righteous _____. (Lesson 29)
4. What is Allah the ultimate source of? (Lesson 28)
7. In the Quran, what is Allah's light compared to? (Lesson 26)
9. A celebration of accomplishment (Lesson 29)
12. The Imam (a) directly addresses ___ in an endearing tone. (Lesson 29)
13. Allah says in the Quran that we should show our parents _____. (Lesson 27)
15. "Allah ___ to His light whom He wills." (Lesson 26)

Across:

5. The name of Allah that means light (Lesson 26)
6. Whoever has saved one life it as though he has saved all _____. (Lesson 28)
8. Allah is free from _____. (Lesson 28)
11. A night better than a thousand months (Lesson 29)
14. Anyone who performs a small act for Allah, He will make it ___ in the sight of people. (Lesson 26)
16. The name of Allah that means the Most Loving (Lesson 27)
17. The name of Allah which means the Source of Peace and Perfection (Lesson 28)



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