

# Cleanliness



Two friends are going for Jum‘a Prayers. Before entering the masjid, Imad twitches his nose.

Imad: Basheer, did you brush your teeth and take a shower before putting on clean clothes?

Basheer: Ummm, I was in a rush.

Imad: It is very important to do so, especially when you come to the masjid. The Prophet told us to be clean. This way people will not be bothered by anyone’s bad breath or smelly body.

Basheer: I’m sorry! Now, I feel

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embarrassed.

Imad: I did not mean to embarrass you. We are responsible for keeping one another on the ‘siratul mustaqeem. Cleanliness is half of ‘imaan’ which means half of faith and is therefore very important. You should brush teeth as soon as you get up and before going to bed. Allah loves clean people.

While coming out of the masjid, they see a boy slip on a banana peel. They rush to help him up.

Boy: Aow!

Basheer: Are you okay?

Boy: I think so! Thank you.

Imad: This is why it is so important to throw things in a proper place.

Basheer: My mother says that Allah gets happy if I remove a

broken piece of glass from a path to protect even a stranger from getting hurt. Imad: Yes, that is correct. It is also regarded as an act of worship. Islam teaches us to be clean and thoughtful. We have to be clean at all times and in all places. That is why we do Wudu at least five times a day. Wudu keeps our bodies and our hearts clean.

Basheer: How?

Imad: When you do wudu you must think of Allah, and the thought of Allah keeps our hearts clean.

Basheer: Thank you, I have learned so much about cleanliness from you today.

## LET'S SAY

C is for ‘cleanliness of body, mind and soul’. Keeping surroundings clean and tidy should also be our goal.

## LET'S REMEMBER

The Prophet said, “Cleanliness leads towards faith, and faith leads its possessor to Paradise.”

*Tabrani*



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# Generosity



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Teacher: The Prophet was a role model of generosity. The members of his family followed his example. For instance, his wife A'isha was extremely generous. Often her allowance or any gifts of food that she received was distributed immediately to the needy the same day without being kept for herself. His Companions also tried to outdo each other in giving away their wealth.

Skit:

A group of children are having a discussion in a school yard.

Hadi: Today's lesson on generosity has inspired me to do something.

What could we do as a class?

Mateen: Let's see! We can raise some funds for poor students.

Samee: We can collect clothes and send them to places where they have earthquakes.

Mateen: We have to make sure those clothes do not have big holes in them!!

All the boys have a big laugh.

Hadi: That gives me an idea. We can also collect all those cans of food that are sitting in the cupboards.

Mateen: How about sponsoring an orphan from a war-torn country such as Afghanistan or Palestine.

Hadi: I think we should also collect some toys for them.

Mateen: These are all good ideas. Let's form committees for each of these tasks, and our classmates can choose the committee that they want to be on..

Samee: Yes, this way we can all get involved.

Hadi: We must ask our teachers and parents to help as well.

After the skit is over,

Samee asks the teacher: Can we really do that, please?

Teacher: That sounds great!

Students: Yeah!!!

Teacher: Oh, you all are so generous. Go ahead and do your planning.

Teacher: That is wonderful. Allah wants us to help people who are less fortunate than us and He gives back more than we give. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, "Allah grants many times more."



## LET'S SAY

G is for 'generosity', sharing with others and the poor. When one is kind and gives to others, Allah grants one much more.

## LET'S REMEMBER

The Prophet said, "Recommend help (to the needy) and you will get the reward from Allah."

*Sabih Muslim*

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# 'Ilm



*Acquiring knowledge applies to everyone. Boys and girls! Men and women! Young and old!*

Teacher: Today I will tell you about something that begins with 'I' and it is quite valuable. If you gain it, it will help not only you but others as well. You will be respected for having it. Nobody can ever steal it from you. And that is 'ilm', which means knowledge.

Are you ready, girls, for a skit on this?

Girls: Yes, we are.

A'isha: Do you know which ayah was first revealed to the Prophet?

Bushra: I think so. Is it not in the 30th Juz?

A'isha: Yes. It is the first ayah of Surah 'al Alaq'.

Bushra: What does it say exactly?

A'isha: It says. "Read! In the name of your Lord

who has created everything that exists." In other words, Allah is telling us to acquire 'ilm, that is, knowledge.

Bushra: Does this apply to boys and men only?

A'isha: No, no! That is wrong information that some people have. It applies to everyone. Boys and girls! Men and women! Young and old!

Bushra: Really?

A'isha: Don't you know? Lady A'isha, the wife of the Prophet, is still regarded as one of the greatest scholars of Islam. People from far and wide used to come to learn from her. She even knew a lot about medicine.

Bushra: Wow!

A'isha: Yes. As a matter of fact, the importance of knowledge has been mentioned in several Surahs. In one place, Allah asks, "Can those who have knowledge be equal to those who do not?"

Bushra: Yes! I can see it does not say that only the men have to acquire knowledge!

A'isha: That is correct. The Prophet has also told us about the importance of knowledge!

Bushra: Go on!

A'isha: Once he said, "Allah makes the way to Paradise easy for one who travels in search of knowledge."

Bushra: Does it also mean learning about science, maths, geography, and subjects like that?

A'isha: Yes, of course! Maybe one of these days, I will tell you about the Muslim scholars who taught many things to the West.

Bushra: I want to be a scholar like that. Meanwhile, can I learn about those video games that Samee is playing with?

A'isha: You smarty pants, learning how to play video games is not useful knowledge. Inshallah, you can be a scholar but, first you have to work hard both at school and madrasah. Learn this dua and it will help you. "Rabbee zidnee 'ilma", which means, "O my Lord, increase my knowledge!"

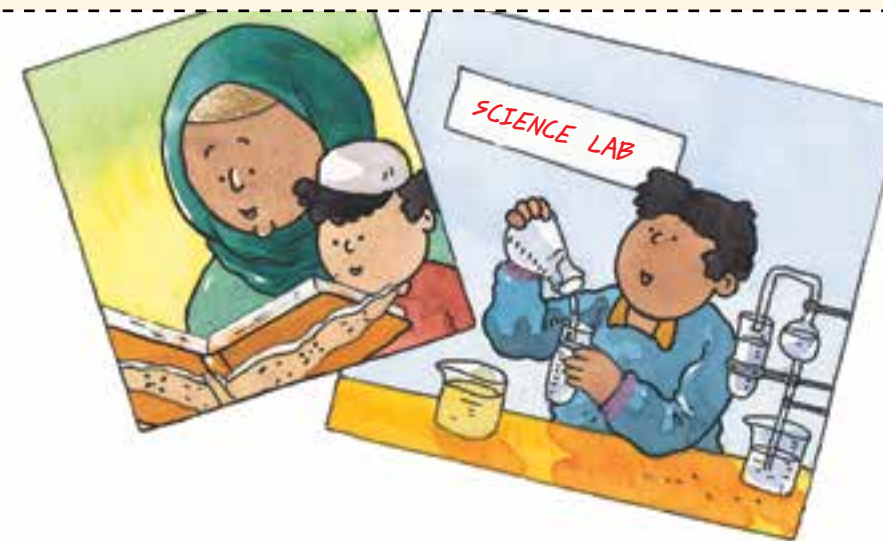
## LET'S SAY

I is for 'ilm', that is knowledge of 'dunya' and 'deen'. To acquire it is an Islamic duty. One should study hard and be keen.

## LET'S REMEMBER

The Prophet said, "Do not acquire knowledge in order to compete with the scholars, nor to argue with the ignorant, nor to gain superiority over others. Since whoever does that, the fire will be his abode"

*Sabih Bukhari*



*"Allah makes the way to Paradise easy for one who travels in search of knowledge."*

# Respect



A'isha and Heba's families are going for a picnic. As soon as they reach the park, they shout.

A'isha and Heba: Hurray, we are here at last!

Heba: Let's find a good spot quickly.

They spot a bench under a tree and see an elderly couple walking towards it.

The girls run fast and quickly reach the bench.

They sit on the opposite ends of the bench to claim ownership.

A'isha's mother sees what the girls have done.

Mother: I thought you knew how to show respect and kindness towards the elderly.

Heba: Sorry, Aunty. In our excitement, we

forgot our manners.

Mother: Now go and apologize to them.

The girls walk up to the couple.

A'isha and Heba: We are sorry, the bench is yours.

The couple: Bless you girls.

Mother: Okay, Come on now, let's find a place.

Heba: I'm hungry.

Mother: Have a banana until we set up the barbeque!

A'isha: Alhamdulillah, we will have yummy food to eat today.

I love barbequed burgers and corn.

Heba eats the banana and throws the peel on the pavement.

A'isha: Heba, why did you throw the peel on the pavement?

Heba: I am trying to make compost!

A'isha: Throwing peel on the path is not making compost. It is called littering. You are not only disrespecting the environment but endangering others who may slip and fall. Besides, composting has to be done in a proper place.

Heba: You must show me one day how to do it.

A'isha: Of course, I'd love to. But now go and pick that up and throw it in the garbage can.

Heba: Okkkaaaay, Boss!

## LET'S SAY

R is for 'respect' of parents and others young and old. Taking care of nature and the environment is a duty, which should not be ignored.

## LET'S REMEMBER

The Prophet said, "He is not one of us who is not merciful to our younger people, nor honours the old among us."

*Tirmidhi.*



*Each girl sits on the opposite end of the bench.*

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