

I Know Allah by His Names



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Names of Allah

(Alphabetically; as mentioned in the book)

ت

التَّوَّابُ

The Acceptor of Repentance

ب

الْبَاطِنُ

The Hidden

أ

الأوَّلُ

The First

ح

الْحَكِيمُ

The Most Wise

ج

الْجَامِعُ

The Gatherer

ث

الْوَارِثُ

The Inheritor

ذ

ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَ الْإِكْرَامِ

The Possessor of Might & Honour

د

الدَّيَّانُ

The One Who Recompenses

خ

الْخَالِقُ

The Creator

س

السَّمِيعُ

The Hearer

ز

الْعَزِيزُ

The Mighty

ر

الرَّحْمَنُ

The Most Merciful

ض

الضَّارُّ النَّافِعُ

*The One Who Tests
The Bringer of Benefits*

ص

الصَّمَدُ

The Self-Sufficient

ش

الشَّكُورُ

The Most Appreciative

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ
اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ

Indeed , all praise is due to Allah. We praise Him and seek His help and Forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah from the evil within ourselves and the consequences of our evil deeds. Whoever Allah guides will never be led astray, and whomever Allah leads astray will never find guidance. I bear witness there is no God but Allah, alone without any partners, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and His Messenger.

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them.
(Surah al-A'araaf: 108)

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ ۚ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ
هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيْمِنُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ
هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ ۚ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ ۚ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ
الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, Knower of the unseen and the witnessed. He is the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

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. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.

He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

(Surah al-Hashr: 22-24)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Dear Reader,

All Praise and Thanks are to Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) for Granting us the *Tawfeeq* to write and compile the two volumes of the book, "I Know Allah By His Names".

The contents of these books have been thoughtfully compiled such that each story is based upon a Name of Allah. There are 29 alphabets in the Arabic language so we have written and compiled 29 interesting stories for you in these books.

We, as His creation, love Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) and we try our best to know His glorious Names, but do we understand what the different Names of Allah mean? Learning the Names of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) not only enriches our growing knowledge but also helps us to make *du'aa* to Him using His various Names and Attributes. We hope that this book will help in increasing your love for Him, your effort to obey Him and ultimately striving harder to gain His Pleasure.

We will learn that Allah is the First, He is the Most Powerful, the One who always Hears us, the One who Appreciates and much more, in sha Allah.

Let us embark upon this journey and read the stories of these six to eight year old children, along with their grandparents, parents, siblings and friends as they share how they learnt to appreciate and understand the Names of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی).

Lastly, we are extremely grateful to everyone who brought this book together. As our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Whoever is not grateful to the people, he is not grateful to Allah."

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Jazakumullah khairan! We pray that Allah Accepts our Deeds.

Happy reading/learning/implementing, dear reader!

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WHY DO WE NEED TO LEARN ABOUT THE NAMES AND ATTRIBUTES OF ALLAH?

Learning Allah's Names and Attributes from the Noble Qur'an and the authentic Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet ﷺ) is one of the best acts of worship that brings us nearer to Allah. Learning Allah's Names and Attributes helps one to glorify, praise and call on Allah by His Names and Attributes.

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

AND TO ALLAH BELONG THE BEST NAMES, SO INVOKE HIM BY THEM. (SURAT AL-'A`RĀF: 180)

This indicates that we should know Allah's Names and Attributes and use them while making du'aa to Him.

Few things to know before we begin reading.

Who Taught us the Names of Allah?

Allah and the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ!

Allah Revealed them in the Qur'an or taught them through the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Are the Names and Attributes of Allah real?

Yes!

The Names of Allah must be understood by their apparent meaning and these are His Qualities/Attributes in all its perfection and completion without any defect.

Is Allah similar to us?

No!

Allah is the Creator and He does not resemble the creation, in any way. He is Allah and there is No-one like Him.

Are the Names of Allah limited to a specific number?

No!

The *hadith* that mentions the virtue of the 99 Names of Allah, does not limit the Names to only 99. There are proofs from Qur'an and *sunnah* to show that Allah has more than 99 Names.



*Al-Awwal
The First*

Name of Allah:

الأَوَّلُ
Al-Awwal

Meaning:

The First



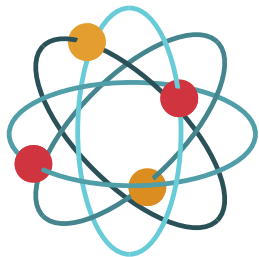
Objective:

- 1) To understand that Allah is the First and there was no one and nothing before Him.
- 2) To learn and recite the *du'aa* when leaving home, in your daily lives.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Al-Awwal and the above aayah (verse).

Al-Awwal

The First

Once upon a time, there lived a young and intelligent boy named Aarif. Aarif was seven years old and his favorite subject in school was Science. Everything related to earth, nature and human systems were interesting to him. Whenever he would come back from school, he would tell his parents; Mamma and Abbu, about the things he learnt in school that day, especially in Science class. Aarif's Mamma and Abbu were very loving. They were kind people and really focused on instilling Islamic values in Aarif.



They were proud of his love for science and also showed him the scientific miracles in the Qur'an. It was a Thursday and that meant it would be a weekend holiday the next day. Aarif was excited as Abbu had told him that he would take Aarif to the Children's Science Museum on Thursday evening.

After praying Fajr prayers, Mamma helped Aarif to get ready for school and then went to prepare his lunchbox.



During that time, Abbu entered the room.

Abbu: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Aarif.*

Aarif: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Abbu.*

Aarif ran to hug Abbu and he had a wide smile on his face.

Abbu: *I see that you are very happy and excited for today's evening trip to the museum, Aarif.*

Aarif: *Oh yes, Abbu! Ever since my best friend, Yusuf, told me about the museum, I just cannot wait to see it.*

Abbu: *In sha Allah, my dear son. Now quickly pack your lunch box in the bag, I will drop you to the bus stop.*

Aarif took his lunch box from Mamma, gave her a kiss on the cheek, greeted salaam to her and left with Abbu to wait for the bus. Aarif did not forget the du'aa when leaving home and as soon as he stepped out with Abbu, he quickly recited:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى
اللّٰهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ
إِلَّا بِاللّٰهِ

*'Bismillahi tawakkaltu
'alallahi la hawla wala
quwwata illa billah'*

Which means: *In the name of Allah, I place my trust in Allah, there is no power (to do good) and no might (to abstain from evil) except with the assistance of Allah.*

The bus arrived and Aarif waved bye to Abbu, greeted salaam and boarded the bus. Aarif also greeted salaam to the driver and attendee of the bus and went to sit with Yusuf. Together, the boys discussed Science and other things.

They arrived at school and all the students of class 2E, including Aarif, settled down. The first period was Science and Aarif was eager to learn something new and exciting.



Ms. Ayesha: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, my dear students.*

All the students: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Ms. Ayesha.*

Ms. Ayesha: *Hope you all are well. Today's topic will be very interesting. We will learn about the things that came first in the world. Who knows which animal came before us in the world?*

Yusuf: Dinosaurs!

Ms. Ayesha smiled and said: *The world was created first, billions of years ago. Then came the dinosaurs and after that came the humans.*



Ms. Ayesha explained the lesson while Aarif listened very attentively. Aarif heard the bell ring and he couldn't wait to go home and tell Mamma and Abbu about what he had learnt.

The school bus reached home and Aarif excitedly ran inside.

Aarif: Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Mamma.

Mamma: Wa 'Aalaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, my sweet son. From your happiness, I can feel that you learnt something interesting in Science class. Am I right?

Aarif: Oh yes, Mamma! I learnt about the animal who came into the world first! It was a dinosaur! Isn't that cool, Mamma?

Mamma: It is, my dear son. But before all of this, Who existed and will always be?" She paused for a few seconds and then explained, "It is Allah! Allah is called **Al-Awwal**, that means He is the First, the One Who Existed before anything else in this world! Nothing was there before Him.



She continued, "He is also Al-Aakhir, meaning the Last One and nothing will be after Him. Allah is the One who created everything."

Aarif: Subhan Allah, Mamma. I did not think of this at all! I always thought that dinosaurs, or bacteria or all the planets came first. But the first is Allah who is Al-Awwal!

Mamma: That's true, my dear Aarif. Allah is Al-Awwal. He alone Created everything such as the planets, the stones, the trees and the human beings. Allah Created all the angels as well. Everything was created and everything will die. Only Allah is Ever-Living and will never die.

Aarif: Wow, Mamma. Jazakillahu khairan. I will tell this to Yusuf too because he also thinks that bacteria and dinosaurs were the first things ever!

Mamma: *In sha Allah, do share it with him. Now freshen up for lunch, Abbu will be here any moment.*

Aarif: *Okay, Mamma. Will tell Abbu too about this. And now I am more excited to go to the museum and see everything and remember that Allah is the First One and He Alone Created everything.*

Mamma patted Aarif's head and went to do wudhu for Asr prayer. Aarif prayed with her and patiently waited for Abbu to come so that he could share what he had learnt today.



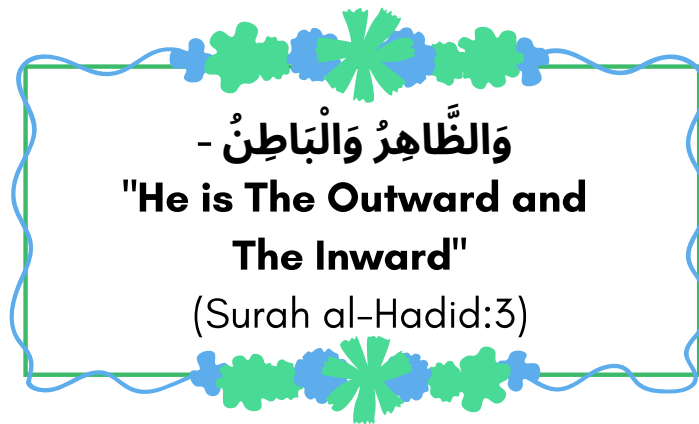
هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ
"He is the First and the
Last" (57:3)

Al-Baatin
The Hidden, The
Secret One, The Inner
One, The Knower of
Hidden Things

Name of Allah:

الْبَاطِنُ
Al-Baatin

Meaning: The Hidden, The Secret One, The Inner One



Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is Hidden in this world and Keeps some things hidden from us, for a reason.
- 2) To remember that lying is a wrong trait and we should not hide the truth as Allah Knows our innermost secrets and what we hide.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of the word Al-Baatin and the above aayah (verse).

Al-Baatin

The Hidden, The Secret One, The Inner One, The Knower of Hidden Things

Once upon a time, there was a young girl named Hajrah. She was 7 years old and had a cat named Ginger who was light-brown in color. One fine morning, her Aunt Mariam, her mother's sister, came to visit them. She loved her aunt and was very close to her. Hajrah had a sweet tooth, which meant that she loved eating sweets, especially ones that had chocolate in them. Her aunt was an amazing baker and whenever she visited she would bake something for Hajrah. As soon as her aunt walked into the door, Hajrah ran and hugged her and greeted her with *salaam*. She was very happy to have her aunt visit her and excitedly asked:

Hajrah said, "Ani! (She would call her aunt with this name) can we bake some yumilicious cookies.

OH! OH! I know! I know! Can we bake some chocolate chip cookies please."

Ani said, "Sure, sweetie! I will In sha Allah make you some cookies but let me finish my assignment and then we can make them together."



Hajrah said, "Yay! Sounds great, Ani! Let me quickly put away my books and toys till then."

Hajrah walked towards her bedroom to clear up her toys and books and kept thinking how blessed she was to have an aunt like Ani. She was super excited about making the cookies. After a few minutes, she got pretty restless and kept coming back and forth to check if her aunt was done with her work on her laptop. She got so tired of waiting that she came and sat down on the dining table where her aunt was working.

"Ani! What is the assignment about?" **asked Hajrah.**

Ani said, "I'm doing research on the Asma-ul-Husna and before you ask me, let me tell you what that means. Asma-ul-Husna are the beautiful Names of Allah. I am doing a course on it so I can learn about who Allah is and know Him better so I know how to earn His Pleasure and Love. This is an assignment that I need to submit tomorrow."



, **said Hajrah.**

Ani said, "Okay, I'm done with half of my assignment. Let's make some yumilicious cookies and then I can come back to my work, *In shaa Allah.*"

Hajrah got super excited, she held her aunt's hand and went jumping all the way to the kitchen.

Hajrah said, "Yay! Ani, let me bring the yummy box of chocolate chips that mom bought yesterday from the store."

She went and opened the fridge with a huge smile on her face and very carefully took out the box and placed it on the counter table. She rushed to her room and came back, carrying her stool to the kitchen.



She placed it near the sink, thoroughly washed her hands then stood next to her aunt, so she could help with the measuring and mixing.

Her aunt, in the meantime, washed her hands and said "**BISMILLAH**" and then started mixing the dry ingredients first then the wet ingredients one by one in the bowl. When it was well mixed, it was time for the chocolate chips.

Ani said, "Hajrah, please add 4 tablespoons of chocolate chips to the bowl."

Just then Ani's mobile phone rang.

Ani said, "Hajrah, please add in the chocolate chips and then set aside the bowl, let me finish the call and then we'll continue *In shaa Allah.*"

Hajrah carefully measured the chocolate chips and poured them into the bowl.

Ani left the kitchen to the dining table where her mobile was. It was her friend calling to discuss the assignment. Hajrah in the meantime was getting impatient and was constantly running in and out of the kitchen to check on her aunt.



She got an idea.

She took a whole spoonful of the mixture and just as she was about to taste it, she lost her balance! As she slipped on the floor, the spoon fell from her hand and Hajrah watched it all happen in slow motion.

The handle of the spoon hit the bowl and toppled it over. As she watched, the delicious, yummy bowl of cookie dough, fell on the ground. **"THUD, THUD, THUD!"** The bowl broke into hundreds of little pieces and her wonderful cookie dough was all over the floor!

Hajrah stood back up and stared at the ground. Her eyes swelled up with tears. What would she tell her aunt!



Should she tell her that Ginger was the one who knocked over the bowl? Or should she blame her younger brother who had been running in and out of the kitchen, just a few minutes earlier?

What should she do to get herself out of this mess?

If her aunt found out she did not follow the instructions, she might not bake with her again!

Should she hide the truth and just lie to get out of the situation so she does not get into trouble, or should she confess her mistake? **"Let's just blame Ginger", she decided!**



"That's the easy way out!" **she concluded.**

Ani just then walked into the kitchen. She quickly assessed the situation and understood what must have happened.


Hajrah quickly tried explaining how Ginger had jumped onto the counter and knocked over the bowl of cookie dough onto the floor.

Ani instead of scolding or investigating, calmly said, "It's alright, sweetie, let's clean the mess and then let me finish my work and later I can make some yummy cookies for you."

Hajrah was surprised and dazed because she knew she lied to her aunt. She tried to act normal but she couldn't hide her emotions.

She helped her aunt clean the mess and went with her into the living room. Ani went back to finish her assignment. Out of the corner of her eye, she quietly noticed the guilty look on Hajrah's face and how she was trying to get the courage to confess.

She said, "Hajrah would you like to know more about the beautiful Names of Allah?"



Sometimes, we try to
hide things from
others thinking we can
get away with it!

To which she eagerly nodded her head.

Ani explained, "You know one of the Names of Allah سبحانه و تعالى is **Al-Baatin**, which means two things:

- He is Baatin Himself
- He is the one who makes things Baatin.

(In Arabic, when you say *Batana*, it means lining like the inner lining of a shirt).

The Name *Al-Baatin* means that Allah has kept so many things hidden from us and there is wisdom in it. Allah has kept our organs inside because they will not look nice outside.

Just imagine if we all walked around and we could see each other's organs, that would be a scary sight! On the other hand, Allah is *Al-Baatin*; which means that He is the One Who can expose those *Baatin* (hidden) things when He wants.

Lying is a characteristic of hypocrites.

Sometimes, we try to hide things from others thinking we can get away from it. But Allah will expose it when He chooses to because He is Al-Baatin.

So when we make a mistake, the best thing to do is to accept our mistakes, and seek forgiveness rather than lie to escape from being punished or scolded."

Hajrah's heart began to sink as she heard that lying is the characteristic of a hypocrite and how Allah سبحانه و تعالی knows everything. So no matter how much you hide or lie, Allah knows everything! Tears started swelling up in her eyes.

She confessed, "Ani! I'm extremely sorry, I lied to you."

Ani questioned, "Lied about what, sweetie?"

Hajrah replied, "It was me who accidentally knocked over the bowl onto the floor. I just wanted to taste the mixture.

She continued with eyes flooded with tears, "It was so tempting and I was too impatient to wait for you to come back. I was trying to taste the cookie dough but instead the bowl toppled over and fell down and broke into hundreds of pieces. I'm extremely sorry!"

**I'm
SO SO SO!
SORRY**

Ani replied, "It's okay, Sweetie! You shouldn't have lied earlier, but **Alhamdulillah** that you have realised your mistake and apologized and that's what matters. Allah loves the ones who are honest and seek forgiveness after committing a sin.

You realised your mistake, Alhamdulillah, but make a promise to yourself that no matter what, you will never lie and always speak the truth because wherever you hide and whatever you lie about, Allah knows everything about it. He is Al-Baatin."

Hajrah said, "In sha Allah Ani! I promise that I will not lie ever again. Jazak Allah Khair for teaching me such a valuable lesson today. I love you so much."

Hajrah hugged her aunt and waited patiently while she finished her assignment. Later, they baked some cookies and they were the most delicious ones Hajrah had ever had.

وَالظَّهِيرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ

"He is the Outward
and the Inward!"

(57:3)



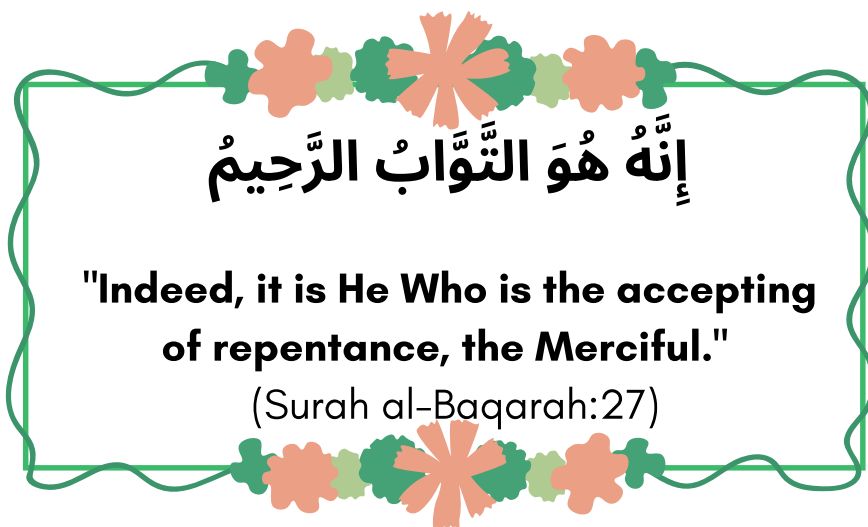
*At-Tawwab
The Acceptor
of Repentance*

Name of Allah:

التَّوَّابُ
At-Tawwab

Meaning:

The Acceptor of Repentance



Objective:

- 1) To understand that indeed Allah is the One who Accepts our repentance.
- 2) To remember to ask for forgiveness when a wrong act is done, and commit to not repeating the sin again.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of At-Tawwab and the above ayah (verse).

At-Tawwab

The Acceptor of Repentance

On one fine day, during the summer holidays, Sidra and Saad went with their mother and their friends, Ayesha and Ahmad to the park after Asr.

Sidra: *Mamma, I think this bench is a good shady spot for you to keep an eye on us while we play in the playground.*

Mamma: *Yes, I think so too, dear.*

As they were playing, a fight arose between Sidra and Ayesha on one side and Saad and Ahmad on the other. The boys were teasing the girls using some nicknames, and the girls in anger started imitating them and began fighting with the boys. Upon hearing the commotion, Mom rushed to the spot and calmed the kids down and enquired.

Mamma: *Sidra, Saad, what is the matter? Did we come to play or to pick a fight?*

Sidra: *But Mamma, we did not do anything! They were teasing Ayesha and I could not watch them doing this to my friend.*



Mamma: *Sidra, listen, dear! Allah does not like us calling others with bad nicknames or insulting or fighting with them.*

Sidra: **SubhanAllah!** *Mom, what do we do now? Is Allah angry with us?*

Mamma: *Allah سبحانه و تعالی Loves those who repent sincerely for He is **At-Tawwab** - the one who repeatedly accepts the repentance.*

If you sincerely repent, then He will not be angry with you all. Allah has used this beautiful Name in the Noble Qur'an 11 times, where He reminds us to always turn back to Him when we forget and sin, and He will forgive us.

Mamma: But this does not mean that we can keep repeating the same sin thinking that we can repent later. Just like for our salah to be accepted, wudu is a condition; similarly, for our repentance to be accepted there are some conditions.

Ahmad: Really? Aunty, please tell us the conditions.

Mamma: Tawbah has 4 conditions, they are:

- Admit your sin.
- Feel guilty or regret about the sin.
- Sincerely seek forgiveness from Allah.
- Do not repeat the sin again.

Aysha: Let us see now, if we fulfilled the conditions:

- ✓ We accept that what we did is not the right way to behave. So we fulfilled the first condition.
- ✓ We feel guilty about our behavior.
- ✓ We ask Allah to forgive us.
- ✓ We will In shaa Allah do our best to not repeat it.

Allah says in Suratul Hujarat (49: 11) "O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers."

Mamma: Alhamdulillah, kids! I am proud of you all.

May Allah always bestow His Mercy and Forgiveness on all of you in Dunya and Akhirah. Ameen!

Let's go back home. It's almost time for Maghrib.

Together, all of them went back home and prepared for Maghrib.

إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ
Indeed, it is He who is
the Acceptor of
repentance, the Merciful.

(2:37)

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*Al-Waarith
The Inheritor*

Name of Allah:

الْوَارِثُ
Al-Waarith

Meaning:

The Inheritor



Objective:

- 1) To understand that Allah will Inherit the world and everything in it. Everything will return back to Him.
- 2) To learn to be a part of the Friday *khutbah* and *salah*.
- 3) To remember to pray *Tahiyyatul Masjid*, when entering the mosque.
- 4) To memorise the meaning of Al-Waarith and the above aayah (verse).

Al-Waarith

The Inheritor

It was a beautiful and bright Friday morning and Eesa woke up in a happy mood. Usually he would feel a little lazy to wake up early in the morning but Jumu'ah mornings always brought a smile to 7 year old Eesa's face. Why does Eesa feel happy on Jumu'ah mornings, you may wonder? Well, for one, it meant that everyone will be home on that day, Mamma, Baba, his older sister, Ameena, his brother, Zakariya, and his favourite uncle and aunt, Uncle Ismail and Aunt Salmah. Moreover, it meant that everyone would go to the masjid together for Jumu'ah salah. Eesa liked going to the masjid as it was so big and peaceful and he could meet his friends too.

Eesa entered the dining room with Ameena and was happy to see that breakfast was ready. They had his favourite traditional breakfast. The whole family was already sitting on the table.



Eesa: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu!*

Baba: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, dear Eesa. Excited as usual, on a Jumu'ah morning!*

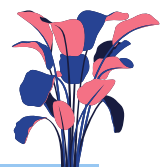
Eesa: *For sure, I am, Baba! My favourite day of the week.*

Mamma: *Eesa, since you are a big boy now, instead of playing with your friends in the masjid, we would like you to sit with Baba and listen to the Friday sermon - the khutbah.*

Eesa: *Aww, Mamma! I always look forward to playing with my friends during Jumu'ah Salah.*

Uncle Ismail: *You can play with them in the park, after Asr. We will take you there in sha Allah.*

Eesa: *Okay Uncle, if you say so, but I feel I will not be able to understand the khutbah properly.*



Baba: No problem, you may listen to it as much as you can as the khutbah will be in English. Then after prayers, you may ask us anything you did not understand in sha Allah.

Eesa: Okay, that seems like a great idea, Baba! Now I want to listen to the khutbah and pray the salah, in sha Allah!



They all continued having the delicious breakfast that was prepared by Mamma and Aunt Salmah. For a while everyone dispersed to their rooms, some got busy *reciting Surah al-Kahf* while others were completing their chores. They all had taken a bath and worn their best clothes for Jumu'ah Salah, the boys and men applied scent while the ladies wore their abayaa and jilbaab and all of them went to the masjid.

Uncle Ismail, reading from his mobile: The topic for the khutbah, today, is "Returning to Allah".

They all entered the masjid on time, prayed 2 rak'at of *Tahiyat al-masjid* and sat down to listen to the khutbah. Eesa could understand the khutbah but also was thinking of his friends who were playing outside. Then, a few lines of the khutbah caught his attention and made him ponder. As soon as prayers were completed, Eesa turned to Baba.



Eesa: Baba, the Khaatib was saying that this world will end one day and Allah will take full control over it. How is that possible, Baba? The world is so big!

Baba: Allahumma baarik, good to know you were listening, dear Eesa. Well yes, Allah will Take possession, He will take control of the entire world.

Baba: This is because He is **Al- Waarith** - The Inheritor. He will Inherit the earth and everything on it. It means that no matter what, everything will return to Allah سبحانه و تعالى. This is very easy for Al-Waarith. He's the One who Gives life and He's the One who Gives death and everything shall return to Him alone.

Eesa: Everything, Baba? Even the small ants? And the giant dinosaurs? Even Grandpa and Grandma, who have returned to Allah?

Baba: Yes, my dear. Everything, SubhanAllah.

Eesa: Does that mean, after we all go back to Allah, nothing in this world will remain?

Baba: Exactly, you are right. When the world will end, everything will be perished and only Allah will remain. And as He is Al-Waarith, He will Inherit the earth and everything that is in it.

Eesa said:

Allah is so Big
and Great!

Baba: Yes, my dear son. **Allahu-Akbar - Allah is the Greatest.** And to Him everything shall return.

Eesa tried to imagine how that day would be, but he just could not. He was happy to learn this piece of information.

When he saw Mamma coming out from the ladies prayer hall, he rushed to her, excitedly, to share what he had learnt. They all went home and while having lunch they discussed some points from the Friday's *khutbah*. Eesa felt proud that he could be part of this discussion, for a change.

...وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

...While you are the
best of inheritors.

(21: 89)

Al-Jām'i
The Gatherer,
The Uniter, The
Collector

Name of Allah: **الْجَامِعُ**
Al-Jami'

Meaning: **The Gatherer, The Uniter, The Collector**



Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah will Gather everyone on the Day of Judgement and only He can do that.
- 2) To remember to always do the best of deeds, make du'aa and seek only the Pleasure of Allah سبحانه و تعالى for a happy life and Hereafter.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Al-Jam'i and the above aayah (verse).

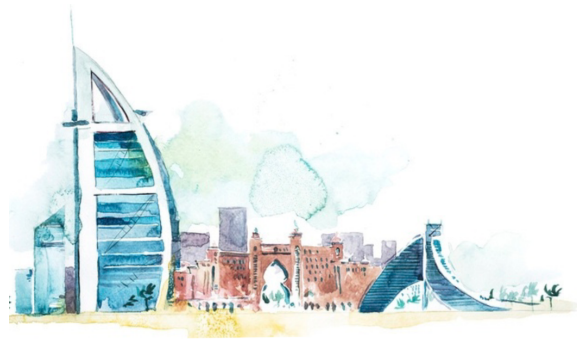
Al-Jām'i

The Gatherer, The Uniter, The Collector

Once upon a time there were a group of friends who lived in the busy and bubbling city of Dubai. Their names were; **Izza, Daneen, Aniq, Anaab and Afifa.** They had been schoolmates ever since Grade 1. Even their parents knew each other and over the years they had become friends and would invite each other for picnics on a regular basis.

Summer vacation had begun and this year, Izza, Daneen and Afifa were going to spend the vacation in Dubai. Usually they would travel to their home country, but not this time. A week after school had closed, they were skating at the park close to their home and talking about news from Aniq and Anaab. Just then Daneen's phone rang and it was her mother asking her to head back home soon as there was an emergency.

Daneen headed back home quickly and she was met by her mother at the door. Her mother had tears rolling down her cheeks and Daneen became worried.



Between tears, she broke the news to Daneen that her grandfather had passed away just an hour ago. Hearing this, Daneen was shocked and was taken aback.

She did not expect that she will no longer see her grandfather, whom she loved so much. He would always narrate interesting stories from the *Seerah* to her. She remembered many wonderful things about her grandfather.

He would always take her brothers to the *masjid* for *salah*. He would always remember to bring wonderful gifts for them when he visited them in Dubai.



When he told them stories from the *Seerah*, it was almost as if it was happening in front of their eyes. She just loved him so much and would miss him. She kept thinking of him and could not stop herself from crying.

Her father, at that moment, walked into the house. He had hurried back home on hearing the news. Daneen saw that his eyes were moist with tears but he was trying to be strong for the rest of the family.

He came straight towards Daneen and gave her a kiss on the forehead and a tight hug. The hug was what Daneen needed and it calmed her down.



She sat down with her dad and asked him, "Papa, why did grandfather have to die? He was such a wonderful person. He never missed his salah and would always go to the masjid to pray. He was also very good to the poor and would always give sadaqah. Why did he have to die so soon?"

Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a Day about which there is no doubt. Indeed, Allah does not fail in His promise (Surat 'Ali 'Imran: 9).

Her dad held her hand affectionately and explained to her in a gentle voice.

He said, "Allah has already written our life span for us. When a person is born and when he will die is already written down for us."

Daneen then asked him, "Will grandpa go to Jannah? Will I see him again?"

Her father replied, "One of the Names of Allah is Al-Jām'i which means *The Gatherer, The Uniter, The Collector*. It means the One Who Gathers or Brings together, or Congregates. It has other meanings also. Allah will Bring together all of mankind, from the beginning of time till the end of time, all together in one place, on the Day of Resurrection.



He paused for a moment, he became emotional, he continued,
"Your grandpa was very conscious of this and every day he lived his life aware of the fact that he will have to stand in front of Allah, Al -Jam'i.

He not only knew this but tried to act upon it. He was a member of the local masjid board, was particular about being prompt in his salah and would give sadaqah (charity). He would constantly seek forgiveness from Allah. We need to make du'aa that Allah Accepts all his good deeds and Forgives him for his mistakes and sins. Also we need to make du'aa that he is granted Jannatul Firdous al 'Ala and that we are united with him in Jannah, by the Mercy of Allah."

Hearing all of this, Daneen realized that we need to live each day of our lives aware of the fact that Al-Jam'i will gather us on the Day of Resurrection and that we need to live our lives focusing on pleasing Allah سبحانه و تعالی.

Allah Created this world for us and has Given us all that we need to live our lives comfortably. Most of the time we are so engrossed with our responsibilities in Duniya and having fun that we forget about Akhirah, the Day of Gathering. We need to work towards attaining our place in Jannah so **we can be united with our loved ones forever and more than anything, earn the Pleasure of Allah.**



Daneen was lost in these thoughts when she heard the doorbell ring. Her mother opened the door. She greeted Izza and Afifa's parents and her friends who had come down to comfort them after hearing the news of her grandpa. Daneen got up to go receive them and to share with her friends what she had learnt from her father about **Allah - Al-Jami**.

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ
فِيهِ

Our Lord, surely You will
gather the people for a
Day about which there is
no doubt... (3: 9)

Al-Hakeem
The Most Wise,
The Most Judicious

Name of Allah:

الْحَكِيمُ
Al-Hakeem

Meaning: The Most Wise, The Most Judicious



Objective:

- 1) To understand that Allah is The Most Wise and He Gives and Takes from us according to his great Wisdom.
- 2) To learn to make *du'aa* when you want something and trust that Allah will Give it to you when it is best for you.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Al-Hakeem and the above aayah (verse).

Al-Hakeem

The Most Wise, The Most Judicious

In our everyday lives, we hear Allah being called by different Names: Allah, Rabb, Ar-Rahman etc. We understand what some of them mean but some we don't. Allah سبحانه و تعالی has blessed us with so much in this world, and we will receive even more in Jannah. Some things we see and many Allah has hidden from us and this is due to Allah's Wisdom. That is why one of the Names of Allah is Al-Hakeem which means the Most Wise, the Most Judicious.

Once upon a time there was a girl named Asmaa. She lived in a very small town with her parents while her grandparents lived in the next block. She loved them a lot and visited them every afternoon. They were old and weak yet they were always full of life. They were very loving towards her. When she did something that she should have not, her grandmother would correct her gently, instead of embarrassing her.

One day after school, Asmaa went to her grandparent's house and as she entered the gate, she could smell her grandmother's famous blueberry muffins. She saw her grandmother watering the rose bushes in the garden.



"Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu," she said to her grandmother.

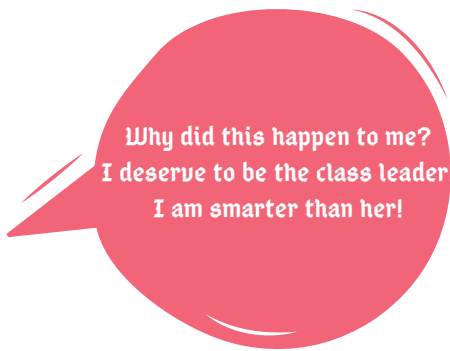
She rushed towards her grandmother and hugged her. *"Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, my darling! What a pleasant surprise,"* **Grandmother replied with a huge smile on her face.**

Grandmother placed the watering pot besides the chair in the patio and sat on the chair with Asmaa. *"Grandma, something has been bothering me the whole day and maybe you can help me understand,"* **said Aaniya.**

Grandmother asked with concern, *"Tell me, darling, what is bothering you?"*

Asmaa said, "Today at school I was hoping to be selected as the class leader and even had made a lot of du'aa for it. But the teacher selected Ayesha again.

That's not fair! Why does she get to be class leader again, even though I made lot of du'aa?"



Grandmother replied, "Now I see what is bothering you! Everyday many things happen in our lives and these happenings affect and change our lives, sometimes for better and sometimes for worse. Sometimes, we find ourselves in situations impossible to escape. We say, 'Why did this happen to me? Why me?' And sometimes we think that all the disasters and bad things find us.

The truth is nothing happens by coincidence and there is a wisdom behind everything. This means that when something bad happens to you, you should not necessarily blame others for it, but rather look inside and ask yourself, 'Why has this happened to me?'

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Who else was arrogant and got into trouble for it with Allah?

There is a reason for everything since we are here in this world just as a test. If a believer keeps his patience in times of difficulties, he will receive the forgiveness of his Lord and have his sins erased, which will help him to attain Jannah in the Hereafter. Through diseases and problems, we come to appreciate the value of the blessings, good health and comfortable living conditions. We never appreciated these before because of our arrogance or ignorance, though they were sent to us as gifts by Allah.

Allah is **Al-Hakeem** and He knows out of His Wisdom when to give us something and when to take it away. He Knows when is the best time to make you the class leader. Maybe you are not ready for it now. When He Knows that it is the best time for you to be one, He will honor you. You need to trust Allah and that He is Just and Wise. At the same time, you will continue working hard to earn the honor and keep making du'aa."



Asmaa was mesmerized by the Wisdom of Allah سبحانه و تعالى and how Allah had bestowed her grandmother with wisdom.

Asmaa replied: **Alhumdulillah**, granny! I now feel better. I trust that Allah will select me as the class leader when He thinks it is best, out of His Wisdom. You are right, Ayesha has been so sad for so many weeks but when the teacher selected her she was so happy and smiled after a long time.

Grandmother sighed in relief and was thankful that Allah had blessed her with such a smart and loving granddaughter.

Just then grandfather came out into the garden and asked: What's happening, ladies? Are the two of you having your tea without me?

Asmaa went and kissed her grandfather's hand and they all went into the kitchen to enjoy the yummy blueberry muffins that grandmother had made.



..إِنَّ رَبَّكَ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ

...Indeed, your Lord is Wise and Knowing.

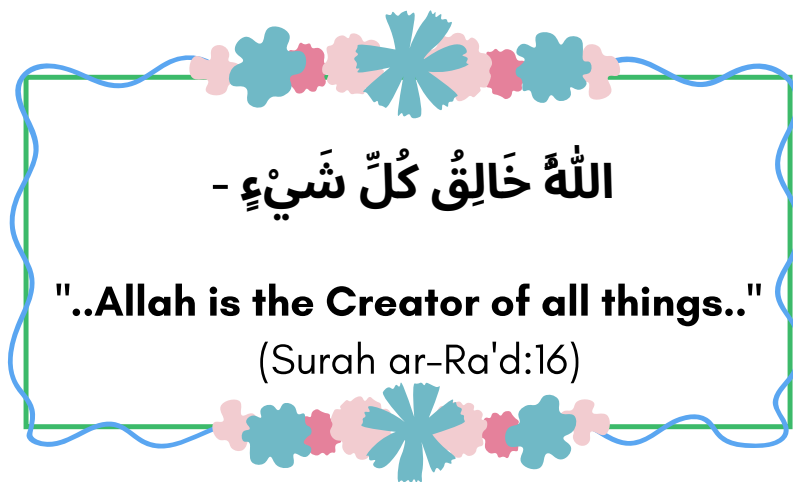
(6: 83)



*Al - Khaliq
The Creator, the
Maker, the Planner*

Name of Allah: **الْخَالِقُ**
Al-Khaliq

Meaning: **The Creator, The Maker, The Planner**



Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is the Creator of literally everything. He Created the first man (Prophet Adam) with His Hands.
- 2) To ponder over the different and numerous creations of Allah and to remember that everything is Created by His Will only.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Al-Khaliq and the above aayah (verse).

Al - Khaliq

The Creator, the Maker, the Planner

It was a beautiful and cool Thursday evening. Winter had just begun hence the weather was lovely. The birds were chirping, the cats were playing with each other and it was a perfect day to play in the garden. However, Aarif was impatient to go to the museum with his parents and Uncle Saad and Aunty Juweriyah and their son, Yusuf, who was his best friend.



Aarif loved everything related to Science. Whenever possible, he would discuss different topics on Science with Mamma and Baba. His parents also focused on teaching him about Allah and things related to Islam. Few weeks ago, he had learnt that small living beings and dinosaurs were not the first things on earth.

Rather Allah *سبحانه و تعالی* was the First, Al-Awwal, and now he was wanted to learn more about Allah.

Mamma: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Aarif.*

Aarif: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Mamma.*

Mamma: *Play with your toys later, dear. We have to get ready. Uncle Saad, Aunty Juweriyah and Yusuf will be here in a while and then we will go to the museum together!*

Aarif: *Oh yes, Mamma! I'm so excited. I can't even wait to tell Yusuf that dinosaurs weren't the first but rather Allah is the First, Al-Awwal! Allah was there and will always be and He is the Creator of everything.*

Mamma: *Yes, my dear. You can tell him that but that's only possible when you get ready!*



Mamma then got Aarif dressed into his favourite t-shirt that had all the planets of the universe printed on it.

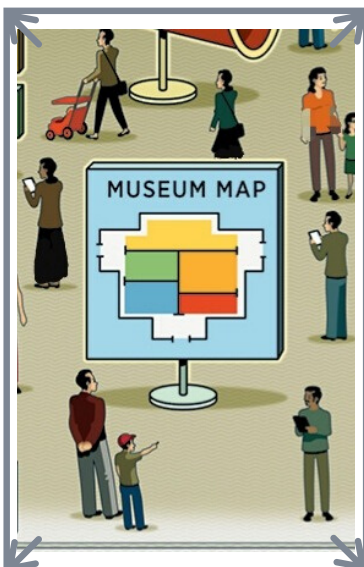
Just at that moment, the doorbell rang and he rushed to receive his Uncle, Aunt and Yusuf.

Yusuf and Aarif hugged each other with happiness while Aarif politely greeted salaam to Yusuf's parents.

Aarif: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Uncle Saad and Aunty Juweriyah.*

Uncle: *Wa 'Aalaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, dear Aarif. Your t-shirt is perfect for today's visit to the museum.*

Aarif beamed with joy: *Jazakallah khairan, Uncle. Baba had gifted it to me. Please, let's go, Yusuf and I cannot wait to see everything at the museum today.*



They headed to the museum. When they reached there, they paid for the tickets and they walked into the museum. Aarif and Yusuf kept looking at each thing with immense joy.

Yusuf: *Look at this giant skeleton of a dinosaur, Aarif! So many bones! Wow!*

Aarif couldn't believe how big the skeleton was. He stood there for a whole five minutes admiring the structure.



Yusuf: *Come here, Aarif! See in this picture, it shows a monkey is slowly becoming into a man. Does that mean, we were created as monkeys before?*

Aarif: *Well the picture shows that. Maybe it is true. Let's ask Baba and Uncle Saad.*

Both the boys asked their respective fathers this question that was bothering them.

Uncle Saad: *That's an interesting question, boys. According to the assumption of a few scientists, there is a theory that human beings evolved from monkeys. However, that is not true.*

Baba: *Exactly. The truth is we were never monkeys. You know who is our Creator? Allah! Allah is **Al-Khaliq**. He is the Creator, the Maker and the Planner. Everything you see on this earth, is a Creation of Allah. He is the First One and He is also the One who can Create all of us from nothing. He alone perfectly brings everything to life. In fact, do you know that Allah Created Prophet Adam (alayhissalaam) with His Hands from dust? And us, human beings, are descendants of Prophet Adam (alayhissalaam).*

Aarif: *SubhanAllah! But Baba, Uncle Saad, what about this giant bones structure of the dinosaur? This museum and all the non-living things around us! That was created by man, right?*

Baba: *Indeed man did make all of these things, my dear son. But the materials required for it, the help*



needed to actually build it, the final product are all Created by Allah, Al-Khaliq. Had He not Created all the materials and our actions or had He not Planned it, then nothing would have existed! The perfect Planning and His exact measurement to Create things is the reason we call Him, Al-Khaliq.

"Wow, Allah is so great, SubhanAllah!"

Yusuf: *SubhanAllah! Today only Aarif told me that Allah is Al-Awwal and today I have even learnt that He is Al-Khaliq. Wow, Uncle, Allah is so Great!*

Baba and Uncle Saad smiled at each other and patted their sons' heads. They felt proud of how quickly their sons learnt these two names of Allah and how interested they were to learn more.

Uncle Saad: Allah is indeed Great. He is the Greatest and nothing is impossible for Him, Allahu Akbar! Now let's finish the tour of the museum then we can have some snacks with your mothers.

Aarif and Yusuf gave a high five to each other then held their fathers' hands and happily walked around the museum, admiring everything while remembering how indeed Allah is Al-Khaliq and He Created everything.



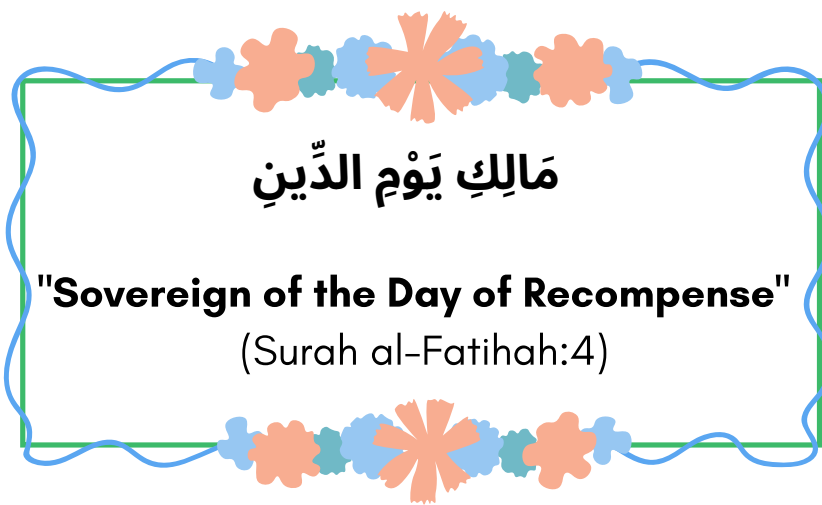
اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ...
Allah is the
Creator of all
things....
(13: 16)



*Ad-Dayyan
The One Who
Recompenses*

Name of Allah: الدَّيَّانُ
Ad-Dayyan

Meaning: The One Who Recompenses



Objective:

- 1) To understand that Allah is the One who Recompenses. He will Hold the people accountable for their deeds and reckon evil for evil, good for good, except for those whom He pardons.
- 2) To remember to make *du'aa* for everyone, especially for the ones who are oppressed and suffering from calamities.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Ad-Dayyaan and the above aayah (verse).

Ad-Dayyan The One Who Recompenses

Umar, Saleh and Muhammad were close friends studying in Grade 2 of the same school. They always sat with each other during school hours. Coincidentally, they lived in the same neighbourhood as well so their parents were friends with each other too. Umar and Saleh lived with their parents while Muhammad lived in a big family that included his parents, two siblings and grandparents.

It was a breezy morning and Muhammad, his grandparents and his siblings had just woken up for Fajr.

Muhammad: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Grandma.*

Grandma: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Muhammad dear. How are you? Have you done wudhu?*

Muhammad: *Yes, Grandma. Mamma and I did wudhu together today.*

Grandma: *Ma sha Allah, very good. Now go along and pray Fajr and do not forget to remember those people in your du'aa who are going through severe hardships.*



Muhammad: *I will not forget, Grandma, in sha Allah.*

Muhammad then went to pray Fajr and spent two to three minutes making *du'aa* for the ones going through tough times. He then got ready for school with the help of Mamma and off he went to the bus stop with his older siblings. On reaching school, as usual, he ran to meet Umar and Saleh.

Muhammad: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu!*

Umar and Saleh: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu. Come, let's go to class before the first period begins.*



All three friends walked to class while greeting salaam to their teachers on the way. When they reached class, they seated themselves at their usual desks and started chatting.

Muhammad: You know, yesterday, my Grandma was telling me that people in other countries are going through very tough times and we must make du'aa for them.

Umar was a very inquisitive boy. He could not resist asking a question.

Umar: But, Muhammad, why is Allah doing this to these people? Why do they have to go through so many problems?

Saleh: Yes, I feel the same way, Umar. If Allah is always there for everyone, then why are these people suffering?

Muhammad went into a deep thought. He had not asked Grandma this and now he was curious too.

He just could not wait to return home and ask Grandma. The bell for home time finally rang and Muhammad ran to the bus. He impatiently waited for his stop. When the bus reached, Muhammed darted into his home and looked for Grandma.

Muhammad: *Grandma! Grandma!*

Grandma: *Oh, my dear grandson! What is the matter? Why are you in such a hurry?*

Muhammad: *Grandma, there is a question I've been thinking about the whole day in school which Umar and Saleh had asked and I did not have an answer to it.*

Grandma then picked up Muhammad and made him sit on her lap and she asked him: *What is the question, dear?*

Muhammad: *Grandma, if Allah is always there with us then why are the people, (you told me about yesterday), suffering? Will they ever be happy?*



Grandma: My, my! That's a very smart question, Muhammad. Well, you know, Allah has many names and one of them is **Ad-Dayyan**.

Muhammad: What is the meaning of Ad-Dayyan, Grandma?

Grandma: Ad-Dayyan is the One who Recompenses. Either in this world or in the Hereafter, Allah will Grant the people something much better because of how much they had suffered. Like when you study for your Math test, you do not like it but you study very hard for it, right? You sometimes cry because it is so tough. But when you pass the test, your Mamma gifts your favourite chocolate to you, correct?

Muhammad, listening attentively: Yes, Grandma!

Grandma: Just like that, people who are going through severe hardships, Ad-Dayyan will Gift them something that is many times better than a simple chocolate. So, in this world we all have to go through some problems, but if we are patient and never lose hope then on the Day of Recompense, Yaum mid-Deen, Allah سبحانه و تعالى will Grant us Jannah in sha Allah.

Muhammad: SubhanAllah, I never thought of it like this, Grandma.

Grandma: Yes, my dear. We all sometimes forget that Allah will always Help us and He will always Grant us something better because He is truly Ad-Dayyan.

Muhammad: I can't wait to tell this to Umar and Saleh, in sha Allah.

Grandma: *Good idea, dear. Now do go and pray Dhuhr then we can have lunch together.*

Muhammad did *wudhu* and offered *Dhuhr salah* and made a quick *du'aa* to Allah to Help the people who are going through tough times.




مَا لِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ
Sovereign of the Day
of Recompense.
(1: 4)

Dhul Jalali wal
Ikram
Possessor of Might
and Honour

Name of Allah: ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ
Dhul Jalali wal Ikraam

Meaning: Possessor of Might and Honour



وَيَبْقَى وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

"And there will remain the Face of your Lord,
Owner of Majesty and Honor"

(Surah ar-Rahmaan:27)

Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is the Possessor of Might and Honour. There is nothing above Him as He is the Highest. To Him belongs all Glory.
- 2) To understand that one day, everyone will go back to Allah. Yet, He will remain and will always be there forever.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Dhul Jalali wal Ikraam and the above ayah (verse).

Dhul Jalali wal Ikram Possessor of Might and Honour

In the land of tall buildings and beautiful parks, lived two siblings, Ayesha and Abdullah. Ayesha was 6 years old and was in Class 1 while Abdullah was 12 years old and was in Class 7. He always took good care of Ayesha and would protect her as much as he could. Just like all siblings, the two children would fight as well. However, they would quickly become friends, because they knew that Allah would be Pleased if they were kind and loving to each other.



Every evening, Ayesha and Abdullah would go to the neighbourhood park to play with their friends. Abdullah would play cricket or football while Ayesha would play in the sand box with her friends or ride on her bicycle.



Ayesha and her friends, Iqra and Azizah, decided to sit down for a while after riding on their bicycles. They began discussing the things they spoke with their parents the day before.

Iqra: You know, my Mummy was telling me that one day we all have to go back to Allah!

Azizah: Yes, my grandmother also told me the same. She said that before I was born, my grandfather went back to Allah. So just like him, our time will come too.

Ayesha quietly listened to her friends' discussion then asked a question.

Ayesha: If we all go back to Allah, then I wonder where Allah سبحانه و تعالی will go?

Iqra and Azizah looked at each other with confused looks on their faces.

Azizah: *I didn't think of that, Ayesha! I do not know. Maybe we should ask our parents.*

Ayesha: *I will ask my brother, Abdullah! He always helps me if he can. Come on, let's play in the sand area till he comes back and then I can ask him to explain.*

It was almost time for Maghrib prayers hence all the kids went home.

Abdullah: *Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Ayesha.*

Ayesha: *Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, akhi Abdullah. May I ask you a question, please?*


Abdullah: *Yes, my little sister.*

Ayesha: *Brother, my friends Azizah and Iqra were telling me that we will go back to Allah one day. Then I thought, where will Allah go? Do you know the answer?*

Abdullah thought for a little while and finally Allah made him remember something that he had learnt in his Islamic class.

Abdullah: *Allah will not go anywhere, dear Ayesha. Allah was and will always be. As He alone is the Master of Honour and Might. He is the Most Strong and worthy of all respect. His Name is also **Dhul Jalali wal Ikram** which means Possessor of Might and Glory. He is High above the sky and very Generous. No one can be like Him as He alone is the Master of Glory.*

That means Allah will be there forever even after everything in this world has ended.



كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ
رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ﴿٢٧﴾

Everyone upon the earth will perish, And there will remain the Face of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor.
[Surah Ar-Rahmaan: 26 , 27]

Ayesha: SubhanAllah! I did not know that Allah is so Great!

Abdullah: Allah is the Greatest, dear Ayesha. Allahu Akbar! Now let's go and pray Maghrib.

Ayesha made sure to tell Iqra and Azizah the next time she met them.

وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ
وَإِكْرَامِ

And there will remain
the Face of your Lord,
Owner of Majesty and
Honor.

(55: 27)



Ar-Rahmaan
The Most Merciful

Name of Allah:

الرَّحْمَنُ
Ar-Rahmaan

Meaning:

The Most Merciful



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**"In the Name of Allah, The Most Merciful,
the Entirely Merciful"**

(Surah an-Naml:30)

Objective:

- 1) To remember that Allah is the Most Merciful and each blessing we receive is only by His Mercy. He is very Kind and Loving.
- 2) To learn to show mercy and kindness to people on earth and Allah will show Mercy to you.
- 3) To memorise the du'aa after wudhu.
- 4) To memorise the meaning of Ar-Rahmaan and the above aayah (verse).

Ar-Rahmaan

The Most Merciful

Do you know the meaning of the word 'mercy'? It means to be very loving, caring and kind. Do you know who is the Most Merciful? Maybe you do, but 7 year old Tariq didn't know. Let's read the story of Tariq and his Baba.

Tariq was a curious little boy. He would always ask questions on many topics to his parents. As he loved his Baba, he would ask many questions to him because he felt Baba knew all the answers.

It was a Saturday and that meant it was a weekend holiday. Fajr adhaan had just finished and Baba and Mamma woke up to pray Fajr. As usual they woke up Tariq. Tariq felt lazy today but his Mamma gave him a kiss on the forehead and a warm hug which made Tariq really happy. Hence he woke up and did wudhu with Baba. After completing the wudhu, Baba asked Tariq to recite the du'aa after wudhu.

Tariq: *Baba, I forgot how the du'aa begins.*

Baba: *No problem, son. It begins with "ashadu"..*

Tariq: *Oh yes, I remember, Baba!*

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ
لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

Baba: *Excellent, Tariq. Now let's go to the masjid and pray Fajr then I have to go to the office.*

Both of them left and after prayers, Baba dropped Tariq home and left for office.

Tariq went for Islamic classes in the morning and after coming back, he played with his toys. By evening time, Baba came back from work and after dinner, both of them sat down to watch a show on Animal Planet on cats.

Tariq: *Baba, I love cats! They are so cute, **ma sha Allah**.*

Baba: *Indeed, they are! This show will tell us how the cats take care of their kittens after they're born.*

**His Mercy
is much greater
than His Anger!**

Tariq: Oh look, Baba, the cat is holding the neck of her kitten in her mouth. Why is she doing that, Baba?

Baba: She's taking her kitten to a safe place, away from any danger, Tariq.

Tariq: But won't it hurt the kitten?

Baba: Actually, it will not. The cat is holding her kitten with mercy. She will not hurt her kitten because she loves it so much.

Tariq: What is mercy, Baba?

Baba: Mercy is when someone is kind, caring, loving and compassionate. In fact, do you know who is the Most Merciful ?

Tariq thought for a while then answered.

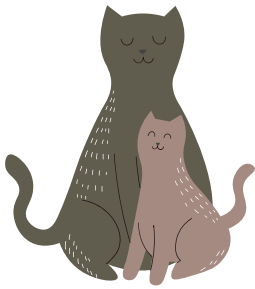
Tariq: You and Mamma! Both of you are so loving and caring towards me.

Tariq: At Fajr time, Mamma even hugged me with love and you helped me remember the du'aa in a caring manner!

Baba: You are right. We do love you a lot, but the Most Merciful is Allah سبحانه و تعالى. One of Allah's Names is **Ar-Rahmaan**, the Most Merciful. Each blessing we receive in this world is through the Mercy of Allah. He Loves us and Cares for us much more than Mamma and I can. His Mercy is so Great that even if people are disobeying Him, He will still give them food, water, clothes, a house to live in, etc.

Tariq: If Allah is the Most Merciful then does He get angry too, Baba? Sometimes, Mamma and you get angry, when I misbehave, and this makes me feel sad.

Baba: If we disobey Him repeatedly, then He may become angry, my dear son. We need to remember that Allah said that His Mercy is much greater than His anger. So if we continue doing our best to obey Him then He will in sha Allah reward us. He has reserved a large amount of Mercy for the Hereafter.



Tariq: SubhanAllah, Baba! I also want Ar-Rahmaan to be loving, caring and merciful towards me. What should I do then?

Baba: 'The Prophet (ﷺ) said: *Ar-Rahmaan has Mercy on those who are merciful. If you show mercy to those who are on the earth, He Who is in the Heaven will show mercy to you.'*

We should obey Allah and do our best to follow the example of Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ). We should pray, fast, talk kindly to others, respect and obey our parents and teachers so that Allah will be Pleased with us.

Tariq: Oh Baba, I want the Mercy of Allah. In sha Allah, I will do my best to please Him.

Baba: In sha Allah, do your best, my dear son. Sometimes, we forget and make mistakes. We immediately need to ask Allah to Forgive us. Ar-Rahmaan, out of His Love and Mercy will Forgive us, **in sha Allah**.

Tariq: Great, Baba. See that kitten is looking so cute!

Both of them went back to watching the show. Every time Tariq saw the cat with her kittens, he would remember the Mercy of Ar-Rahmaan.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ...
In the name of Allah,
the Entirely Merciful,
the Especially Merciful
(27: 30)

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*Al-Azeez
The Mighty, The
Strong*

Name of Allah: الْعَزِيزُ
Al-Azeez

Meaning: The Mighty, The Strong



Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is Most Mighty and Most Wise and no one can be as powerful as Him.
- 2) To understand the consequence of Qaarun's arrogance.
- 3) To remember to be brave at all time, even if someone bullies you, because Allah is always with you.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of Al-Azeez and the above aayah (verse).

Al-Azeez

The Mighty, The Strong

Nasir was a sweet and caring little boy. He was 6 years old and was in Grade 2. He enjoyed being with his friends and he loved recess time when he could have the tasty food his mother had packed. He also loved playing on the swings and slides with his classmates.



It was a Wednesday evening and Nasir's elder brother, Ahmed, noticed Nasir's tensed look. Ahmed really loved his younger brother and did his best to look out for him.

Ahmed: Nasir, what is the matter? I noticed earlier that you looked upset. Is everything okay?



Nasir: Yes, everything is just fine.

Ahmed instantly felt his little brother was hiding something and hence asked again.

Ahmed: My dear little brother, you do not have to hide anything from me. If something is bothering you, do tell me. You remember that Mamma said that we should share everything with each other? Yes, even our worries. So feel free to tell me.

Nasir started weeping and hugged his elder brother.

Nasir: I am scared to go to school tomorrow. For the past few days, a couple of boys from Grade 5 are coming to our playground and troubling us. They seem so big and powerful and my friends and I are scared of them.



Ahmed: Oh, you are being bullied at school! Why did you not tell me before? I would have talked to them!

Nasir: I did not tell you because in the beginning I was ignoring those two boys. Now, they are not stopping and everyday they come to bully us. The biggest problem is that they are so strong and powerful that I don't think we can stop them. They steal all our swings and sometimes push us too. They are too powerful!

Ahmed: Hmm, actually let me tell you the story of Qaarun mentioned in the Qur'an in Surat Al-Qasas. Qaarun was from the family of Prophet Musa عليه السلام.

He was granted lots of wealth and power by Allah سبحانه و تعالى. He was very arrogant about it and felt proud that Allah had chosen him to be so wealthy and powerful.

Nasir: Oh, he was so lucky to be so wealthy and powerful!

Ahmed: He might have been blessed, Nasir, but he didn't thank Allah for these blessings although the people advised him to be thankful. But he thought he was so powerful that he did not pay any attention to the advice.

Nasir: Then what happened, brother?

Ahmed: Then one day, Allah caused the earth to swallow up Qaarun and his house. Because indeed the Most Powerful is Allah. One of the Names of Allah is **Al-Azeez**. That means He is the Most Mighty and Most Powerful. Nobody's power is equal to Him. He alone is the Most Mighty.

Nasir: Is Allah more powerful than all superheroes?



Ahmed: Dear Nasir, there's no comparison and there are no superheroes. Allah is the Strongest. That's why we shouldn't be scared of people's power because if we trust the Power and the Might of Allah, that will help us to defeat anything. Don't be scared of the bullies. Make du'aa to Al-Azeez to Protect you and Allah will take care of them, in sha Allah. However, to make you feel even better, I will come and talk to them to stop troubling you, so don't worry. Whenever you are scared, remind yourself:

“Laa hawla wa laa quwwata illa billah”

“There is no power and no strength except with Allah”.

Every strong person is weak when compared with Allah.

Nasir: Okay in sha Allah. I will make du'aa to Al-Azeez to Protect me and my friends. I'm still scared but I will do my best to remember that Allah is the Strongest and He will take care of me.



Allah سبحانه وتعالى **is the Strongest and I will put my complete trust in Him.**

Ahmed: I'm so proud of you, my dear brother. Now come, let's go have dinner and tomorrow I will meet you during the Games period and I shall inform your teacher about it, in sha Allah.

Nasir: Jazakallah khairan!

Ahmed: I'm so happy to know that Allah is Al-Azeez and He is the Most Powerful and will always Protect me.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ...
...Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise. (2: 220)



*As-Sam'i
The Hearer*

Name of Allah:

السَّمِيعِ
As-Sam'i

Meaning:

The Hearer



Objective:

- 1) To remember that Allah is All-Hearing and He Hears everything, even your du'aa.
- 2) To memorise and recite the du'aa "inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajioon" when you lose something or someone.
- 3) To memorise the meaning of As-Sam'i and the above aayah (verse).

As-Sam'i

The Hearer

Hamza and Waleed were best friends and they loved to play together. Their favourite place to play was in the beautiful park in their neighbourhood. They would go there every evening to play football or cricket. As winter vacations had begun, they decided to play out more often. They asked permission from their mothers to go to the park the next evening.

The weather was cool, the birds were chirpy and the evening was beautiful. After praying their Asr salah, Hamza and Waleed went to the neighbourhood park to play cricket. They played happily for an hour. As they had become thirsty, the boys sat down to have some water. Ahmed realised that he had lost his favourite watch.

Hamza: *Oh no, Waleed, I have lost my watch! It was a gift from my grandpa! I can't lose it! Oh, what shall I do?*

Waleed: *When we lose something, my mum taught me that we should say **Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajioon** (Indeed to Allah we belong and to Him is our return). Recite this, Hamza, and let's begin looking for your watch!*



Hamza recited the *du'aa* and both of them decided to search for the watch in the park.

The boys looked frantically around the park. Hamza looked for the watch in the sand, while Waleed looked for it in the grass area. They looked underneath the stones on the sidewalk. They checked in the washrooms, near the trees, even in the mud of the flower bed. They asked their friends if they had seen the watch, but unfortunately they had not.

After fifteen minutes of intense searching, Hamza started to feel hopeless.





Hamza: *I don't think I will find my watch, Waleed!*

Waleed: *You know, Hamza, yesterday my mum told me that Allah is All-Hearing, **As-Sam'i**. Whatever we ask Him, He Hears. and He Accepts our du'aa. In sha Allah we will find your watch soon.*

Hamza, feeling hopeful again, raised his hands in du'aa and asked Allah سبحانه و تعالى: *"Ya Allah, you are All-Hearing, I ask you to please Hear me and Help me find my watch. Aameen."*

It was soon time for Maghrib, and their mothers had always told them to come home before Maghrib as that was the time that the *shayateen* would come out.

They sadly decided to head back home. Hamza would have to face his mother and break the news regarding his watch.

As they were leaving, they heard a voice from behind, *"Boys, boys! Does this belong to any of you?"* **inquired the watchman of the park.**

They looked behind and **Hamza squealed with joy:** *"Alhamdulillah! Allah has given me my watch, Waleed!"*

Waleed: *Truly! Allah indeed Heard your du'aa because He is As-Sam'i.*

Hamza: *Jazakallah khairan, for finding my favourite watch. Come, Waleed, let's head back home. Our parents will be waiting for us.*

They respectfully thanked the watchman and the boys happily went back home, thanking Allah for always Hearing them.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ
Indeed, Allah is
Hearing and
Knowing. (49:1)

*Ash-Shakur
The Most
Appreciative, The
Most Grateful, The
Rewarder of Good*

Name of Allah:

الشُّكُور

Ash-Shakur

Meaning:

The Most Appreciative, The Most Grateful, The Rewarder of Good



Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is the Most Appreciative of your good deeds and will Grant you that which is best for you.
- 2) To understand the story of the two men who had gardens as mentioned in Surah al-Kahf.
- 3) To remember to feel grateful for all the blessings Allah has Granted you.
- 4) To memorise the meaning of Ash-Shakur and the above aayah (verse).

Ash-Shakur

The Most Appreciative, The Most Grateful, The Rewarder of Good

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Yahya. He had an older sister named Izza. They lived in a beautiful city in New Jersey. Their parents spent a lot of time trying to give the best *tarbeeyah* (nurturing) to their children.

One very fine day, Yahya was returning from his sports practice with his friends when one of his friends, Ahmad, mentioned something that made Yahya feel jealous.

Ahmad: *My mother said that she is going to give me a brand new laptop, if I pass my exams with good grades. My mother is awesome! She buys me anything I want.*



All his friends excitedly started sharing what their parents had promised to give if they excelled in their exams. Yahya was a brilliant student and he was the topper of his grade. After hearing his friends talk about the expensive things, they were hoping to receive, he started to feel jealous.

Yahya's family was going through a rough time as his father had recently lost his job and was looking for a new job. They had to manage with the money that his parents had saved over the years. Even though Yahya was grateful for all of this, hearing his friends, he could not stop himself from feeling jealous of them.

Lost in thought, Yahya entered his house after saying *Bismillah*, as he remembered that his mom had taught him that it is recommended to say *Bismillah* and recite the *du'aa* when entering the house, and to give the greeting of *salaam*.

فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ
أَنْفُسِكُمْ تَحِيَّةً مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ
مُبَارَكَةً طَيِّبَةً ۗ 24:61

"..So when you enter houses, give greetings of peace upon each other - a greeting from Allah, blessed and good.."

Yahya: Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Baji.

Izza: Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu.

Izza noticed a frown on Yahya's face but decided to discuss the matter with him after lunch.

Izza asked him with concern: Is everything okay, Yahya? You seemed a little upset when you came back from school.

Although Yahya was five years younger than Izza, he shared a very strong bond with her.



Yahya: Baji! Today after school, Ahmad and other friends were bragging about all the luxury gifts they were hoping to get from their parents, merely on passing the exams. Whereas, I am usually the topper in my grade and all I have is this old computer, which everyone in the house shares.

Instantly Izza realized he was feeling this because of peer pressure. Instead of getting angry at what he said, she thought calmly for a while and replied to him.

Izza: Let me tell you a story. You know the Surah we read every Friday, Surat Al-Kahf. One of the stories in that Surah is about the Companions of the Two Gardens, one of whom was rich and the other was poor. Allah tells us that the friend who was poor was righteous, and contributed most of his wealth towards charity.

The rich companion owned two lush gardens of grapes and date palms and throughout the year they bore lot of fruits.

Allah also caused rivers and streams to flow in between the two gardens, providing ample fresh water to irrigate the farmland.

As with most human beings who are bestowed with wealth and ease, the large amount of wealth made the richer companion arrogant and diverted him from the path of Allah. He took great pride in his wealth. This pride led him to disbelief and he felt that nothing can harm him. He began to think that his garden was indestructible, and would never perish, he even began to deny the coming of the Day of Judgment. He did not thank Allah anymore and just enjoyed his wealth.

Yahya: *That's sad, baji. What about the poor man?*

Izza: *The poor companion knew that Allah is the Only One with the power and might to bestow or take away in the blink of an eye. He advised his friend to thank Allah for all the blessings, but the rich friend, blinded by his wealth and arrogance, ignored him and one day the rich man awoke to find his garden completely ruined. All the years of hard work was destroyed overnight.*

Yahya was listening attentively to Izza's narration.

Izza continued: *Allah calls Himself **Ash-Shakur**, the Most-Appreciative, the Most-Grateful, the Rewarder of Good Works. He is the One Who is the Most-Appreciative, when we are grateful. Ash-Shakur appreciates our smallest deeds and gives us multiple rewards. The perfect example is the reward of never-ending happiness in Paradise!*

Know that Allah will always Appreciate whatever good you do with the right intention. So do not lose hope. When we receive His Appreciation, we do not need the gifts and rewards from anybody else! Do you know how you can be the one who Allah Appreciates?



Yahya asked, eager to know: *How, Baji? How can I gain His Appreciation?*

Izza: *Make use of these blessings in obeying Him, and not in disobeying Him. Allah has blessed us with this house, pure and halal food to eat, clean water to drink and blessed us with good health. He has blessed us with so many things that we ignore.*

Our parents, friends and family are also among the blessings of Allah. He سبحانه و تعالی has given us so much and we don't realize it until it is taken away. Instead of worrying and getting upset about what we don't have, we need to be thankful for everything that Allah has blessed us with.

He Knows out of His Wisdom what is good for us if we thank Him for the blessings and do good deeds, He will Appreciate us.

Also, remember! Allah rewards both boys and girls. Even though boys and girls have different roles to play in worldly life as for our duties to Allah are same and our reward is same too.

Yahya listened to each and every word his sister said and realized how blessed he was.

He then hugged his sister and said: *Baji! You forgot one of the most important blessings that I have. That's you! I'm truly blessed to have a sister like you who is so intelligent and caring, Alhumdulillah.*

Izza just smiled gently and hugged her little brother and felt happy that Allah had made Yahya understand. Alhamdulillah! She too was grateful that Allah had blessed her with such a wonderful little brother.

Two days after the result, all the students discussed the gifts they got from their parents but this time Yahya did not feel jealous. He felt thankful that Allah has already Blessed him with so much and in sha Allah, Ash-Shakoor will Appreciate his thankfulness and Grant him a much better gift!

إِنَّ رَبَّنَا لَغَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ...
Indeed, our Lord is
Forgiving and
Appreciative (35: 34)



As-Samad
The Eternal, The
Absolute, The Self
Sufficient

Name of Allah: الصَّمَدُ
As-Samad

Meaning: The Eternal, The Absolute,
The Self Sufficient



Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is Self Sufficient and He does not need anyone, rather we are always in need of Him.
- 2) To remember to make *du'aa* for your parents always and for the entire *ummah*.
- 3) To make it a habit to learn the names of Allah so that you can call onto Him with His Glorious Names.
- 4) To memorise the meaning of As-Samad and the above aayah (verse).

As-Samad

The Eternal, The Absolute, The Self Sufficient

In a beautiful house, there lived a 7 year old girl named Sarah. Sarah loved to play with her toys and every evening she would join her friends, Ayesha and Maryam, to play in the garden.

Sarah was a very loving child, but she was not interested in learning about Allah or His Names. Her brother, Taha, would always sit with Mamma after Fajr prayer to learn about Allah and the meanings of the Names of Allah.

Sadly, Sarah was not very interested and would always have some excuse as to why she could not sit with them. Taha, on the other hand, was very happy to learn the Names of Allah. He was just one year older but was eager to learn.

One pleasant evening, Taha was in the other room discussing the Name of Allah, As-Samad, with his friend, Ahmed.



While Sarah was leaving to Maryam's house, she heard her brother and Ahmed discussing the Name "**As-Samad**". She was never interested in learning more about Allah and hence she didn't bother hearing further. So she ignored their conversation, and just wanted to go to her friend's house as soon as possible.

Just as she was about to leave, her mother called her from the hall.

"Sarah, my dear! Please come here quick. We have to go to the hospital as your father is feeling very unwell." **said Mamma**



Sarah loved her Papa a lot. So she rushed to Mamma and said: "I will come with you, Mamma!"

Her mom, rushed her dad to the hospital along with Taha and Sarah. On reaching the hospital, the doctors rushed to take Papa, to get him checked, as he looked like he was about to faint. The doctor requested Sarah and her family to be seated outside while the doctors tried to help her Papa.

When they went to the waiting room to wait for Papa, **Sarah asked worriedly:** "Mamma, will Papa be okay?"

"In sha Allah, Sarah, my dear!" **said Mamma in a reassuring manner.**

"Mamma, remember the Name of Allah you taught me, As-Samad. Should we make du'aa to Allah taking that name?", **asked Taha.**

"Yes Taha, that is a very good idea. Please make du'aa for Papa asking As-Samad to Help him and cure him!" **said Mamma.**

On hearing this Name again, **Sarah** felt bad that she hadn't learnt the meaning of the Name As-Samad before. So she turned to her Mamma and asked in a low voice, "Mamma, what is the meaning of As-Samad?"

"**As-Samad** is a Name of Allah, Sarah. It means that Allah is Absolute. He doesn't Need anyone, however we all are dependent on Him. He is Perfect and there's No One like Him and He is in complete control of everything!" **explained Mamma.**

Sarah went into a deep thought and finally said: "But Mamma, you always do everything for me. You cook for me, you wash my clothes, you help me with my homework. I feel you are so perfect."

"My dear Sarah, who helps me and you to achieve all of this? Only Allah grants me the ability to cook and clean. He gives good health and takes care of all our needs. It is only because Allah gave Papa a job and salary, he is able to buy you toys, books, pencils etc. So, always remember my sweet girl, that whatever Mamma and Papa do for you, it is only because Allah is granting them the ability to do it," **explained Mamma gently.**

"Mamma, so Allah doesn't need anyone?" **asked Sarah, curiously.**

"SubhanAllah, not at all! You know, Sarah, Allah is Alone. He has no wife and no children. He is so Perfect, He does not need anyone to help Him. He is everliving and will fulfil everyone's needs forever," **said Mamma.**

"Wow, Mamma! SubhanAllah! So if I do du'aa to As-Samad, then will Papa become well?" **asked Sarah.**

"In sha Allah, yes. Although the doctors are trying to help your Papa, it is only Allah who can give him good health." **said Mamma.**

"Ya Allah, you are As-Samad. You don't need anyone but we need You."

"Okay, Mamma. Then I will make du'aa right now." **So Sarah raised her hands in du'aa and said** "Ya Allah, You are As-Samad, You don't need anyone but we need You. Please make my Papa better. I love him a lot and I want to see him soon. Aameen." She then waited with her mother and brother.

Half an hour later, the doctor came out of the room, "Alhamdulillah, your Papa's health is much better, dear Sarah," **he informed.** He then turned to her mother and said, "We will still keep him under observation and discharge him, by tonight in sha Allah."



Mamma said with relief:

"Alhamdulillah, Allah, As-Samad, has heard your du'aa, my children. Always remember to ask Him alone and in sha Allah He will give you what's right for you and only He alone has the power to give."

"In sha Allah, Mamma. We will always remember that." **said Taha and Sarah together.**

By Isha, Papa was feeling better and he was discharged. He first thanked Allah and hugged Sarah and Taha for their du'aa.

That same night, while putting Sarah to sleep, like always, they recited Surah Al-Ikhlaas, Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Naas before sleeping. On reciting Surah Al-Ikhlaas, **Sarah said joyfully,** "Mamma, there is the name of Allah, As-Samad, in this Surah!"

"Yes, dear!" **said Mamma.** "The word As-Samad appears only once in the Qur'an, that too in this Surah."

Sarah felt something in her heart, then told, "Mamma, today I felt happy that Allah cured Papa when I called Him by His Name, As-Samad. I also want to learn about the Names of Allah, along with Taha. I always need Allah in my life!"

Mamma felt so proud of her little girl and said, "That's so nice to hear, my sweet daughter. In sha Allah, tomorrow lets all learn another interesting Name of Allah!"

Sarah felt happy, made the intention to learn the Names of Allah and slept with a smile on her face.

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ اللَّهُ
الْصَّمَدُ

Say, "He is Allah,
[who is] One, Allah,
the Eternal Refuge.

(112: 1-2)

Adh-Daarr An-Naab'i
The Causer of Harm
& The Bringer of
Benefits

Name of Allah:

الضَّارُّ النَّافِعُ
Adh-Dhaar An-Naaf'i

Meaning:

The Causer of Harm,
The Bringer of Benefits



وَإِن يَمَسُّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ
وَإِن يَمَسُّكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

"And if Allah should touch you with adversity,
there is no remover of it except Him.
And if He touches you with good -
then He is over all things competent."

(Surah Al-An'aam:17)

Objective:

- 1) To learn that Allah is the Only One who can Cause Harm and the Only One Who can Benefit. If He does not will either, it will not happen.
- 2) To memorise the *du'aa* when it rains.
- 3) To memorise the *du'aa* when leaving a gathering.
- 4) To memorise the meaning of Adh-Dhaar an-Naaf'i and the above aayah (verse).

Adh-Daarr An-Naaf'i The Causer of Harm & The Bringer of Benefits

It was a pleasant Friday morning and Fatimah and Abdullah woke up with a big smile and greeted their parents.

Kids: Assalaamu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu.

Parents: Wa 'Alaykumussalaam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu.

Mamma: Fatimah and Abdullah, do say the du'aa after waking up!

Fatimah:



Mamma: Masha Allah!! Fatimah, well done.

Abdullah: Mamma, I too said the du'aa.

Mamma: Ma sha Allah, ya Abdullah! Barakallahu feek.

Kids: SubhaanAllah, Mamma, it's raining!

Mamma: Let's recite the du'aa together.

Abdullah:



Fatimah: Mamma, what does the word نَافِعًا mean?

Mamma: Naafi means beneficial or goodness. Also, I will tell you one more thing. One of the Names of Allah is "**An-Naafi**" which means "The Bringer of Benefits, "The Creator of Good", "The One who gives Benefit".

Abdullah: Mamma, is there an opposite to the name, An-Naafi'?

Mamma: The opposite of benefit is harm. Allah سبحانه و تعالى has the true power to create both benefit, An-Naafi' and harm, **Adh-Dhaarr**.

Fatimah: Mamma, why did Allah create harm and how does it help us?

Mamma: Allah is Ar-Raheem, An-Naafi. At times, when He wants to test someone in order to raise their levels in Jannah or to see if they are patient, even during times of difficulty, He gives them a harder test. Do you know the Prophet whose patience Allah mentions in the Qur'an?

Fatimah: Ayub عليه السلام !

Mamma: Right. Allahumma Barik. Ayub عليه السلام is well known for his patience. Allah سبحانه و تعالى afflicted him with health, family and wealth for approximately 7 years but Ayub عليه السلام never gave up his trust in Allah and called out a du'aa as mentioned in Suratul Al-Anbiya: 83.



Allah سبحانه و تعالى answered his du'aa, cured him and gave back his family, since Allah alone is An-Naafi', The Benefactor, The Bringer of Good.

Fatimah: SubhanAllah, Mamma, Jazakillah Khairan! I didn't know about these two attributes of Allah.

Mamma: Remember kids, we cannot use these attributes alone, it does not befit Allah, so when it is mentioned, it is always together.

Abdullah: Ok, Mamma, got it! It's time for Jumu'ah Salah, let's go.

Mamma: Before we leave , let's make the du'aa before leaving a gathering.

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا
إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

“How far from imperfections You are O Allah, and I praise You. I bear witness that None has the right to be worshipped except You. I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance”

وَإِنْ يَمَسُّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا
هُوَ وَإِنْ يَمَسُّكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ

And if Allah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him. And if He touches you with good - then He is over all things competent.

(6:17)

That's all for Volume 1, dear Readers! We hope that it has been an enlightening journey for you in learning and understanding some of the Glorious Names of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی). Now that you have read this book, we hope you will enjoy sharing what you have learnt with your family and friends.

You can now make *du'aa* using the many Names of Allah. You can share the advice of Izza, Ahmed, Hamza and even Grandma with your family. Play a game with your friends and test each other on the meanings of the Names of Allah. Enrich your knowledge further by reading other books that explain the beautiful Names of Allah.

Hoping you will continue the journey with us by reading Volume 2 as well!

May Allah Protect you, Increase you in beneficial knowledge and Grant you the best in this world and the Hereafter, Aameen.

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