



Sunday School SYLLABUS

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Stage Theme: Islamic Foundation and Concepts
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Overview:

This course aims to build a strong foundation for children learning about Islam for the very first time in a classroom setting. The course introduces Islam through Islamic history, personalities, events, and stories. For younger ages, this is the most effective method for introducing concepts such as God, prophets, creation, and many others, including ethics, morals, human attitudes, values, and cultural norms and differences. Also, through historical events in Islam and the life stories of the mighty prophets of Islam, the course will introduce worship rituals, religious festivals, practices, and various supplications taught by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The course will specifically train children to understand, discuss, appreciate, and apply the key messages and morals behind these historical events and stories, and to evaluate their daily lives in light of this learning.

Objectives:

At the end of this course, the students will be able to:

- Narrate the stories of the lives of the Prophets in Islam
- Understand the wisdom behind stories and how to benefit from them
- Narrate various stories from the Quran
- Memorize and recite Prophetic Duas
- Understand worship rituals, the pillars, and the wisdom behind these rituals
- Perform their religious rituals correctly, e.g., ablution and prayer
- Memorize and recite the utterances in prayer
- Learn about religious festivals and their rituals, e.g., Eid and animal sacrifice.

Delivery Method:

The method of instruction will mainly be through storytelling and discussions of the stories' morals.

Course Outline:

The following list comprises suggested topics for the course. The topics may be slightly adjusted to meet the class's needs. Additional reading material (if needed) for each session will be available for download from the web portal a week before the session.

Note: A weekly lesson plan will be created based on these topics, in which memorizing short surahs and dua's and learning short Ahadith will be incorporated in the weekly lessons.

1. Introduction

- › Our course
- › Why does the Quran describe so many stories?
- › How should we benefit from stories?

2. What is Islam

- › The definition of Islam
- › The Foundation
- › Our Beliefs

3. Story of the Creation

- › Allah SWT is our Creator and the Creator of everything else (living or non-living)
- › We recognize Allah SWT through His Attributes (Names of Allah SWT)
- › He created this Universe way before He created us
- › He created many creatures before He created us
- › Three unique creations – Humans, Angels, and Jinns
- › Angels – His ever-obedient servants made from light
- › Humans – His special creation made from earth
- › Jinns – His other creation made from fire
- › Lessons learned

4. Story of the Two Worlds

- › Our life on Earth and our life in the Hereafter
- › What is the Hereafter?
- › He will create another Universe different from this Universe for the Hereafter
- › What is the relationship between this life and the Hereafter?
- › End of the universe
- › The Day of Judgment
- › Concepts of Heaven and Hell
- › Lessons learned

5. Story of the Grand Test

- › Allah SWT chose humans and jinns for a grand Test

- › Failing the Test would result in punishment in the Hereafter
- › Passing the Test would result in rewards in the Hereafter
- › Allah SWT helped us by sending His Prophets and Books so we could pass the Test
- › What is the Test – Believing in what is right and acting morally
- › Who can help us now to pass the test? Prophet Muhammad is the last Prophet, and the Quran is the last Book of Allah SWT
- › Lessons learned

6. Story of Prophet Adam

- › Creation of Adam & Eve
- › Allah SWT breathed His soul into Adam
- › Human qualities and Allah's attributes
- › The discussion with Angels
- › Angels asked to honor him
- › Iblees' (Satan's) defiance
- › Satan is from the Jinns, and he is our eternal enemy
- › Living in Jannah (The Garden)
- › Satan trapped Adam to disobey Allah SWT
- › Adam asked for forgiveness with his dua
- › Expulsion from Jannah (The Garden)
- › Lessons learned

7. Story of Habel (Abel) and Qabeel (Cain)

- › The argument between brothers
- › The first murder
- › A crow taught how to bury the dead
- › Lessons learned

8. Story of Prophet Nuh (Noah)

- › Prophethood and long preaching
- › The flood and the boat
- › Son's drowning
- › Lessons learned

9. Stories of Aa'd & Thamud

- › Prophets sent to different nations
- › Powerful people
- › The Message and their attitude towards the Message
- › Punishment
- › The stories of nations in the Quran
- › Lessons learned

10. Story of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham)

- › Conflict with his father & his attitude toward him
- › His wisdom in giving the message (the story of breaking idols)
- › Allah's test – putting in the fire
- › Marriage and children
- › Settling his children in two blessed lands
- › Rebuilding the Ka'aba (The House of Allah)
- › Sacrificing his son
- › Allah SWT honors his sacrifice
- › Allah SWT's promise for his progeny
- › Lessons learned

11. Story of Prophet Ismael (Ishmael)

- › His role in the Sacrifice and his obedience to Allah SWT
- › His role in the rebuilding of the Kabaah
- › His progeny and their responsibilities
- › Custodian of Ka'aba
- › Lessons learned

12. Story of Ka'aba (The House of Allah SWT)

- › When was the Kabaah first built?
- › When was the Qibla (the direction of prayer) established?
- › What is its significance, and why was it established?
- › The symbolic meaning of Tawaf (circling around) of the Kabaah
- › Umrah and Hajj – Why do we go there?
- › Lessons learned

13. Stories of Prophet Ishaq (Isaac), Yaqoob (Jacob), and Yusuf (Joseph)

- › Family tree of Ibrahim – A noble family of prophets
- › A unique story in the Quran – the story of Prophet Yusuf
- › Yusuf's brothers & their relationship
- › Gift of interpreting dreams
- › His dream
- › Thrown into a well
- › Life in Egypt
- › His time in prison
- › Appointment as the Minister
- › His administration skills
- › Dream fulfilment – Meeting with his parents and brothers
- › Lessons learned

14. Story of Prophet Shoab

- › The problem of the people of Madyan
- › The punishment

- › Lessons learned

15. Story of Prophet Musa (Moses)

- › Egypt and Egyptian Pharaoh
- › Circumstances at the time of his birth
- › A grave test for his mother
- › Pharaoh's kind wife
- › Growing up in the palace
- › Accidentally killing an Egyptian
- › His escape to Madyan
- › Helping women and his marriage
- › Prophethood
- › His miracles
- › Freeing the Children of Israel from the rule of a tyrant king
- › Hijrah (migration) to Jerusalem
- › Lessons learned

16. Story of the Children of Israel and the Cow

- › A crime committed
- › Instruction to slaughter a cow
- › People's attitude toward the instruction
- › Lessons learned

17. Story of Ashab-e- Kahaf (People of the Cave)

- › Surah Kahaf – A unique Surah of the Quran
- › Youth facing hardship for their beliefs
- › Allah made them sleep for a few hundred years
- › How many years did they sleep?
- › Allah SWT saved them and honored them
- › Lessons learned

18. Story of the owner of two gardens

- › His dialogue with a servant of Allah SWT
- › Blessings are a test from Allah SWT
- › His gardens destroyed
- › Lessons learned

19. Story of Musa and Khidr

- › Musa on a journey
- › Musa wants to learn from Khidr
- › Incident of breaking a ship
- › Incident of harming a child

- › Incident of repairing a wall
- › Hidden wisdom behind the incidents
- › Lessons learned

20. Story of Dhul Qarnain, the King

- › The trial of power
- › Who is Dhul Qarnain
- › How he helped many nations
- › Yajuj Majuj
- › Lessons learned

21. Stories of Dawud (David) and Suleiman (Solomon)

- › Dawud, a warrior
- › The rule of Dawud and his prophethood
- › His voice and praise of Allah SWT
- › His test from Allah SWT
- › Prophet Suleiman's prophethood and Kingdom
- › His Miracles
- › Queen of Saba (Sheba)
- › Building of a worship place is still considered sacred
- › Prophet Suleiman's death
- › Lessons learned

22. Story of Harut and Marut

- › The two angels teaching magic as a test
- › The magic of Babylon
- › Magic and its effects
- › Lessons learned

23. Story of Prophet Yunus (Jonah)

- › Prophethood
- › Preaching and demotivation
- › Disobeying Allah SWT and the punishment
- › His dua and forgiveness from Allah SWT
- › Return and completion of his mission
- › Lessons learned

24. Story of Prophet Ayyub (Job)

- › Prophethood
- › Wealth & Piety
- › Illness and Poverty
- › Patience and Repentance

- › Lessons learned

25. Story of Zakariah (Zechariah)

- › The Guardianship of Mary
- › His dua for having a child in old age
- › Lessons learned

26. Story of Isa (Jesus)

- › Miraculous Birth
- › Other Miracles
- › The last prophet sent to the Children of Israel
- › Defiance of the Jews
- › Betrayal and attempt to kill Isa
- › His death and ascension
- › Lessons learned

27. Story of the Revelation of the Quran

- › Prophet Muhammad and the Quran
- › When was it revealed?
- › Experience of the first revelation **Surah**
- › His wife's support
- › Lessons learned

28. Story of Hadith

- › What is a hadith?
- › How does a hadith reach us?
- › Excellent source of learning about the life of the Prophet Muhammad
- › Lessons learned

29. Stories of Prophet Muhammad's beautiful character

- › The character of Prophet Muhammad SAW
- › Prophet Muhammad has the best examples for us
- › The story of upholding justice – Al-Fudoul confederacy (Hilf-al-Fudoul)
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of wisdom – Settling the dispute of the Black Stone
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of honesty – Taking care of Khadijah's business
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of showing mercy to the enemies – Journey to Ta'if (A city in Arabia)
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of gratefulness towards Allah SWT – Worshipping long hours
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of not hurting someone's feelings – Eating all the fruits

- › Lessons learned
- › The story of appreciating the inner goodness – Selling Zaher as a slave
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of intuition – the pact of Hudaibiya
- › Lessons learned
- › The story of forgiveness – Conquest of Makkah
- › Lessons learned

30. Stories of the companions (Sahaba) of the Prophet

- › Story of Bilal's acceptance of Islam
- › Lessons learned
- › Story of Salman Farsi searching for the truth
- › Lessons learned
- › Story of Musab Bin Umair leaving his luxurious life for the sake of Islam
- › Lessons learned

31. Story of Salah (Prayers)

- › History of Salah
- › Why do we pray?
- › Our relationship with Allah SWT
- › The attributes of Submission and Gratitude
- › Worship and rituals
- › How to pray?
- › Duas in Salah
- › Lessons learned

32. Story of Fasting

- › History of fasting
- › Why do we fast?
- › Fasting in Ramadan and other times
- › Fasting, sharing, and kindness
- › How to fast?
- › Dos and Don'ts of Fasting
- › Lessons learned

33. Story of Taraweeh

- › The prayers of Taraweeh
- › Taraweeh prayers in the mosque
- › Taraweeh in Ramadan
- › Lessons learned

34. Story of a day in a Muslim's life

1. Habit of 'early to bed and early to rise.'
2. Waking up in the morning with a Prophetic dua
3. Prophetic dua for entering into the bathroom
4. Importance of cleanliness in a Muslim's life
5. Hadith on cleanliness
6. Making Wudu for Fajr
7. The procedure of Wudu
8. Prophetic dua before and after Wudu
9. Praying Fajr Salah
10. Longer recitation of Quran in Fajr Salah
11. Reward of praying in the mosque
12. Prophetic dua for leaving the house
13. Prophetic dua for entering into the mosque
14. Etiquettes of mosque
15. Prophetic dua for leaving the mosque
16. Prophetic dua for entering the house
17. Breakfast time – etiquettes of eating
18. Prophetic dua for starting and finishing the food
19. Getting ready for school
20. Prophetic dua for wearing a new dress
21. Arriving at school on time
22. Importance of time in a Muslim's life
23. Our relationship with the teachers
24. Our relationship with our friends
25. Choosing your friends
26. Dealing with our Muslim and non-Muslim friends
27. Prophetic dua for increase in knowledge
28. Helping others
29. Dealing with someone who does not treat you nicely
30. Making dua for others
31. Finishing your homework early – excel in everything
32. Guard your prayers – praying Zuhr, Asr and Maghrib prayers
33. Spending time with family
34. Kindness towards your siblings
35. Helping your parents
36. Praying Isha before going to bed
37. Remind yourself of all the blessings of Allah SWT
38. Prophetic way of remembering Allah SWT
39. Check your day – what did I do good, what did I do bad?
40. Prophetic dua for going to bed
41. Etiquettes of sleeping

35. Revision & Farewell