

# **KINDNESS TO PARENTS**

**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.**

**Allah (S.W.T.) commands us to be kind and merciful to our parents.**

**Listen to the Holy Quraan in Sura Al-Isra (Ch. 17) : verse 23 :-**

**“Your Rabb has commanded that you worship none but him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them become old in your lifetime, do not say to them a word of disrespect, nor drive (them) away, but address them in terms of honour.**

**Our parents are a gift from Allah (S.W.T.). They care for us, they look after us and help us on as we grow.**

**Love for our parents must not become a ‘once-a-year event, to be shown on ‘mother’s day’ or ‘father’s day’, but should be shown each moment of our life!**

**We must learn to speak to them with respect and we should never hurt them with our hands.**

**Remember, as children, we can never repay our parents for the care and understanding they gave us.**

**Therefore, we should pray for them by asking Allah (S.W.T.) to have mercy on them as they had shown mercy to us.**

**Refer to Sura Al-Isra (Ch. 17): verse 24:-**

**“And out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say: ‘My Rabb! Offer them your mercy as they cared for me when I was a child’.”**

**However, we are allowed to disobey our parents if they ask us to do anything which Allah (S.W.T.) does not like, but we must still be kind to them.**

**We read in Sura Lugman (Ch.31) : verse 15 :-**

**“but if they strive to make you join in worship with me things of which you have no knowledge, do not obey them; yet bear them company in this life with justice and follow the way of those who turn to me. In the end the return of all of you is to me, and i will tell you the truth of all that you did.”**

**A man asked our Nabie (S.A.W.) whether he should join a battle. The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) asked him whether his mother was alive or not. The man said that she was alive. Our Nabie (S.A.W.) said:**

**“Then keep near her, because paradise lies at the feet of your mother”.**

**Worksheet**

**1) When are children allowed to disobey their parents?**

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**2) Who said that ‘paradise lies at the feet of mother’?**

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**3) Who commanded us to be good and kind to our parents?**

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**4) Can we really repay our parents for the care and understanding they showed us ?**

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**5) How should we treat our parents when they reach old age?**

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