

ALLAH'S NAMES

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

"The most beautiful names belong to Allah:
so call on Him by them"
(*Araaf* 7:180)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah(S) has beautiful names.
2. Allah(S) has 99 names.
3. We must call Allah by these names.
4. We will learn a little about Allah by learning His names.
5. Allah is:
 - Most Kind - *Ar-Rahmaan*
 - Most Merciful - *Ar-Raheem*
 - The King - *Al-Malik*
 - The Holy - *Al-Quddoos*
 - The source of peace - *As-Salaam*
 - The protector of Faith - *Al-Mu'min*
 - The protector from danger. - *Al-Muhaymin*
 - The exalted in might - *Al-Azeez*
 - The Irresistible - *Al-Jabbaar*
 - The Supreme. - *Al-Mutakabbir*

We have learned

- Allah(S) has the most beautiful names.
- We should learn the names of Allah.
- We should call Allah by these names.

THE BLESSINGS OF ALLAH(S)

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

“And if you count the blessings of Allah(S),
you cannot count them.”
(*Ibrahim* 14:34)

EXPLANATION

1. No one can count the blessings of Allah(S).
2. Allah(S) has given us water to drink.
3. Allah(S) has given us healthy food to eat.
4. Allah has made the earth a beautiful place to live.
5. We must ask Allah(S) for his blessings.
6. We must thank Allah(S) for his blessings.

We have learned

- Allah(S) has blessed us with too many things.
- No one can count the blessings of Allah(S).
- We must be thankful to Allah(S) for all his blessings.

SHIRK

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

“Surely, Shirk is a very great sin.”
(Luqmaan 31:13)

EXPLANATION

1. *Shirk* means to take partners with Allah (S).
2. *Shirk* is the greatest sin in Islam.
3. Some people believe that Allah has children.
They say Jesus is the son of god
4. Other people believe that Allah (S) has partners.
They make idols and pray to them.
5. Such beliefs are called *Shirk*.
6. Some people do not believe in Allah (S).
7. Not believing in Allah (S) is called *kufr*.

We have learned

- The first part of the Kalimah is: “There is no god but Allah(S).
- Muslims do not accept *kufr* and *shirk*.
- To believe that Allah has partners is a great sin.
- To believe that Allah (S) does not exist is also a great sin.

THE QURAAAN

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

“Verily this Quraan does guide to that which is most right ”
(*Bani Israeel17:9*)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah (S) has blessed mankind with the Quraan.
2. The Quraan is a guide to mankind.
3. There is no Book like the Quraan.
4. The Quraan is the word of Allah(S).
5. All Muslims must believe in the Quraan.
6. We must live by the Quraan.
7. We must show respect to the Quraan.

We have learned:

- Allah(S) has sent down the Quraan to everyone.
- It is the word of Allah (S).
- We must live by the Quraan.

THE QURAAN IS MADE EASY

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

“And indeed We have made the Quraan easy to understand and remember, but is there any that will do so?”
(Qamar 54:17)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah has made the Quraan easy for us to understand.
2. The Quraan is in the language of our prophet who spoke Arabic.
3. We must read the Quraan in a language we understand.
4. If we learn Arabic, it will help us to understand the Quraan better.
5. Allah has made the Quraan easy to memorise.
6. The one who memorizes the Quraan is called a *hafiz* (protector).
7. Almost every Muslim knows some part of the Quraan by heart.

We have learned:

- Allah(S) has made it easy for us to memorise and understand the Quraan.
- We should try to memorise and understand as much of the Quraan as we can.

THE BEST EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

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

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a good example.”
(*Ahzaab* 33:21)

EXPLANATION

1. Muhammad (S) is Rasulullah (S) the last Messenger of Allah(S).
2. He showed us that human beings can become very close to Allah (S) and still live and work like everyone else.
3. Rasulullah (S) showed us the best way to lead our lives.
4. He showed us how to live by the Quraan.
5. We must try and be like Rasulullah (S).
6. Allah (S) wants us to follow Rasulullah’s (S) example so that we can become good Muslims.
7. The way that Rasulullah (S) lived is called his *Sunnah*.
8. The *Hadith* is a collection of what Rasulullah (S) said and did.

We have learned

- Rasulullah is the best example for us to follow.
- We try and copy the life of Rasulullah (S).
- If we love Allah (S), we will follow Rasulullah (S).
- Rasulullah’s (S) *Sunnah* is written in the books of *Hadith*.

PARENTS

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

“...and you shall be kind to your parents.”
(*Bani Israeel* 17:23)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah(S) has blessed us by giving us parents.
2. Our parents love us and look after us.
3. We should respect our parents, and not answer back to them.
4. We should thank Allah(S) for giving us parents.
5. When our parents get old, we must look after them.

We have learned

- Allah(S) commands us to be kind to our parents.
- We should respect our parents. We must look after our parents when we grow up.

FOOD

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

“Oh people! Eat of what is *Halaal* and good on the Earth.”
(*Baqaraah* 2:161)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah(S) has been good to us by giving us so many types of food to eat.
2. We must eat food that is *Halaal*.
3. We must no eat *Haraam* foods.
4. If we eat healthy food, it will help us to look after our bodies.
5. We must say "*bismillah*" before eating our food to thank Allah(S) for giving us food.
6. Some people do not have food. We should help those who are hungry and cannot get food.

We have learned

- Allah (S) has given us the food we eat.
- We must eat Halaal food.
- We must help those who are poor.

SPEAK THE TRUTH

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

“Oh believers! Be aware of Allah (S) and
always say the right things.”
(*ahzaab* 33:70)

EXPLANATION

1. As Muslims, we know that Allah Knows about everything that we say, think about and do.
2. We must always say what is true so that Allah(S) can be pleased with us.
3. We should speak the truth even if the truth will put us in trouble.
4. We should use good language and not swear.
5. As Muslims, we do not speak badly about our brothers and sisters when they are not present.
6. It is better to say good things than to be quiet.
It is better to be quiet than say bad things.

We have learned

- Allah (S) is aware of all our actions.
- Allah (S) is pleased with those who speak the truth
- We should think before we speak.

THE ARKAAN: FIVE PILLARS

An Introduction

Just as a roof is supported by its pillars, the faith of a Muslim is supported by the five pillars, *arkan*, of Islam. The Islamic pillars, however, are not pillars of stone or concrete; they are pillars of action and belief.

The five *Arkaan* of Islam are:

The *Shahadah*, to believe that there is no god but Allah (S), and Muhammad (S) is the messenger of Allah (S).

The *Salaah*, to pray five times a day.

The *Zakaah*, to share one's savings with the poor and the needy.

The *Hajj*, to make pilgrimage to Makkah once in a lifetime.

The *Sawm*, to fast in the month of Ramadaan.

The five *Arkaan* are fard (obligatory) on every Muslim man and woman.

Fard means that we should believe in them and we should do them.

Being born in a Muslim family does not make one Muslim.

A Muslim is one who believes in the teachings of the Quraan and acts on those teachings.

Let us learn about the five *Arkaan* of Islam as the Quraan teaches them. Let us practice them all the time.

We have learned

- The five *Arkaan* of Islam supports the faith of a Muslim.
- The five *Arkaan* are *fard* on every Muslim.
- All Muslims must believe in the five *Arkaan* and follow them.

SHAHADAH: ALLAH

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

“So, know that, there is no god except Allah (S).”
(Muhammad 47:19)

EXPLANATION

Allah (S) is one.
No one is like Him.

He takes care of everyone.
No one takes care of Allah (S).
All of us need Allah (S), but he is not in need of anyone.

Allah (S) has no father and no mother.
He has no daughter and no son.

Some people believe that Allah (S) has partners.
Such beliefs are called *shirk*.
Shirk is the greatest sin in Islam.

We have learned

- The first part of the Shahadah is, “There is no god but Allah (S).”
- We cannot compare anything to Allah (S).
- Muslims do not accept any forms of shirk.

SHAHADAH: THE MESSENGER

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

“ Muhammad is not the father of any one of you, but he is the messenger of Allah (S) and the final seal of the prophets.”
(*Al-Ahzaab* 33:40)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah (S) sent Muhammad (S) as a prophet and messenger to mankind.
2. All Muslims believe that Muhammad (S) is Allah’s last *nabi* to mankind. He is the seal of the prophets.
3. People of other religions do not believe that Muhammad (S) is the messenger of Allah (S). They are *kaafirs*.
4. Muhammad (S) came with the Quraan to complete Allah’s revelation to mankind.
5. Muhammad (S) is the best example for all mankind to follow.
6. We write an (S) after the name of Rasulullah.
This reminds us to say *Sall Allahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*.

We have learned

- The second part of the shahadah is to believe that Muhammad (S) is the last messenger of Allah.
- Muhammad (S) has come to perfect religion.
- When we hear the name of Rasulullah (S) we must say *Sall Allahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*.

COMMAND SALAAH

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

“And command on your family Salaah and be regular in it”
(*Taha* 20:132)

EXPLANATION

1. Salaah is the second pillar of Islam.
2. The five daily prayers are *fard* for every Muslim.
3. Rasulullah (S) said, “ The first thing people will be asked about on the day of Judgement is Salaah.”
4. Parents must command their children to pray Salaah.
5. We must remind each other to offer our salaah at all times.
6. Salaah keeps us away from evil deeds.

We have learned

- Salaah is the second pillar of Islam.
- One should offer Salaah regularly.
- We should remind others to offer the Salaah.

CHARITY

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

“To spend of your goods, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the traveler, for those who ask, and for freeing slaves; to be regular in *Salaah* and practice regular *Zakaah*...”
(*Baqaraah2: 177*)

EXPLANATION

1. Zakaah is the fourth pillar in Islam.
2. Zakaah is mentioned very often with the Salaah.
3. It is *fard* like the other pillars of Islam.
4. We must give more than Zakaah in His way. Such a giving is called *Sadaqaah*.
5. We must give from our savings to help our community.
6. Those who give in charity must not expect anything in return. They should not even think that they are doing a favour to someone.
7. Whatever we give in this world, Allah (S) will reward us with more in the *Aakhirah*.

We have learned

- Zakaah is the fourth pillar of Islam.
- We must pay Zakaah and Sadaqaah to the poor and needy.
- Allah (S) will repay us (doubled and multiplied), for whatever we spend in His cause.

SAWM: FASTING

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

“ O Believers, Siyaam, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for people before you, that you may learn to do your duty to Allah (S).”
(Al-Baqraah 2:183)

EXPLANATION

1. Sawm, fasting is the third pillar of Islam.
2. It is fard for every Muslim to fast in the month of Ramadaan.
3. Sawm was made fard for the people before us.
4. A fasting person does not eat and drink for the day. A fasting person should not fight, tell lies or use bad language.
5. Fasting allows us to know how it feels to be hungry. This should teach us to help poor and hungry who are in need of our help.
6. *Sawm* without giving up bad habits is like going hungry. There is no reward for such a *sawm*.
7. Sawm is made fard so that we may learn Taqwa.
8. Taqwa means we love Allah so much that we fear to displease Him.

We have learned.

- Fasting in the month of Ramadaan is *fard* for every Muslim
- Fasting teaches us to share whatever we have with others.
- A true fast includes giving up bad habits as well as food and drink.

HAJJ: THE PILGRIMAGE

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

“ And *Hajj* to the house (of Allah) is a duty of people to Allah(S); but for those who can afford.”
(*Al-Imraan*3: 97)

EXPLANATION

1. *Hajj*, the pilgrimage to *Bait-ullah*, the house of Allah(S), is the fifth pillar of Islam.
2. It is *fard* only for those who are healthy, and have enough money to pay for their journey to *Hajj*.
3. *Hajj* brings Muslims from all over the world to Makkah. They wear special clothes called *Ihraam*, which shows that they are all brothers and sisters in Islam.
4. All the pilgrims go around the Kabaah. This is called *tawwaaf*.
5. At *Hajj*, Allah says, “Let there be no shameful actions, bad deeds and fighting.” (*Al-Baqaraah*2: 197)
6. During *Hajj* a pilgrim visits *Bait-ullah* in Makkah and goes to Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifah. The *Hujjaaj* (people who perform *Hajj*) visit Madina before or after the *Hajj* where they offer Salaah in the *Masjid an-Nabawi*.
7. They also visit the tomb of Rasulullah (S) for salaam.
8. The *Hajj* is also the place where Muslims can have meetings to see how they can help Muslims from other countries solve their problems.

We have learned

- Every Muslim who can afford, must perform *Hajj* once in a lifetime.
- While on *Hajj*, Muslims wear special clothes, do special things and visit many places.
- The *Hajj* is the place where Muslims meet to strengthen each other.

TRANSPORT

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

“And horses, mules and donkeys, for you to ride and for beauty, and
He has created (other) things
that you do not know about”
(*Nahl*16: 8)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah (S) has created animals for us to make life easy for us.
2. Rasulullah (S) and his companions used camels, horses, mules and donkeys for transport.
3. Today, we use cars, trains and aeroplanes to transport us.
4. We should be thankful to Allah (S) for making travel easy for us.
5. We should travel to do good things such as helping our parents with shopping, going to school, to the mosque and going for *Hajj*.
6. We should not travel to evil places such as gambling dens and nite clubs.

We have learned

- Allah (S) has created transport to make life easy for us.
- We must be thankful to Allah (S) for his blessings on us.
- We should travel for good and not for evil.

I AM A MUSLIM

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

“If anyone accepts a *Deen* other than Islam,
never will it be accepted of him.”
(*Al-Imraan*3: 85)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah (S) has chosen *Islaam* as the *Deen* for mankind.
2. Rasulullah (S) has said: “Every child is born a Muslim, it is only his parents that later turn him into a Jew, a Christian or a Magian.”
3. *Islaam* teaches us how to live in the natural way that
4. Allah (S) has created us.
5. *Islaam* also gives us answers to all our problems in life.
6. As Muslims, we should strive to become good Muslims by following the teachings of the Quraan and Rasulullah’s (S) Sunnah.
7. We should make *Da’waaah*, spread the message of *Islaam* to the non-muslims so that they can see the beautiful message of *Islaam*.

We have learned

- Allah (S) has only sent down one *Deen* to mankind: Islam
- *Islaam* is the natural way for all people to follow.
- The Quraan and Sunnah tell us how to become good Muslims.
- We should make *Da’waaah* to the non-muslims by inviting them to *Islaam*.

FIGHTING

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

“Fight in the cause of Allah (S) those who fight you,”
(*Baqaraah*2: 190)

EXPLANATION

1. Allah (S) commands us to fight in the cause of Islaam.
2. We must fight against those who fight against the Muslims.
3. We should not allow the enemies of Islaam to take advantage of us.
4. Muslims are healthy and train to become soldiers of Allah(S).
5. Muslims do not fight with their fellow Muslim brothers and sisters.
6. Allah loves those who fight in His cause.

We have learned

- Muslims fight only the enemies of Islaam.
- We must prepare ourselves to be soldiers of Islaam.
- We should fight for the pleasure of Allah (S) alone.