

Respect for Children

Of all the gifts and blessings Allah has favoured us with, one of the greatest is children. Like all of Allah's blessings, we must show great appreciation and respect to children.

Rasulullah was very fond of children. He would always show kindness, respect and love towards every child. This is a sign of a true believer.

So children must be treated as a gift. You know when someone gives you a special gift, we treat it with care to protect it, we don't want anyone to touch it so we keep it in a safe spot. Just like gifts children should be cared for and to make sure they're safe from anything harmful.

One day, the Prophet was giving a talk at the Masjid when all of a sudden he went quiet and he left the masjid. Everyone was puzzled and they said, "What's going on? Why did the Prophet stop talking and leave the masjid so suddenly?".

The people went to see where the Prophet went and they found him outside walking towards two children, they were his grandsons, Hasan and Husein - they are the sons' of Ali and Fatima. Fatima was the Prophet's daughter. His grandsons' Hasan and Husein were both wearing bright red shirts which managed to catch the Prophet's attention during his talk.

Rasulullah loved them so dearly. So when Hasan and Husein spotted their grandfather, they grinned so wide it almost reached their eyes and they ran as fast as they could to the Prophet with their arms outstretched to give him a big warm hug.

The Prophet was so happy to see them and he said, "Come inside the masjid and sit down next to me while I give a talk", and that's what they both did. The Prophet continued his talk while the people listened quietly.

Whenever the Prophet saw Hasan and Husain in distress or upset crying on the top of their lungs, he would call his daughter Fatima to stop whatever she was doing and to quickly attend to her sons Hasan and Husein. This is because nothing was more important than giving comfort to a child.

Sometimes you see at the masjid, some mothers would bring their children to the masjid to do their salah. And while doing their salah you can hear small children crying and making a fuss as they grow impatient. And the mothers would get worried their child crying would interrupt others from salah. But SubhanAllah whenever the Prophet heard a child crying during prayers, he would immediately

make the prayers shorter so that the mothers could calm their children to stop their cries without too much delay.

Going back to Hassan and Husein at the masjid they sat quietly as they listened to their grandpa. They knew the masjid is a place where you have to be quiet when someone was talking but they also knew they didn't have to always be serious in the masjid. Because one day, when their grandfather, Rasulullah was leading the salah. Rasulullah was doing sujood, bowing his head to the ground when one of his grandsons climbed onto his back. 1 min passed ... then 5 mins and then 10 mins passed ... and the prophet still didn't move from his position. People following the Prophet in the salah were puzzled? They thought why is he taking so long in his sujood?

Many minutes passed by before Rasulullah's grandson finally climbed down and Rasulullah was able to raise his head off the ground and the people followed him.

When the salah ended the people following him asked Rasulullah, "You kept your head on the ground for such a long time! Was this because Allah gave you a message or revelation?". And the prophet said, "oh no no, it was my grandson, he was riding on my back so I didn't want to spoil his game so I let him climb on me and waited until he climbed down before I could move".

The people said, "Oh, we see", they were so impressed by the Prophet's love towards his grandsons and how much he cherished the happiness of a child that he didn't want to spoil their play.

Respect for children - A child's rights over his father

1. The father should choose the child's mother well
2. Give the child a good Muslim name
3. Teach the child the Sacred book, the Qur'an

Colour in the correct word/s.

1. One of the greatest gifts Allah has favoured us with is **children** **wealth**.
2. Children must be shown **sternness** **Respect**.
3. Rasullullah was very fond of all **children** **adults**.
4. Kindness and respect towards children is a sign of
weakness **True faith**.
5. A mother **must** **must not** do anything that may harm her unborn child.
6. A child must be given a good **name** **Muslim name**.
7. A **teacher** **parent** must feed, clothe and educate the child.
8. The most important duty to a child is **Islamic education** **good food**.
9. Children must perform salah at the age of **ten** **seven**.
10. Children learn when **punished** **From example**.
11. There is no better gift a Muslim can give to his children than
wealth **good character and piety**.
12. Parents who want children to be good must
be strict **themselves be good**.
13. In admonishing a child one must never use **kind** **abusive words**.
14. A parent must not punish children while **angry** **happy**.
15. Parents should not be **patient** **impatient** with children.
16. Parents should not **pamper** **ignore** their children.
17. Parents must play with **all** **their** children.
18. Children should be taught
Wrestling, swimming and archery **Soccer, tennis and motor racing**.

19. Children should not be made to do **any** **overly burdensome** work.

20. Parents must never show **kindness** **favouritism** towards any one child.

21. The children of non-Muslims **are** **are not** to be treated like our own.

22. Parents should not spoil children by giving them too **little** **much** nor dishearten them by giving too **much** **little**.