FAITH IN FOCUS

Weekly Atfal Class

November - Week 1



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Class Rules for a Great Lesson

01 ARRIVE READY

- Arrive on time and be prepared.
- Greet with “Assalamu Alaikum” on arrival.

02 LISTEN

- Listen quietly and respectfully.
- Raise your hand to ask questions.

03 LEARN

- Work hard and learn something new today.







Ready • Respectful • Curious

Today’s Lesson Plan

1. Tilawat – Surah Al-Baqarah (2:169)
2. Hadith of the Week
3. The History of Halloween
4. Trick-or-Treating Origins
5. Islamic Guidance About Halloween
6. Friday Sermon Summary
7. Homework
8. Salat Recap
9. Learning Time
10. Announcements!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Halloween



Tilawat – Surah Al-Baqarah (2:169)

يٰٓاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوْا مِمَّا فِى الْاَرْضِ حَلٰلًا طَيِّبًا ۖ وَّلَا

تَتَّبِعُوْا خُطُوٰتِ الشَّيْطٰنِ ۭ اِنَّهٗ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِيْنٌ

“O ye men! eat of what is lawful and good in the earth; and follow not the footsteps of Satan; surely, he is to you an open enemy.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah, 2: 169)



What does this verse teach us about making good choices?

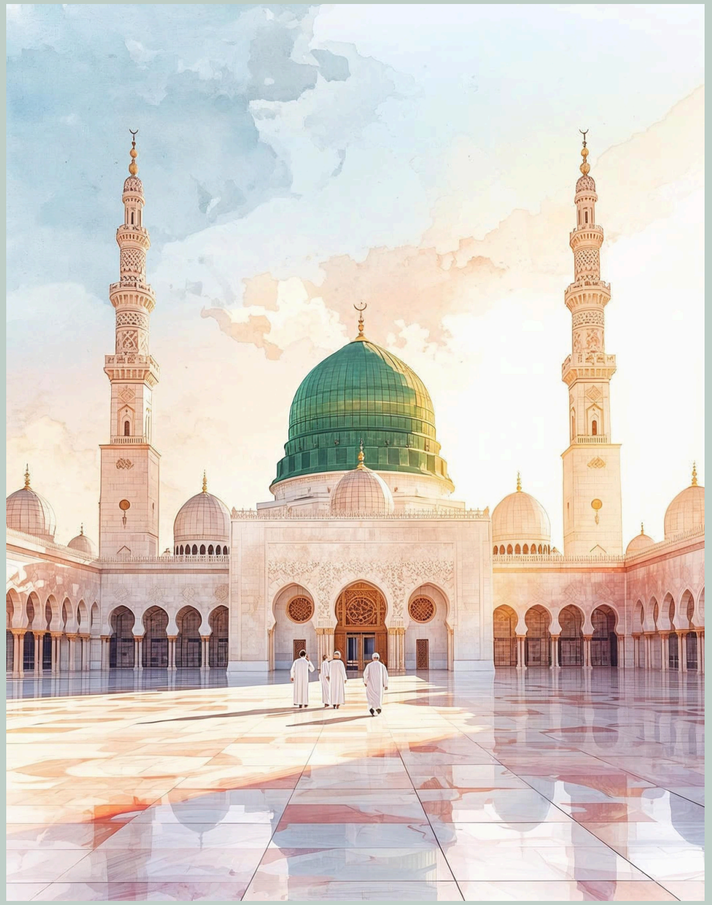
Hadith of the Week

“Hazrat Anas ibn Malik (ra) reported that when the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) came to Medina and was asked about two days of games, he said Allah had substituted better days: the day of sacrifice and the day of breaking the fast.”

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ قَدِمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم الْمَدِينَةَ وَلَهُمْ يَوْمَانِ يَلْعَبُونَ فِيهِمَا فَقَالَ " مَا هَذَانِ الْيَوْمَانِ " . قَالُوا كُنَّا نَلْعَبُ فِيهِمَا فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ . فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَبْدَلَكُمْ بِهِمَا خَيْرًا مِنْهُمَا يَوْمَ الأَضْحَى وَيَوْمَ الْفِطْرِ

Sunan Abi Dawud, Hadith 1134

Why are these days special in Islam?



The History of Halloween

- Halloween began over 2,000 years ago with the Celts of Ireland, and parts of Europe. They celebrated Samhain on 31 October–1 November, marking the end of harvest and the beginning of winter.
- They lit bonfires and wore costumes because they believed the boundary between the living and the dead became weaker.
- Later, Christians observed All Saints' Day on 1 November, and the evening before became known as All Hallows' Eve, eventually shortened to Halloween.





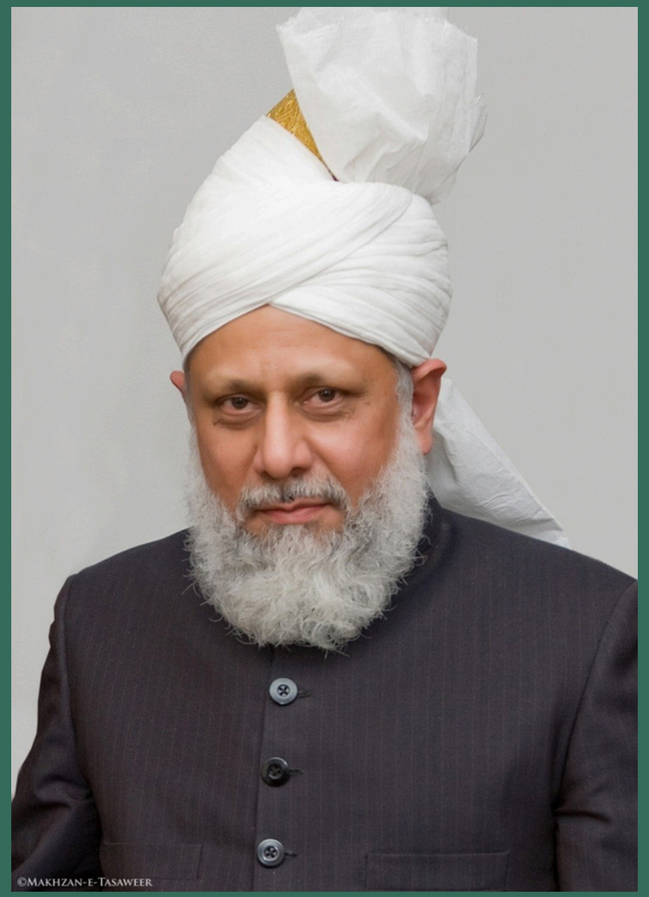
Trick-or-Treating Origins

- Hundreds of years ago, souling was practised in parts of Britain and Ireland. Poor people and children visited homes asking for food, sometimes receiving soul cakes in return for prayers for the dead.
- In Scotland and Ireland, guising involved dressing up, visiting houses, and performing songs or poems for treats. Together, these traditions helped influence modern trick-or-treating.

Islamic Guidance About Halloween

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} guidance — 26 January 2021

“[...] The ritual of Halloween, which is now considered ‘fun’ by people, is based on satanic ideas and polytheistic beliefs and is a hidden evil. A true Muslim and especially an Ahmadi should always remember that one must safeguard against anything which is based on shirk even if it is done for enjoyment because such rituals take a person away from religion. Moreover, it is also against the dignity of an Ahmadi child to go begging, as beggars do, around people’s houses on the occasion of this festival in the name of entertainment. An Ahmadi has a certain distinction which we should inculcate in the minds of children from childhood. “Thus, no Ahmadi is permitted to participate in the ritual of Halloween, neither by dressing up as a ghost, nor as a witch or a fairy, because this ritual is based on false and polytheistic beliefs.”



Friday Sermon Summary

‘The Holy Prophet’s (sa) Life of Contentment & Simplicity'

PERFECT MODEL OF SIMPLICITY

- It is recorded that two months at a time would pass by and the stove in the Holy Prophet’s (sa) home would not be lit. Instead, he would suffice upon dates and water and at most, milk that would be sent by the neighbours. Such was the Holy Prophet’s (sa) simple life that nothing would be cooked in his home for two months at a time.





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ACCEPTING THE SMALLEST OF GIFTS

- The Holy Prophet(sa) said that if he were ever invited to eat a small piece of lamb he would accept the invitation and if he were ever sent a small piece of lamb as a gift he would accept the gift. In other words, the Holy Prophet(sa) would not reject even the simplest of invitations or gifts. In fact, the Holy Prophet(sa) taught that it is very displeasing to reject a gift.



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SIMPLICITY IN ATTIRE

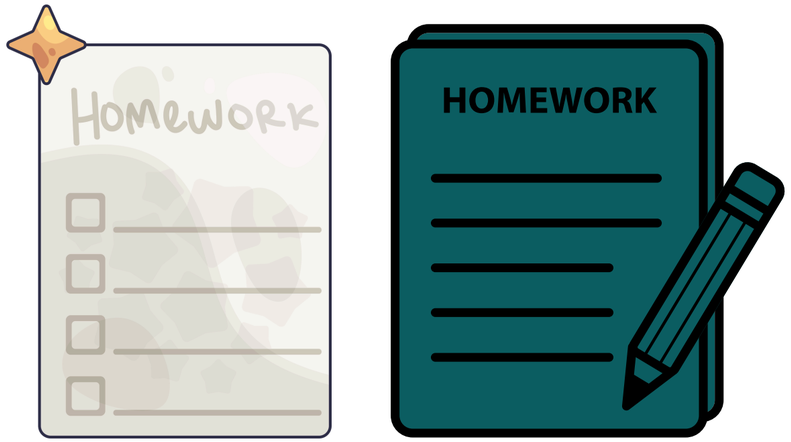
- The Holy Prophet(sa) often only had the clothes he was wearing and did not have extra sets of clothes folded away. If ever the clothes had to be washed, the Holy Prophet(sa) would wash them and often wear them before they were completely dry, to the point that water marks could still be seen on them as he wore the clothes.





Homework

- [ ] Reflect on today’s lesson with your parents at home
- [ ] Fill out the handouts for your age group
- [ ] Bring your homework in for next week



Homework for this week:

Research, write down and briefly explain 5 Prophecies mentioned in the Holy Quran.

SALAT RECAP

The Rukoo Position



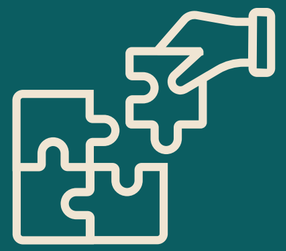
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Holy is my Lord, the Most Great	The Most Great	My Lord	Holy is

Did you know?

The word Salat is mentioned in the Holy Quran 83 times!



Learning Time



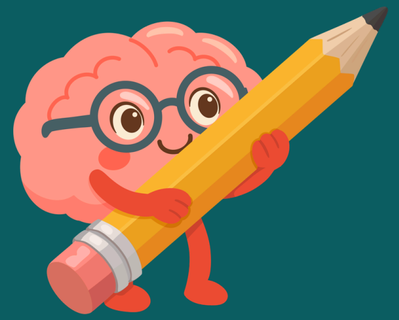


LET'S DEEP DIVE INTO TODAYS TOPIC!









Announcements!

Next Class Date:

National Updates:

Local/Regional Updates:

Don’t forget your homework for next class!