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Story:

So Where Do I Start?

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We Love Being Muslims!

I am a Muslim
This you can see
Let me now tell you
Some things about me
I worship Allaah
And pray just to Him
To pray to another
Is one awful sin!

I love Allaah's Prophets
And Messengers see,
May Allaah's blessings
And peace on them be.

None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah

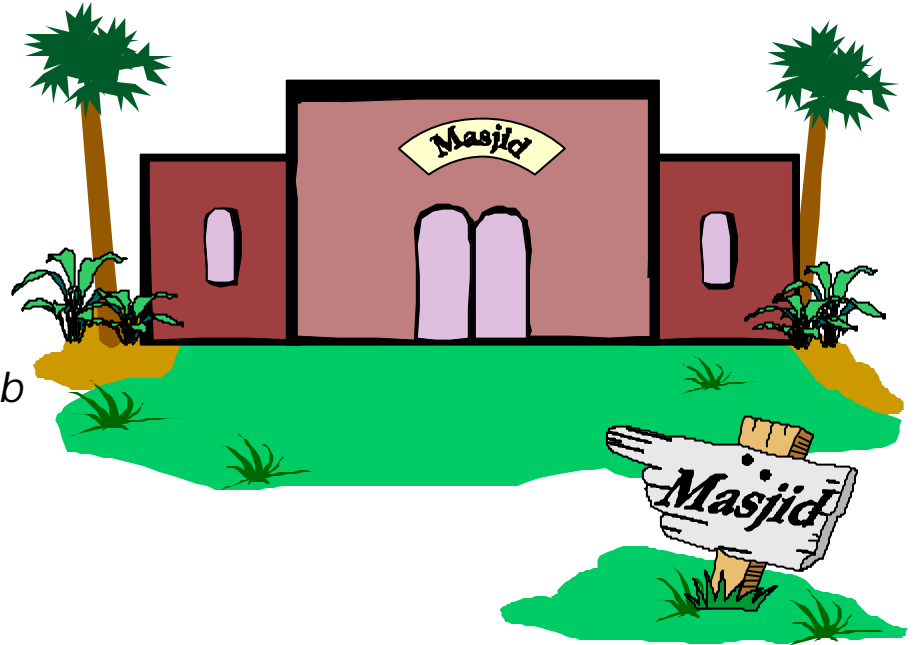
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Allaahu Akbar



My day is special
I bow in *Salaah*
Each day as I pray
Five times to Allaah.

Fajr is early
For *Dhuhr* we wait
Next 'Asr then *Maghrib*
And 'Eshaa is late.



I remember Allaah
Throughout the whole day
In things that I do
And things that I say.

For every occasion
There's guidance for me
It's from the Qur'aan
And Sunnah you see.



So when I am dressing
I cover up well
I look like a Muslim
This you can tell.

And when other Muslims
At some place I see
I don't say, 'Hi' to them
That's not me!



I say to them words
Each time that we meet
'*As-salaamu 'alaykum*'
The best way to greet!

For Allaah's blessings
I thank Him and say
'*Alhamdulillah*'
And that's every day.



Bismillaahi wa lajnaa...

And when I have things
Later to do
I say '*Inshaa Allaah*'
I hope you do too!

When I come home
About to step in
I say my *du'aa*
Then I go in.



Bismillaah

The times that I eat
Again I will be
Showing my Muslim
Identity.

I use my right hand
First say, '*Bismillaah*'
And do not waste food
I have from Allaah.



To every person
I try to be kind
I care about others
That's what you'll find.

I have some special
Times of great fun!
These are `Eed days
Can't wait till they come!

These are just some of the
Things you will see.
It's truly a Muslim
That I love to be!



Points To Talk About



Parents and teachers: Please read these points out to your children so they can benefit from what they have just read *inshaa Allaah* ¹.

1. Allaah made us Muslims, which is a huge blessing! A Muslim believes in Allaah and worships Him alone. A Muslim also believes in all of Allaah's Prophets and Messengers *alayhimus-salaam*.²
2. Allaah gave us a wonderful way of life called Islaam. All of Allaah's Prophets and Messengers followed Islaam. Islaam is the best way of life! It teaches us everything good and true! Allaah says in the *Qur'aan*:³
«This day I have perfected your Religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islaam as your religion.»⁴

¹ *Inshaa Allaah*. If Allaah Wills.

² *Alayhimus-salaam*. Peace be upon them.

³ Translations give only a rough meaning of the *Qur'aan*.

⁴ Soorah Al-Maa'idah 5:3.

3. Allaah tells us to follow what the Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*⁵ taught. If we do this, Allaah will love us very much. Allaah says in the *Qur'aan* (translated):

«Say (O Muhammad): If you (really) love Allaah then follow me, Allaah will love you...»⁶

4. A Muslim prays *Salaah* five times every day. This is very important! Praying *Salaah* is one of the best deeds in Islam and Allaah will give us a huge reward for praying *Salaah*! The Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said that the best action is **<Prayer upon its time...>**⁷

5. A Muslim wears clothes that cover him or her properly. The way we dress shows everyone that we're Muslims.

⁵ *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*: Peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him.

⁶ Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:31.

⁷ Reported by al-Bukhaari.

6. When we see or meet any other Muslims, we say, '*As-salaamu 'alaykum*'. Allaah gives us a reward every time we say '*As-salaamu 'alaykum*'. It's much better to say this than to say, 'Hi! A man asked the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*, "What in Islaam is the best?" He replied, <It is to feed people, and greet everyone with *salaam*⁸, whether you know him or not.>⁹
7. A Muslim says the words '*inshaa Allaah*'¹⁰ when planning to do something in the future.¹¹ This is because things can only happen if Allaah allows them to. So for example we would say, 'I'm going to the Mosque later *inshaa Allaah*'.
8. A Muslim eats and drinks in the same way the Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* taught us. We eat with our right hand only and say '*Bismillaah*'¹² before

⁸ *Salaam* Saying, '*As-salaamu 'alaykum*' — although commonly translated as, 'Peace be upon you', a closer translation would be, 'May Allaah protect you'.

⁹ Al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

¹⁰ *Inshaa Allaah*. If Allaah wills.

¹¹ See Soorah Al-Kahf 18:23-24.

¹² *Bismillaah*. In the name of Allaah.

we start. We also say a *du'aa* when we enter our house. This helps us remember Allaah and reminds us that our food, our house and all our blessings are from Allaah. We thank Allaah for all our blessings and say, '*Alhamdulillah*'¹³.

9. A Muslim tries to be kind and helpful to everyone. Allaah loves it when we help others. He will reward us for this.
10. `Eed is an exciting time for Muslims! We don't celebrate anything else like Christmas or New Years Day because Allaah gave us `Eed. Allaah will even reward us for having fun on `Eed!
11. Allaah is the Most Kind! He'll give us huge rewards for trying to be good Muslims. So we love to make Allaah happy with us. And we love being Muslims! Allaah promises:

Verily with Allaah, is a great reward!»¹⁴

¹³ *Alhamdulillah*: All praise and thanks are due to Allaah alone. Educators please note: Giving thanks to Allaah is not just saying "*Alhamdulillah*" but also it must be accompanied by righteous actions in obedience to Allaah.

¹⁴ Soorah at-Taubah 9:22

Quiz

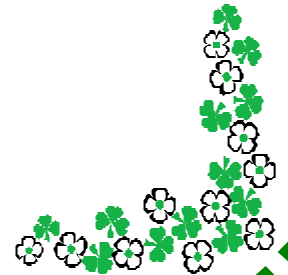
1. Who does a Muslim only pray to?
2. What do we say when we meet other Muslims instead of saying, 'Hi'?
3. When we step into our house and when we eat, we mention Allaah's Name by saying what?
4. When we want to do something later, tomorrow or in the future, we remember Allaah by saying what?
5. Name three other things that only a Muslim does.

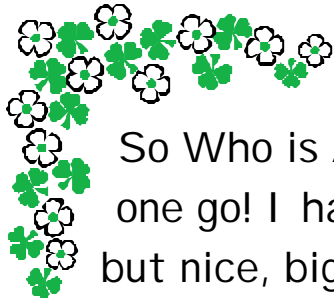


So Where Do I Start?

I love being Muslim, this is true! And good things, I try to do! But there are some things first to know. I've learnt some things but there's more, so...

...So where should I go back and start? It's with *Tawheed* to help my heart. *Tawheed* begins by knowing Allaah. And this will help me pray *Salaah*. And so the first thing I must do, is know the One I'm praying to.

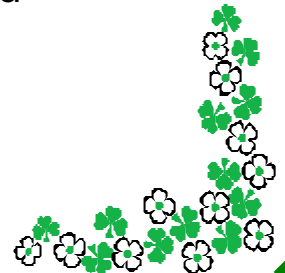


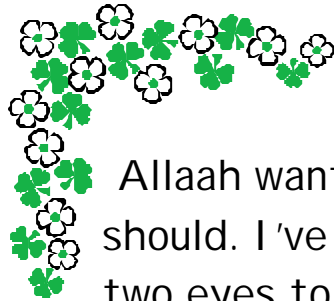


So Who is Allaah? I must know! I can't find out in just one go! I have to read and learn and ask. It's not a small but nice, big task!

It means I have to sit right down. I can call my friends all round! And start to read and learn and see, all the things Allaah tells me.

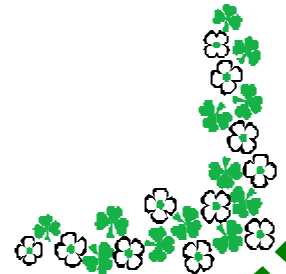
Allaah speaks in *al-Qur'aan*. He tells me how to build *eemaan*. He says that I must know Him well. Then do the things that He does tell.





Allaah wants me to be good. So I must learn what I should. I've learnt that Allaah made me. And He gave me two eyes to see. He gives me food - all kinds that grow. And covers me with clothes you know.

I've learnt that Allaah is Strong. He'll punish those who do things wrong. And I've learnt He forgives things bad. That's if we ask Him - yes I have! I've learnt to ask Allaah you see. The One Who hears and answers me.

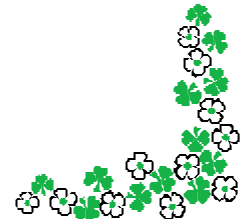




I've learnt that Allaah is up High. He's up above the big, blue sky. I've learnt that Allaah can see, but not like you and not like me. Allaah sees all things – it's true. Right now He's watching me and you!

I've found out that Allaah can hear – all things far and all things near. I know this but I don't ask, 'How?' I know He's listening to me now.

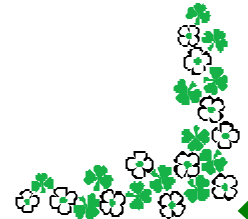
Worship Allaah, this we must! And love Him, hope in Him and trust. I need to learn how I must pray. What is worship? What does Allaah say?...





There's another life - it's true. One day I'll die and so will you. Then back to Allaah we will go. That time might not be far you know...

I love Allaah and truly so. He tells me all I need to know. So I'll keep learning - I will try! And I'll please Allaah till I die! I feel afraid to do things bad. With me I hope that Allaah will be glad...



Points To Talk About

Parents and teachers: Please read these points out to your children so they can benefit from what they have just read *inshaa Allaah*.

1. Allaah tells us in the Qur'aan to learn about Him. This is very important because it will help us to obey Allaah. Allaah tells us:

Know, that none has the right to be worshipped in truth, except Allaah [Soorah Muhammad 47:19]

2. Allaah's Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu alayhi wa-sallam*, also taught us to first learn about Allaah. Our Prophet spent 13 years in Makkah teaching his noble companions about Allaah and *Tawheed*. So we must begin where our Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa-sallam*, taught us to begin.
3. So what is *Tawheed*? *Tawheed* is about knowing and believing in Allaah, and that He alone is our Perfect Lord. *Tawheed* is also about knowing and believing in Allaah's

Beautiful Names and Qualities. Also, to know the Actions Allaah does. *Tawheed* is also knowing and believing that Allaah is the One Whom we must worship alone. We must all obey and worship Allaah alone.

4. There are great benefits in learning about Allaah. It begins to affect and help our heart! For example, when we know that Allaah is the Most Kind, and He gives us great blessings and guidance, we start to **love** Allaah for this. And when we know that Allaah has the biggest and best rewards which He will give to every Muslim Who obeys Him, we start to **hope** for Allaah's rewards if we are good!
5. We also start to feel **afraid** of Allaah the more we learn about Him. We feel afraid to make Allaah Angry with us if we are bad. Allaah is the Most Powerful. He hates bad actions. He will punish bad people because they do not please Him. Knowing this helps us to please Allaah! All of this has helped our heart! Our Prophet, *sallallaahu alayhi wa-sallam* said: **"Indeed there is a piece of flesh in the body. If it is good, the whole body becomes good. But if it is bad, the whole body becomes bad. That is the heart"**. [Reported by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]

6. Then with our knowledge, we must start doing the things which Allaah loves and not do anything He hates. This is part of *Tawheed*. It shows we love and thank Allaah.
7. So there's lots to learn and do! One of the first steps is to know and understand Allaah's Beautiful Names and Qualities. Also, to know Allaah's Actions. All of this will tell about Allaah and how to please Him. Allaah has the best Names! Allaah says:

And all the most Beautiful and Excellent Names belong to Allaah [Soorah al-A'raaf 7:180]

8. So let's start learning about Allaah! Then we must do whatever pleases Him! What will Allaah give us for doing all of this? Allaah will give us great rewards for learning about Him and pleasing Him! And, Allaah will make it easier for us to get to His everlasting Gardens of Paradise in the next life! Our Prophet, *sallallahu alayhi wa-sallam*, said: **"Whoever treads a path to seek [Islamic] knowledge therein, Allaah will make easy for him, a path to Paradise."** [Reported by Muslim.]...

Isn't that a great, great, reward?!



Jannah

There's a place
Good Muslims go
When they die
Did you know?
In that place
They'll never die
They will laugh
And never cry
So if we love
Allaah our Lord

Then He'll give us
A huge reward!
And if we follow
Al-I slaam
And do the things
In *Al-Qur'aan*
And follow what
Our Prophet said
Then *inshaa Allaah*
We'll race ahead

To our next life
And most surely
Forever happy
There we'll be
A place we've never
Seen so nice!
Its name is *Jannah*:

Paradise!



Remember Kids...

To get to *Jannah*
We must start
To know Allaah
And help our heart
Because to Allaah
We'll return
So start to know Him...

Learn, learn and learn!



Words From Our Scholars



What is Tawheed?¹

Shaykh Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Hasan, *rahimahullaah*, said Tawheed in the Sharee'ah means:

“To single out Allaah alone for (all) worship”.²

Tawheed is of three categories...

‘Allaamah as-Safaareenee, *rahimahullaah*, said:

“Know that Tawheed has three divisions: Tawheed ar-Ruboobiyyah (The Oneness of Allaah in His Lordship), Tawheed al-Uloohiyyah (to single out Allaah alone for worship), and Tawheed al-Asmaa was-Sifaat (the uniqueness of Allaah’s Names and Attributes).”³

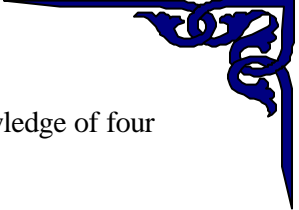
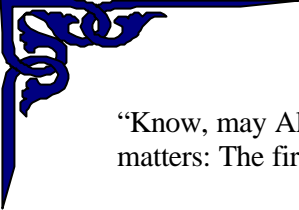
So the first obligation upon every servant...

Shaykh ul-Islam Muhammad ibn ‘Abdul-Wahhaab, *rahimahullaah*, said:

¹ All statements/headings in bold are the words of the author.

² Ad-Dururus-Sunniyyah Vol. 1 p.48.

³ Lawaami al-Anwaarul Bahiyyah Vol. 1 p.128.



“Know, may Allaah have mercy upon you, that it is obligatory upon you to have knowledge of four matters: The first: Knowledge, which is knowledge and awareness of Allaah...”⁴

Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih alUthaymeen, *rahimahullaah*, said explaining this knowledge and awareness:

“Knowledge and awareness of Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, with the heart, with such knowledge and awareness, that it makes the person accept whatever He has prescribed and laid down, and causes him to submit to that...”⁵

So this knowledge first affects the heart, and gives life to it...

Ibn Abil-‘Izz, *rahimahullaah*, said: “...there is no life for the hearts, nor any delight, nor any tranquillity, except through knowing their Lord, the One to be worshipped, their Creator, - with His Names, His Attributes and His Actions...”⁶

And this knowledge of Allaah, is known as ‘aqeedah - belief...

⁴ Explanation Of The Three Fundamental Principles Of Islaam by the noble Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-Uthaymeen, p.38.

⁵ Ibid, p.38.

⁶ Sharhul Aqeedatut Tahaawiyah p.69.



Shaykh ul-Islam ‘Abdul-‘Azeez bin ‘Abdullaah bin Baaz, *rahimahullaah*, said:

“ The greatest and most excellent knowledge is that which pertains to Allaah, His Names and His Attributes, and this knowledge is known as ‘Aqeedah (belief).”⁷

And it is with this knowledge and belief, that the hearts begin to be purified...

Shaykh ul-Islam ibn Taymiyyah, *rahimahullaah*, said:

“...indeed Tawheed includes negating any lordship aside from Allaah, and affirming the Lordship of Allaah in the heart, this being the reality of Laa ilaaha illaa Allaah (there is none worthy of worship except for Allaah), and this being the basis by which the hearts are purified.”⁸

⁷ Knowledge p.5.

⁸ Diseases of the Hearts and Their Cures by Shaykh ul-Islam ibn Taymiyyah p.25-26.

