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Respecting parents

AL-BAQIR CENTRE

Why is it important to respect our parents?

In Islam, respecting parents is one of the greatest acts of worship. Allah has commanded us to treat them with love, care, and kindness. In the Holy Qur'an, Allah says,

"Your Lord has commanded that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to your parents." *(Surah Al-Isra, 17:23)* This shows how much Allah values our parents and how rewarding it is to make them happy. By respecting and helping our parents, we earn Allah's blessings and grow closer to Him.

A special Hadith

> The Holy Prophet ﷺ said,
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> **"Your mother, your mother, your mother, then your father."**
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> (Sahih Muslim)

What does this hadith mean?

Our mothers are very special and deserve lots of love, respect, and care. The Prophet ﷺ mentioned "mother" three times to show how much effort and sacrifice mothers make for us.

- **Mothers carry us in their tummies** for a long time.
- **They go through pain when we are born.**
- **They look after us when we are little, feed us, and take care of us** – even when we become adults!

That's why the Prophet ﷺ taught us to treat our mothers kindly and to listen to them. He ﷺ also said "your father" to remind us that fathers are important too. They work hard to take care of us and protect us. But this hadith shows that our mothers have an extra special place in our hearts because of everything they do.

COLOUR IN THE BOX WHICH YOU THINK IS THE RIGHT WAY TO RESPECT YOUR PARENTS.

1. When your parents are talking, you should:

   a) Listen carefully

   b) Interrupt them

2. If your parents ask you to clean up your toys, you should:

   a) Ignore them

   b) Clean up your toys right away

3. When your parents are tired, you should:

   a) Help them out

   b) Make more noise

4. When your parents give you food, you should:

   a) Not eat it

   b) Say thank you

HOME LEARNING

❖ Sit with your parents and listen to a story about how your parents were respectful to *their* parents. Then, share what you learned about your family and how you can follow this example.

❖ Role-play the following scenarios with your siblings or parents:
   o How to respond when parents ask for help
   o How to apologise if you upset your parents
   o Saying kind words like "thank you", "please", and "I'm sorry".