

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَخَلِيلُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Praise be to Allah, who taught us and bestowed upon us blessings, and guided us with the Quran to that which is most suitable. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Him alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon him, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

"Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous." (25:74)

"And know that your properties and your children are but a trial" (8:28)

All of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects." (Bukhari)

"Every child is born with Fitrah" (Bukhari)

**"And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith - We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person, for what he earned, is retained."
(52:21)**

We live in a highly provocative, sexualised climate, deconstructing faith, culture, identity & gender. The world & technology is advancing, our children access this plethora of information at their fingertips. You must equip them, with the correct knowledge, skills & content.

"I will surely crush his descendants, except a few." (17:62)

"I will surely sit in wait for them on Your straight path. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You]." (7:16-17)

- 1. START TALKING TO YOUR KIDS**
- 2. DON'T DODGE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS**
- 3. AGE IS ON YOUR SIDE**
- 4. BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE**
- 5. PRAYER & CLEANLINESS**
- 6. GENDER IDENTITY & RELATIONSHIPS**
- 7. MODESTY**
- 8. REPRODUCTION**
- 9. PORNOGRAPHY**
- 10. HOMOSEXUALITY - HOMOPHOBIC REMARKS**
- 11. PERSONAL SPACE AND PRIVATE PARTS**
- 12. SAME-SEX FAMILIES - INTERSEX**

- **START TALKING TO YOUR KIDS** – have an open dialogue, ask them questions, listen to them carefully & show interest in their life & their troubles. Speak to your children about sensitive & uncomfortable topics, **TEACH THEM BEFORE SOMEBODY ELSE DOES**

“O my child! Do not relate your dream to your brothers (12:5)

“O my son! If the evil deed is equal to the weight of a mustard-seed, and even if it is in a rock, or in the heavens, or wherever in the earth, Allah will bring it forth; indeed Allah knows all the minutest things, the All Aware.” (31:16)

- **DON'T DODGE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS** – Don't lose your cool, collect your thoughts, give them a simple & true answer, include your own personal experiences & beliefs

So O people, ask the people of knowledge if you do not know. (16:43)

- **AGE IS ON YOUR SIDE** – Your children admire & adore you, you are their world & reality. Instill good values & explain how/why your family does things. The best time to teach your child about beliefs/values/way of life is at a young age as they absorb/internalise everything & willingly practice it.

- **BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE** – Prepare for the challenges ahead, gender, sexuality, pornography, sex, pregnancy, puberty, faith, diet, clothing... Technology and the Internet, no more than 1-2 hours daily. Filter the content, avoid shows, cartoons, movies, games and advertisements that promote mixed gender relationships, sexuality, immodesty, violence, immorality.
- **PRAYER & CLEANLINESS** – The first school of any child is their home. Children should be made to pray at the age of 7. Include children during Wudu by 5/6, stress the importance of Salah/Shukr/Cleanliness to Allah through practice. Encourage cleanliness, modesty, awrah, gratitude, connection to Allah & associate it with happiness & rewards.

“O my son! Keep the prayer established, and enjoin goodness and forbid from evil, and be patient upon the calamity that befalls you; indeed these are acts of great courage.”

“And establish the prayer; indeed the prayer stops from indecency and evil; and indeed the remembrance of Allah is the greatest; and Allah knows all what you do. (29:45)