



Motherhood in Islam

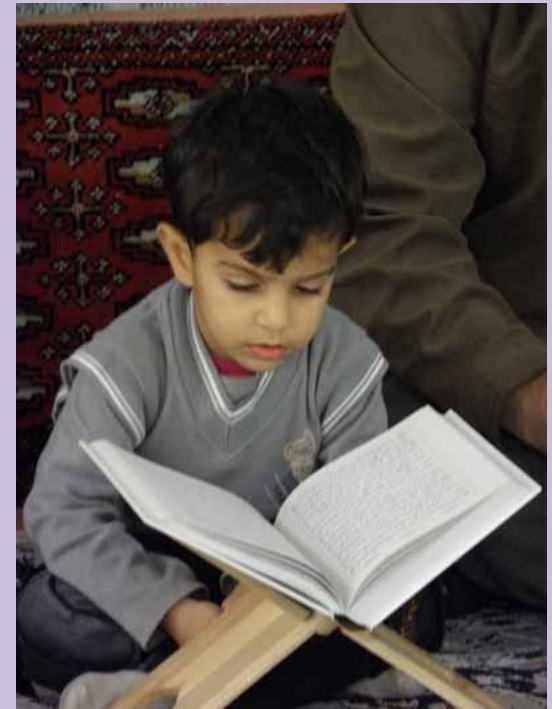
Session Three

Ponder and answer:

What part of teaching Quran to children is hardest for parents?

Agenda

- Introduction
- Hadith on Quran
- Familiarity with Quran
- Examples of short Quranic phrases to teach
- Advice on teaching Quran
- Useful sites



Hadith on Quran

The right of a child over the parent is that he give the child a good name, make his manners good, and teach him the Quran.

Imam Ali (a)

Whoever teaches his child the Quran has adorned him with an adornment that will create wonder in the First ones and the Last ones on the Day of Judgment.

Holy Prophet (s)

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(Familiarity with Quran)

A child who is familiar with the Quran:

- listens often to recitations of Quran
- learns recitation with rules, etc.
- has memorized certain Surahs of the Quran
- knows small phrases from the Quran
- is familiar with some contents of the Quran
- knows some Surah names, numbers etc.

Examples of short Quranic phrases to teach children

- 1) Keep your clothes clean; 74:4
- 2) Lower your voice; 31:19
- 3) God loves those who are clean and purified; 9:108
- 4) Allah does not guide the one who lies; 39:3
- 5) Remember Allah a lot, you will be successful; 62:10
- 6) Allah is with us; 9:40
- 7) Repel evil with good; 41:34
- 8) So forgive and make peace, do you not want Allah to forgive you? 24:22
- 9) Allah loves those who do good to others; 3:134
- 10) Call Me I will answer you; 40:60

Advice of Ayatullah Khamenei on teaching Quran to children

- Becoming familiar with Quran starts with recitation. Then memorize some parts. Ponder over the verses. Allow it to enter the heart, become attached to it.
- If people in our society take these steps with the Quran, slowly a new desired culture will take over society. But it takes time.
- Let children learn the most common words that occur often in the Quran.
- Encourage and reward children for memorizing the Quran.

Advice from a Mother

- 1) Keep it short and regular. I start with no more than 5 minutes.
2. Keep the mood loving. Give your child lots of hugs and cuddles.
3. Let them know that something very special will follow Quran time, like a good story or playtime with mom.
4. Play Quran softly in the home during playtime, morning routine, end-of-night routine. Turn off the TV.
5. Recite a quick surah with them before any new activity.
6. Recite short quran surahs in the car on the way to school.
7. Recite short quran surahs with them while you lay them down to bed.
8. Aim to do two short Quran sessions a day. This way if you miss one, you won't feel badly.
9. Recite Quran with them while you push them on a swing. I learned my first surah this way.
10. Lastly my very favorite, turn off all the noises in the house. Give your child a special treat daily, like ice cream. Let them enjoy it to the soft peaceful sounds of Quran.

Useful Sites

Teaching meaning with toys

<http://readwithmeaning.wordpress.com/>

Mini Tafsir Books

http://www.ad-duha.org/html/mini_tafseer_digital.html