



Term Course: Summer 2017

Number: ALI 408

Location Onsite Games Room JCC

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Course Title: Lessons From Nahjul Balagha

Duration: Five weeks, July 11-August 8, 2017

Timings: Tuesday mornings, 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Textbook Used: *Lessons From Nahjul Balagha* by Shaykh Hasanain Kassamali and Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Course Description This course allows for children to be exposed to the magnificent book of Nahjul Balagha and learn from its valuable teachings. Each class consists of content from Nahjul Balagha, along with various reflective exercises.

Course Objectives

- Understand what Nahjul Balagha is and what is included in it
 - To help students make meaningful connections between the information from Nahjul Balagha to their own life
 - To equip students with the skills to continue exploring the hidden gems in Nahjul Balagha on their own by the end of the course
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Course Topics:

Week 1 – Introduction to Nahjul Balagha

Week 2 – Holy Quran and Hadith in Nahjul Balagha

Week 3 – Beliefs and Akhlaq in Nahjul Balagha

Week 4 – Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha

Week 5 –Islam in Nahjul Balagha



Mini Class Project

In the last 10 minutes students will be given time to work on decorating and writing the information they learnt on paper leaves. During the final class students will place the leaves on a small 3D paper tree that they will create.

Optional At Home Exploration of Nahjul Balagha:

Within the specific topics covered in class there may be questions from the textbook that have not yet been completed. Students are encouraged to complete any of the remaining activities on their own.

Please note: Some of the activities may require access to the meaning of verses of the Holy Qur'an. An online copy of the Quran can be found on tanzil.net. Likewise an online copy of Nahjul Balagha can be accessed on google.com and searching "Nahjul Balagha Al Islam.org" (or see section "Useful Resources" below)

Added Incentive: For every question that a student completes on their own (that they did not complete in class), they will earn bonus decorating materials to add to the tree that they create during the final class.

Optional Show and Tell

Students are encouraged to examine the online version of Nahjul Balagha and share with the class any sermons, letters and sayings that they found particularly interesting.

Added Incentive: Every time a student shares a part from Nahjul Balagha they found interesting, they will earn bonus decorating materials to add to the tree that they create during the final class.

Useful Resources

1) Sermons in Nahjul Balagha

<https://www.al-islam.org/nahjul-balagha-part-1-sermons>

2) Letters and Sayings in Nahjul Balagha

<https://www.al-islam.org/nahjul-balagha-part-2-letters-and-sayings>

3) Online Quran

www.tanzil.net
