

Academy for Learning Islam (ALI)

Quran Appreciation Classes for Children

Aims & Objectives

- Quran Appreciation classes intend to make children familiar with contents of the Holy Quran. Children study passages of Quran and learn lessons that they can relate to and apply in their lives.
- The classes help children build a relationship with the Quran. They bring their own copy of the Quran with English translation and learn to search the index and look up verses on various topics.
- Interactive games and fun activities enhance the Quran study process so children enjoy the class and appreciate the study of the Quran.
- The same theme is covered for boys and girls ages 7 to 16 years. The depth and content of the lessons differ from one level to another.

Features

- Select passages of Quran for study each term. Outline and notes for the verses are provided to the teachers by ALI.
- Reading Arabic text with simple translation and exercises. Teachers and students are advised to use the translation by Ali Quli Qarai. Where required, ALI may simplify translations or use alternative words.
- Studying the context and stories of the passage under discussion
- Memorizing select verses of the Quran
- Learning relevant Hadiths on the verses
- Main activity (fun project) during the last 20 minutes of class. The activity is based on the passage for the term.
- Higher level student also learn comparison between the Biblical and Quranic versions of the events.

Class Format

- Trivia Question - students begin the class by answering a trivia question put on the board by the teacher. The question is from the Quran.
- Reciting the verse from the passage for that week.
- Discussing meaning, commentary, and relevant material on the verse.
- A game to help students understand the lesson in the verse
- Students work in groups on the main activity for the term

Examples of passages discussed

- 1) Sūra Yusuf; the passage about his dream and the reaction of his brothers, the time in prison, and the eventual reunion of the family.
- 2) Sūra Naml; passage on Nabī Sulayman (a) and the Queen of Sheba
- 3) Sūra Ibrāhīm; passage on Nabī Ibrāhīm (a) and the idol worshippers

Examples of Activities

The following are some of the main activities students have worked on. Each activity is based on the passage being discussed that term.

- 1) Lapbook
- 2) Scrapbook
- 3) Play
- 4) Vlog
- 5) Poetry Book

History of Quranic Appreciation session at ALI

2011 - Quran Appreciation classes were first introduced in the Greater Toronto area for children ages 9-12.

2014 - Quran Appreciation class was introduced in Brampton ON. Another class for ages 7-9 was introduced in the GTA

2015 - Quran Appreciation class started in London ON.

2016 - Quran Appreciation class was introduced in Orlando FL. Classes for girls ages 13-16 and boys ages 13-16 were also started in GTA.

2017 - Quran Appreciation class was introduced in Allentown, PA.

Past Course Outlines & Lessons on ALI Website

Details of past Quran Appreciation classes can be found on the ALI website at:

<https://www.academyofislam.com/resources/quran/>