

THE NAME HASAN

Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (a) was born on the 15th of Ramadan, in 3 A.H. His mother was Lady Fatima (a) and his father was Imam Ali (a), the first Imam. One of Imam Hasan's titles is al-Mujtaba, which means "The Chosen One."

Imam Hasan's grandfather, Prophet Muhammad (s), named the baby - Hasan, by the order of Allah. On the 7th day after his birth, the Prophet performed the Aqqa (sacrifice of an animal) and shaved the head of his grandson.

Prophet Muhammad also named Imam Husayn (a). He said, 'I named them, Al-Hasan and Al-Husayn- after Harun's two sons, Shabbar and Shabbir.'

What's in a name? 

The word **حسن** comes from three root Arabic letters: **ح س ن**

 Hasan is a person with beautiful character and actions.

Challenge: What other words do you know that come from the same root word as Hasan?
What root word does your name come from?
What does your name mean?

Extension: Who was Nabi Harun?

LESSON FROM THE BROTHERS



ACT THIS STORY OUT WITH A FRIEND!

Narrator: There was a man who had just come to Madinah. One day when it was Salat time, the man went to do wudu. Imam Hasan and Imam Husayn noticed that the man was doing his wudu incorrectly. They did **not** want to hurt his feelings by correcting him so they thought of another way.

Imam Hasan Please check to see if I am doing my wudu correctly.

Sure, I can watch while you do your wudu Imam Husayn

Narrator: All the while the man was watching them. He realized that he himself was doing the wudu incorrectly. The old man thought that the grandsons of Prophet Muhammad were very kind. They had taught him how to do wudu correctly without hurting his feelings.


Food for thought:  I learnt a lot from this story!  5799


What do we learn about Amr bil Ma'ruf (encouraging the good) and Nahi 'Anil Munkar (and discouraging evil) from the two Imams?

VISITING THE MASJID


Imam Hasan has said - One who visits a masjid regularly, gets **eight** benefits from it:

1. Strong faith
2. Brotherhood (or sisterhood) that benefits.
3. Useful knowledge
4. Hope in mercy of God
5. Speeches and sermons that guide him
6. and prevent him from evil
7. Avoiding sins due to shame
8. Awe and fear of God, the Beneficent, the Most High

(Tuhaf al-Uqul p.235) 

 **Take pictures to show what people do in a Masjid. You can draw your photos ☺**


Quran Challenge:
Open Sura 9, Verse 18.
What does the verse mean?
How can you apply it?

Extension: What are some things you like about going to masjid? 

SHARING A SIMPLE MEAL

One day, Imam Hasan was walking down the street. He saw a group of poor people eating dry food. They invited Imam Hasan to share their meal. Imam Hasan sat down and ate with them. When they finished the meal, Imam thanked them and invited them to his house. The people felt very happy and agreed to come. When they came to his home, Imam received them with much kindness. He gave them good food and gifts to take home.

From this story, we learn not to hurt the feelings of others by refusing to eat with them even if they offer you something very simple, or refusing to visit them, for no good reason.

Food for thought: 

Can you think of the times at school, masjid, field trips, and others when we CAN show kindness by eating and interacting with everyone around us with respect and kindness? What can we say or do at such times?

How can you follow Imam Hasan's example?

Challenge: What are some ways of sharing a meal with the less fortunate?

