

THE BLESSED BABY

Imam Mūsā al-Kāzīm *'alayhis salām* was born on the 7th of Safar, 128 AH in the village of Abwā which is located between Makkā and Madinā.

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His mother was Hamīda al-Barbariyya and his father was Imam Ja'far al-Sādiq *'alayhis salām*.



When the baby was born, Imam al-Sādiq (a) performed the religious ceremonies of birth - he said the Adhān in the baby's right ear and the Iqāma in the baby's left ear. When he returned to Madinā he held a feast for the people to celebrate the birth.



Imam al-Sādiq (a) said: "Allah has given a boy to me; he is the best of those Allah has created."



Imam al-Sādiq informed his companions that his son would be among the Imams of Ahl al-Bayt, and said: "Follow him; by Allah, he will be your leader."

Questions to answer:



- 1) Who are the other members of the Ahl al-Bayt?
- 2) To feed people at the birth of a baby is recommended. What is it known as? On what other occasions is it also recommended to do that?



Challenge: What is the significance of the city of Abwā in Islamic history? What other event happened here long before the birth of Imam al-Kāzīm ?

Please do let me try

Oh little boy, who makes us sin? Is it Allah that makes us sin or it us, the servants that sin?

Either it is Allah who makes us sin and the servant is not responsible, so Allah cannot punish the servant OR it is the servant and Allah together that do the sin, in which case Allah cannot punish the servant in a partnership in which they are equal OR it is from the servant and not from Allah (In which case, Allah can pardon if He wills and punish if He wills). The last understanding makes sense and is the true one

I am so surprised by your answer! I did not think a boy could have this much ability. What is your name?

I am Mūsā bin Ja'far

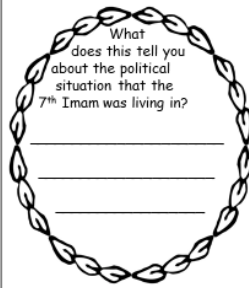
Extension: Make a table for the three possibilities of who is responsible for the sin of a human being.

A BRILLIANT IDEA

An Imam can only be designated by the previous Imam, according to the command of God. On several occasions, Imam al-Sādiq announced the Imamate of his son Mūsā to his companions.

Due to the pressures of the Abbasids and in order to guard and protect his son's life, Imam al-Sādiq in his will introduced four additional people. The list included the Abbasid caliph and the governor of Madīna at that time as his successor.

After Imam Sādiq passed away the Abbasid caliph wrote to the governor of Madīna to find out who would succeed the Imam. He told him to kill the person. On reading the Will, not one but five names were released and Imam Kāzīm's life was immediately saved. If they wanted to kill the successor named in the Will they would have had to kill themselves too!



A SHINING EXAMPLE

A State official of Madīna was a constant source of trouble to Imam al-Kāzīm. When his manner became too rude to be tolerated, Imam's followers sought permission from the Imam to confront the official. Imam refused, promising to deal with the situation in his own way.

The Imam went to the official on his farm and treated him with such kindness that the official felt ashamed of his conduct. He then changed his attitude and altered his conduct.

Fit the words in the grid then fit them into your life

Control
Faithful
Fair
Gratitude
Listen
Punctual
Respect
Think

Make special effort to get these noble qualities into your lives

SECRET WORDS

Explaining this policy to his followers, the Imam asked, "Was my behavior better than the methods you suggested?" They admitted that it certainly was.

