

In the name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful

Lesson Plan: **Honouring Our Father's**

How many of you have a husband who works long hours, so that you can stay home; care for and teach your children. Allhumdulilah

So much has been written about mothers and their rights in Islam, unfortunately sometimes we forget about our beloved father's. We have to teach our children to appreciate them as well.

We know in Islam Fathers day should be everyday not just once a year as is the practice of the unbelievers.

This lesson plan could be used for a child between the ages of 5 and 8 years old. It could be adjusted to suit older or younger children Insha'Allah.

May Allah (swt). Bless all our families with Firdous Ameen

Borrowed from: <http://ummjlk.files.wordpress.com/2007>

Edited by: [Muslim Home Education Network Australia](#)



Appreciating Abee (My Father)

Objectives:

Student will learn;

- What Allah says about the father?
- What did prophet Muhammad (S) say about the father?
- How to show love and appreciation for their father.
- That they should always thank Allah for giving them their father.

Vocabulary;

Sustain= Maintain, to make something continue to exist. Nourish, to provide someone with nourishment or the necessities of life.

Scold= To tell somebody off, criticise or reprimand.

Humble= feeling and showing respect toward.

Allah says in the Qur'an;

Qur'an 17:23 - Your Sustainer has ordered that you shall worship none but Him. And be good to your parents. Should one of them, or both, reach old age in your care, never say "Ugh" to them or scold them, but [always] speak to them with words of honour.

Qur'an 17:24 - and spread over them humbly the wings of thy tenderness, and say: "O my Sustainer! Have mercy on them, as they took care of me when I was a child!"

Abdullah bin Amar narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "The pleasure of the Lord is in the pleasure of the father and displeasure of the Lord is in the displeasure of the father." (Tirmizi)

Read and discuss the surah and Hadith above with your child. Tell the child that Abee means "My father" in Arabic.

Ask them;

What does your Abee do for us?

Why is he so special to us?

What are some ways that we can show him we love and appreciate him?

Read the following Hadith:

It was narrated that 'Abd-Allah ibn 'Umar heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say, "Each of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The leader is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The man is the shepherd of his family and he is responsible for his flock. The woman is the shepherd of her husband's household and is responsible for her flock. The servant is a shepherd of his master's wealth and is responsible for his flock." He said, I heard this from the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). (Narrated by al-Bukhari, 853; Muslim, 1829)

Discuss the meaning of this Hadith paying special attention to the responsibility of fathers for their families.

Explain to your children that even though they don't get to see their father very much He is working to support his family and take care of their needs,

There are many beautiful Hadith which discuss the importance of a Man who takes care of his family. Discuss these Hadith with your children and remind them of the importance of this quality for a believer.

Arts/Crafts

Write a letter or make a card for him. Telling him why he is so special and how you appreciate what he does for the family..

Write a Dua' on a piece of paper. Decorate it and give it to him to remind him how much he is appreciated.

Make a craft for his rearview mirror.

Abee Party

Prepare his favourite dinner or desert. Let the children help.

The children can give him cards or gifts they made for him.

They could even read a poem.

Recite Qur'an or Hadith this will show how much they are learning.

I'm going to try and print this twice and have the children decorate it so their father can hang it from his rearview mirror Insha Allah.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٣﴾ مَالِكِ يَوْمِ
الْدِّينِ ﴿٤﴾ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ﴿٥﴾ إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ
الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٦﴾ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ ، غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ
عَلَيْهِمْ ، وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧﴾