

PLAN:

1. **STARTER:** Ask children to think about something they have built themselves or created that they were proud of. (Lego or a project) Why did they create it? Who did they create it for? Did they show it off and wait for it to be appreciated?
2. Take some feedback and then show the video.
3. **LESSON:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFlZuV9P0eU>
4. Discuss the dua they recited after building the Kaaba (with meaning). Continue lesson as per notes and finish with activity and plenary.

The Duas of Prophet Ibrahim (AS)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

To reflect on some of the duas and understand their application in our lives:

- To understand the importance of putting 100% effort into all our actions.
- To reflect on how all our actions can become good deeds performed in the way of Allah.

Building the Ka`bah and asking Allah to accept This Deed

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Allah asked Prophet Ibrahim(AS) to build the Kaaba and he did with the help of his son Prophet Ismail (AS).

While building the Kaaba, they recited the following dua:

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ –

"Our Lord! accept (this service) from us for thou art the All-Hearing the All-Knowing. (Sura Baqarah, 2: 127).

Although both the Prophets created a house that would be used by all Muslims until today, they did not brag or boast about it. Nor did they claim the creation as their own and feel proud about it.

Instead they continuously recited the dua above, asking Allah to accept their service. This is the behaviour of the sincere believers, whom Allah described in His statement,

﴿وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا﴾

(And those who give that which they give) (23:60) meaning, they give away voluntary charity, and perform the acts of worship yet,

﴿وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجَلَةٌ﴾

(with their hearts full of fear) (23: 60) afraid that these good deeds might not be accepted of them.

Imagine you were buying a present for a friend. What thoughts come into your mind as you select something from the variety of choices? (Is this the right thing? Will she/he like it? I really hope she/he likes it).

Once you have given your friend the present and she/he is opening it, what thoughts are running through your mind then? (You are a little nervous about your friend's reaction, you check their body language to see if they like your present and you wait nervously for him/her to appreciate your gift).

Allah revealed this Dua of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) in the Holy Quran:

﴿وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ -

(And (remember) when Ibrahim (Abraham) and (his son) Isma`il (Ishmael) were raising the foundations of the House (the Ka`bah at Makkah), (saying), "Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us. Verily, You are the Hearer, the Knower.

Surah Baqarah (2:127)

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- What are the different actions that we do in our daily lives that can actually count as Ibadah or things that please Allah?
- Sincere believers do their best in everything, knowing that it is Allah who gives them the strength and knowledge for each action and they do it solely for the pleasure of Allah (SWT).
- What role does your niyyat or intention for each action play in how you perform that action?

REFLECTION:

- How much effort do we put in when we are performing our daily Ibadah like salaah and even reciting the Quran? Do we have that nervousness/fear whether Allah SWT will actually accept it or do we just perform these actions because our mummy/daddy makes us?

ACTIVITY:

Create a diary of one day in your life from the time you wake up until the time you sleep. Remember to include things you usually do like eating and going to school. Is it possible to earn thawab for all these actions? How can you change each so that it becomes a form of Ibadah and pleases Allah?