

PLAN:

1. **STARTER:** Quickly move around the room asking each child to give one word or a short phrase that they associate good akhlaq with. (being kind, saying the truth, remembering manners, behave, etc)
2. **LESSON:** introduce the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) (with meaning) and discuss when and why he recited it.
3. 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 that every day in our life is a chance for us to do great things as Muslims.
- To understand our everyday jihad as we get on with our daily life.

Prophet Ibrahim’s dua when leaving his wife and son in the desert.

Prophet Ibrahim was commanded by Allah to take Lady Hajra and their son to a far off land known as ‘Bakkah’ – a desert with no evidence of people, water or shelter. When they arrived there, Prophet Ibrahim settled his small family and gave them essentials of food and water. As he began to leave, Lady Hajra asked why he is leaving them in a land with nothing to offer. Prophet Ibrahim had nothing to respond to that. Lady Hajra then asked, “Did Allah (swt) order you to do this?” to which Prophet Ibrahim responded positively. She then, very calmly and eloquently said, **“Then we will not be lost.”**

As Prophet Ibrahim walked away, he turned and looked at his wife and son, and then prayed:

Allah says in the Holy Quran:

رَبَّنَا إِنِّي أَسْكَنْتُ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي بِوَادٍ غَيْرِ ذِي زَرْعٍ عِنْدَ بَيْتِكَ الْمُحَرَّمِ رَبَّنَا لِيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ فَاجْعَلْ أَفئِدَةً مِنَ النَّاسِ تَهْوِي إِلَيْهِمْ وَارزُقْهُمْ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْكُرُونَ

37. **“Our Lord! I have settled some of my offspring in a barren valley by Your Sacred House so that they would perform the Prayer. Oh Lord, make the hearts of people yearn towards them and provide them with fruits for which they would give thanks.”**

(Surah ‘Ibrahim – 14: 37)

Prophet Ibrahim continued his prayer to Allah implying that: Now that they have settled down in this extremely hot desert for the respect of Your great house, persuade some people to pay attention to them heartily, and have affection for them.

Let them enjoy all kinds of fruits, whether material or spiritual, perhaps they might be grateful to you.

Both Lady Hajra and Prophet Ismail lived in that desert in such a way that soon a whole city grew around them. Lady Hajra allowed travellers to use the land freely and she was so welcoming that soon people began to settle all around the area and it developed into a great city.

Lady Hajra's akhlaq / behaviour attracted people towards her. Her good nature and kindness enabled her to change a barren land into a developed city.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Lady Hajra's akhlaq is inspiring as it enabled a whole city to be created.

What can we do in our lives that could create an impact on our environment?

(EGS: Best of akhlaq at school, kindness, friendship, good role models, fairness and being truthful all the time, not hurting others around us, looking after our environment, being polite, using good words, remembering our manners etc – are all examples of what we can do as good Muslims and portray the best possible image of Muslims especially when we are at school.)

- Is it always possible to have the best possible akhlaq? If not, what makes it hard?

REFLECTION:

- Jihad is not all about picking up a sword. Our every action in our everyday life is a form of Jihad. It is possible for a good Muslim to change the attitude of others around them just by having the best of Akhlaq.

ACTIVITY:

Think about a small project/ action that you could do around your school or at madressa that would have an impact on the environment around you. (You could plan to pick up rubbish from around the field with a group of friends, hold the door open for teachers every time you see them coming, say salaam to / or greet all the adults you meet, smile at children you don't even know and maybe make friends with them, hold your tongue every time you get angry and feel like shouting at someone, help an elderly neighbor, visit the sick etc).

Discuss this project with your partner and talk about the possibility of carrying it out.