

PLAN:

1. **STARTER:** Ask children to pair up and take turns to think of a letter of the alphabet and the other to guess what letter they are thinking of.
2. Take some feedback and then
3. **LESSON:** introduce the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) (with meaning) and discuss when he recited it.
4. Show the video form 1.35min to 9 min.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNrObH5Of8c>
Alternatively, tell them the story below.
5. 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 fact that Allah sees all our actions and also knows the intentions behind each action.
- To reflect on how all our actions can become good deeds performed in the way of Allah.

Prophet Ibrahim’s dua after leaving Lady Hajra in the desert with Baby Ismail.

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,

“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

After that he recited the following dua:

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ مَا نُخْفِي وَمَا نُعْلِنُ وَمَا يَخْفَى عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي
الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

O our Lord! Certainly, You know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing on the earth or in the heaven is hidden from Allah."

(Suratul Ibrahim 14:38)

The verse says:

"Our Lord! Verily, You know whatever we hide and whatever we manifest, and nothing in the earth nor anything in the heaven is hidden from Allah."

And Abraham invokes Allah declaring that once I am in distress for being parted from my son and wife, You know that well, and in case a drop of tears is shed from my eyes You notice.

And if at the time of my separation from my wife she tells me: "Whom do you appoint as my guardian?" You are aware of all these things, and the future of this land as well as the future of them, which are interwoven with one another, are all transparent and crystal clear before You and Your knowledge.

Now that everything is obvious for Allah (s.w.t.), and His knowledge encompasses everything and every affair of us, we, therefore, must not commit sin in His presence and not interfere in His creatures except with His satisfaction and His commands. We must remain sure that nothing will be hidden from Allah on the earth and in the skies.

God Sees You Everywhere

A teacher had many good students in his class but had particular regard and high respect for one of them. Some of the students one day asked the teacher the reason for this. In reply he said, I shall tell you tomorrow."

The next day, he handed to each of those students an apple. He asked them to take the apples to a place where they would not be seen by anyone and eat them. After a while,

they returned with their apples eaten. But his favourite student came back with his apple uneaten.

The teacher asked him why he had not eaten it. He replied. "You had asked me to go to a place where nobody would see me. I tried hard to find a place where God Almighty could not see me. But I failed. Everywhere went I was sure that God could see me and I could not hide from Him. So I could not carry out your instructions.

On hearing this, the teacher turned to the other students and remarked, "The reason why I respect this student more is because of his constant awareness of the existence of God who can always see him, no matter where he is. Consequently, he does not commit any sin".

The sixth Imam, Ja'far al-Sadiq (a), said to one of his friends, Ishaq Bin Ammar, "Fear God as if you are able to see Him because He sees you. And if you think that He is not able to see you, then you become a non-believer. And if you believe that He sees you and you commit a sin in His presence, then you consider Him as the lowest of those seeing you".

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- We can make every single action we do in this world an action for the pleasure of Allah (SWT) and also earn good deeds for them. Is this true? How?
- If Allah is the All-Seeing, why do you think people continue to do bad things even though they know Allah is watching?

REFLECTION:

- Reflect on what niyyat or intention really means.
- Do you think our good deeds done with the wrong intentions are accepted? Discuss.

ACTIVITY:

Al-Baseeru means the All-Seeing. It is one of the Names of Allah SWT.

In your groups, within 5 minutes, create a spider diagram with as many other Asmaul-Husna as you can. Remember to put down their meanings as well.

REFERENCE:

<https://www.al-islam.org/enlightening-commentary-light-holy-quran-vol-8/section-6-abrahams-prayer#surah-ibrahim-verse-38>