

PLAN:

1. **STARTER:** Ask children to think about what they would like to be when they grow up. Let them think about it and take some answers.
2. Now ask them if it is possible to become that right away – as in if they want to be a doctor, a pharmacist or even a footballer, can they become one right now? Why not? (Draw out the fact that they don't have all the knowledge yet, are not old enough, have lots to learn, need to practice, not the right time yet etc.)
3. **LESSON:** introduce the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) (with meaning) and discuss when and why he recited it.
4. 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 dua is the weapon of a believer.
- To reflect on why all our duas are not answered straight away.

Prophet Ibrahim's dua asking Allah to grant him a son.

Prophet Ibrahim had been married to Lady Sarah, a woman of great honour, for several years. However, despite their longing for a child, Allah (swt) in His wisdom did not provide them with one.

Prophet Ibrahim (AS) kept reciting this dua:

Sura 37 - As Saffaat 100

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

*My Lord, grant me [a child]
from among the righteous.*

Later, Prophet Ibrahim married another woman of great honour – Lady Hajra. Soon he and Lady Hajra were blessed with a baby boy they named Ismail – who became a prophet too. When Prophet Ismail was born, Prophet Ibrahim (AS) was 87 years old!

However, When Prophet Ibrahim (AS) was about 99 years old, the angels came to see him and said Allah was going to give a son to him and Lady Sarah. Lady Sarah could not believe it was true. She too was old. The angels said that all things are possible to Allah. They said the son was to be called Ishaq. He was to be a prophet.

Allah answered the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) after so many years.

Allah says in the Holy Quran:

﴿وَقَالَ إِنِّي ذَاهِبٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ - رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ﴾

(Verily, I am going to my Lord. He will guide me! My Lord! Grant me (offspring) from the righteous.)

﴿فَبَشِّرْنَاهُ بِعُلْمٍ حَلِيمٍ﴾

(So We gave him the glad tidings of a forbearing boy.)

(Sura As Safaat Verse 100, 101)

It has been reported that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) once said,

“Shall I introduce to you a weapon which will protect you both from the evils of enemies and increase your sustenance?

They said: Yes, O Messenger of Allah.

He said: Call your Lord day and night, for **“Dua” is the weapon of a believer.**”

Imagine the joy of Prophet Ibrahim (AS). His dua granted after so many years. He praised Allah by reciting:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ
الدُّعَاءِ

39. "Praise be to Allah, Who has granted me in old age Ishmael and Isaac.
Verily my Lord is the Hearer of the petition;"

(Surah 'Ibrahim – 14: 39)

Ishmael and Isaac are among the specific blessings of Allah, for:

- 1- They were born because of the prayers of the prophet of Allah, 'Ibrahim.
- 2- They were born during the old age of their father.
- 3- They were both righteous children.
- 4- They headed their following chain of prophets.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Why do you think that sometimes, our duas are not answered right away?

REFLECTION:

- Is it really worth continuing our duas for the same thing over a long time? Shouldn't we just give up and pray for something else?

ACTIVITY:

In your groups, brainstorm some possible reasons why our duas are not answered right away.

Discuss your points with your teacher.