

PLAN:

1. **STARTER:** Ask children to take some moments to think about these two questions
 - a) What is Wisdom?
 - b) What does 'being wise' mean?Ask children to discuss their thoughts briefly with their partner.
2. Take some feedback and discuss.
3. **LESSON:** introduce the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) (with meaning) and discuss.
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 the word 'hukm'.
- To reflect on our daily jihad of choosing and following the right path.

Prophet Ibrahim's dua to bestow him with wisdom.

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَالْحَقِّي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

83. "My Lord! Bestow wisdom on me, and join me with the righteous!"
(Sura Ash Shuara, 12: 83).

The Qur'anic word */hukm/*, mentioned here, can be in the sense of government, guardianship, and the management of the affairs, or it can be used with the meaning of knowledge and cognition.

Here, the word 'hukm' means much more than just knowledge or understanding.

It also means having the power to distinguish between right and wrong and having the understanding of how to follow what is right no matter how hard it is.

Before anything else, Prophet Ibrahim (as) asks Allah (s.w.t.) to give him a deep and correct understanding coupled with the power to judge right from wrong, because no practical program is possible without such foundation.

Next to this demand, he (as) asks Allah to join him with the righteous ones. This request that Prophet Ibrahim asks refers to the practical aspects which idiomatically is called 'practical knowledge' versus 'theoretical science' that was seen in his former demands.

Undoubtedly, Abraham (as) had both the rank of ‘wisdom’ and was among ‘the righteous ones’; then why does he ask Allah such a demand?

The answer to this question is that neither wisdom nor righteousness has a definite limit. He asks Allah that every day he gains the more and more levels of knowledge and practice. He (as), even as an arch prophet, is not satisfied with these aspects.

Moreover, he knows that all these merits are from the side of Allah, and every moment they may be ceased as the result of a fault. Therefore, besides he asks Allah its continuation, as everyday we ask him in our ritual prayer to guide us into the ‘Straight way’ and demand the continuation and perfection of this way.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Prophet Ibrahim kept asking Allah to give him Hukm and place him among the righteous even though he was a chosen prophet. Why do you think he did that?
- Think about and discuss how hard it is to choose between right and wrong in this world. Are we strong enough to always choose the right path? Do we have the ‘Hukm’?

REFLECTION:

- Can this dua be one that we would need to recite everyday as well? Why?

ACTIVITY:

In groups of 3 or 4, create a skit that you could present to the rest of the class about choosing right from wrong. It could start off with someone choosing the ‘wrong’, realising their mistake and then changing or something you think denotes today’s lesson.

Take time to plan it out, assign roles, write the script and the practice it. you will be presenting the skit to the rest of the class next week.