

# AISR Sunday School

*Held at the premises of ASIC on 1409 Burks Street SW Roanoke, VA 24015*

# Level 2

## Memorization – Week 12

- ❑ Help kids memorize a surah according to each kid's level
- ❑ Help kids memorize the dhikr/dua below:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

## Islamic Studies – Week 12

- ❑ What is a sin?
  - ❑ Listening to Allah is obedience
  - ❑ Not listening to him is disobedience
  - ❑ Every act of obedience leads to reward
  - ❑ Every act of disobedience is a sin.
- ❑ Why is sin bad?
  - ❑ Allah's blessings are so many that if we wanted to count them, we will be unable to finish counting.
  - ❑ This is why He is the only being worthy of worship and obedience.
  - ❑ It is also why disobeying Him is very serious and a sign of being ungrateful for what He has given us.
  - ❑ All sins are recorded by the angels and we will be questioned about them.
- ❑ What are some of the sins?
  - ❑ Not listening to or respecting parents
  - ❑ Stealing
  - ❑ Lying
  - ❑ Gossip, backbiting and slander.

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- ❑ Not listening to or respecting parents
  - ❑ They raise us from the day we are born. They take care of us when we are ill. They feed us, clothe us and keep us happy.
  - ❑ Should we not then obey them?
    - ❑ Yes, we should obey them as long as they do not tell us to do something bad.
- ❑ Stealing
  - ❑ Stealing is taking anything that belongs to someone else without their permission.
  - ❑ We should always be happy with everything that we have and thank Allah for it.
  - ❑ A Muslim should not need to steal but rather, should have firm belief that Allah will provide all that they need.
- ❑ Lying
  - ❑ Lying is a very serious sin and has some very bad effects.
  - ❑ Lying makes you lie even more!
  - ❑ But, the truth always comes out, if not in this world then the next.
  - ❑ We should be truthful and honest all the time. The character of a Muslim is that they are always truthful and honest just like our Prophet (saws)!

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- ❑ Gossip, backbiting and slander
  - ❑ Many people gossip about others and end up backbite and slander without even realizing.
  - ❑ To backbite is to say things about someone in their absence, that if they heard it, they would not like it.
  - ❑ Islam is very firm against backbiting and paints a very horrible picture of this awful action.

Allah says:

وَلَا يَغْتَبِ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ

And do not backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Rather, you will find it disgusting. Surah al-Hujurat, ayah 12

- ❑ Islam teaches us what we should do when we are faced with a situation where backbiting is taking place. Allah says:

وَلَوْلَا إِذْ سَمِعْتُمُوهُ قُلْتُمْ مَا يَكُونُ لَنَا أَنْ نَتَكَلَّمَ بِهَذَا سُبْحَانَكَ هَذَا بُهْتَانٌ عَظِيمٌ

And why did you not, when you heard it, say, 'It is not right of us to speak of this. O, Allah You are most pure. This is a great slander!'. Surah al-Nur, ayah 16

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- ❑ This verse teaches us to not involve ourselves in backbiting and slandering. Rather, we should respond to backbiting and slandering by saying good things about the person or making excuses for them.
  
- ❑ The sins of the tongue may seem small and harmless, but they are very serious in the sight of Allah.
  
- ❑ The sins of the tongue can lead to Hell.
  
- ❑ Prophet (saws) said: “People are not thrown into Hellfire on their faces or noses except due to the result of their tongues.”
  - ❑ From this we learn how important it is to be careful of what we say!
  
- ❑ Let us protect ourselves from these sins and if we do sin, we should immediately seek forgiveness from Allah, for Allah is Merciful and oft-Forgiving.
  - ❑ We learn more about seeking forgiveness from Allah (istaghfar/tawbah) in the future!