

AL-MAKTAB

A Muslim Home

It is mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan that Allah ﷻ has made your homes a place of peace. The home of a Muslim is referred to in the Qur'aan as a place of peace. Which of us would like our homes to be a place of peace and tranquillity just like the garden of Jannah.

How can we make our homes into gardens of Jannah?

Remove the evil

Firstly, to make our homes like the gardens of Jannah we will have to remove all those things that are disliked by Allah ﷻ e.g. The television, music, magazines, and newspapers with immoral pictures.

Amongst the things that Allah ﷻ dislikes is the evil television. In one Hadith our Prophet ﷺ has said that the Malaaikeh (The Angels of Allah ﷻ) do not enter a house where there are dogs and pictures of animate objects for eg. pictures of people, animals, birds etc.

The television has pictures, music, immorality and many other evils. Therefore the pure and noble Malaaikeh who bring the blessings of Allah ﷻ with them wherever they go, do not enter such homes. Since the Malaaikeh do not visit these homes, Shaytaan (the Devil) takes the opportunity and visits them. He brings along with him his evil and causes everyone to fight and argue. That is why we can never get any peace in our homes.

Bringing barakah (blessings) into our homes

The second step in making our homes into gardens of Jannah is to do those things that are loved by Allah ﷻ. e.g. The recitation of the Qur'aan Shareef in our homes daily. Try and encourage our family members to sit together and recite the Qur'aan every day even if it may be for only 5 minutes. The recitation of the Qur'aan has great power and will definitely bring the mercy of Allah ﷻ. After we recite the Qur'aan we can pass on the rewards to those relatives of ours who have passed away. In this way we as well those who have passed away will benefit from our recitation of the Qur'aan.

Thirdly we should try and make as much zikr of the first and third kalimah as possible. Allah ﷻ gives peace of mind and contentment to those who make His zikr. Allah ﷻ mentions in the Qur'aan that an intelligent person is he who makes the zikr of Allah ﷻ whilst he is standing, sitting or lying down. In other words he continues making the zikr of Allah ﷻ in all conditions. It is not necessary to have wudhu when making zikr or reading Durood Shareef, so let us try in all conditions to make zikr as much as possible.

Recite at least 50 Durood upon our Prophet ﷺ daily. One who recites one Durood upon Rasulullah ﷺ, Allah ﷻ forgives 10 of his sins, grants him 10 rewards and elevates his stages 10 times in Jannah. Besides these rewards there are numerous other rewards mentioned in the Hadith for those that recite abundant durood.

By removing all the evil from our homes and bringing in good, Allah ﷻ will definitely make our homes like the gardens of Jannah.

Dear Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

Our theme for this month is “**The Muslim Home.**” Unfortunately there is much fitnah and corruption in our environment. From all sides we are being attacked with evil. Rasulallah ﷺ has advised us that in these times the best place for us to be is our homes. This will protect us from the evils around us.

This can only be possible if the evils stay outside our homes. The purpose will be totally defeated if we bring the evils from outside the home into the home. Therefore we all should make an effort to make our homes into gardens of Jannah.

May Allah ﷻ protect us all from the evil forces of Shaytaan.

The last theme on “**Ilm**” was well received (*Al-hamdulillah*). Choosing the best was definitely a difficult task. Nevertheless we are grateful to all those who submitted entries. May Allah ﷻ accept your efforts.

The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were as follows:-

Raeesa Omar	Haven Park
Zahra Kader	Westville
Najiyah Tickly	Vryheid
Faatima Patel	Shallcross
Safiyah Paruk	Dundee

Congratulations to you all. Masha Allah! You all have done well and your prizes are on the way.

The winners for the best projects for each grade is as follows:

Grade One:	Rukhsaar Khaleel	An Noor
Grade Two:	Shehzaad Basheer	Eastview
Grade Three:	Tawhida Devan	Eastview
Grade four:	Azhar Bawa	Eastview
Grade five:	Naseeba Khatradah	Vryheid
Grade six:	Sakeena Pillay	Shallcross
Grade seven:	Yusuf Kajee	Westville
Grade eight:	Yasmeen Karodia	Westville

Masha Allah. Keep up the good work.

Answer all 10 question correctly and submit your entries. First 5 correct entries drawn will receive R10-00 cash.

1. Mention any 3 evils that should be removed from our homes.
2. Mention 3 good things that we can introduce into our homes.
3. Mention one Aayat of the Qur'aan regarding our homes.
4. What advice did Rasulallah ﷺ give us regarding our homes.
5. Write down the meaning of the dua when entering the home.
6. Write down the meaning of the dua when leaving home.
7. When shaitaan visits a home, what does he bring along with him.
8. What is the first thing we should do when we enter our homes?
9. Mention two virtue of Durood Shareef.
10. Mention 3 virtues of reciting Qur'aan Shareef.

**There's no
place like
home**

Theme

This month's theme is “**A Muslim Home**”

Do a project on one of the following:

1. How should the home of a Muslim be.?
2. The activities of a Muslim home

All entries must be handed in by 01 September 2005.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah and your grade on the cover of your project. Jazakallah.