



Level 8: Iman and History

Course Description:

Allah the Most High, through his infinite mercy and wisdom has made the deen of Islam easy to learn and understand. This great blessing of Allah, can be appreciated by the student having a thorough understanding of the Pillars of Islam and the Pillars of Iman. It is important that the student recognize the primary difference between these sets of pillars: The Pillars of Islam focus on the apparent actions of a Muslim, i.e. his or her apparent deeds, while the Pillars of Imaan focus on the beliefs of a Muslim. This subject delves into more advanced subjects pertaining to the 6 pillars of Iman, specifically teaching students:

- Allah's control and knowledge of all things that will happen before they happen, i.e. Al-Qadar.
- The noble example of being patient through the difficulties and trials of life as displayed by Prohpet Ayyoob.
- The biographies of prominent Muslims of the past, specifically: Prophets Zakariyya, Yahya, and Isa, Maryam

This subject concludes by presenting to students the events that occurred towards the end of the life of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon them.

Required Course Materials:

Textbooks

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A Note To Parents:

Often the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in the MCNJ Sunday School is the extent to which the student's family, especially parents, are able to:

- Serve as role modes for their children by implementing Islamic teachings in the home.
- Create a home environment that encourages learning.
- Communicate high, yet reasonable, expectations for their children's achievement that communicate the importance of their Islamic education.
- Become involved in their children's education at school.

To live and practice Islam properly, learners must enjoy an Islamic environment around them. Parents, siblings, family members, friends, teachers,peers, TV, etc. are important elements of such environment. Home (especially parents) and school must cooperate to provide such an Islamic environment to help the student practice and live Islam. Please be engaged in your child's education at the school. It is your duty to teach your children Islam. We here at the school are only here to aid you in discharging this responsibility.

Grading Policies:

Grading Scale

Final grade will be based on the following scale:

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A+	100-97	A	96-93	A-	90-92
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72

Areas of Assessment:

Final course grade will be based upon the following categories of assessments:

- Homework 20%
- Classroom Participation and Attendance 10%
- Two End Of Semester Examinations 70%

Academic Integrity

In addition to good academic performance, students should exhibit honesty and integrity. If there is any question that academic honesty and integrity are not honored, students may be required to redo assignments in the presence of an instructor-selected monitor. Proof of dishonesty, including plagiarism, will make students subject to disciplinary action. Please see the MCNJ School Guidelines for more information.

Course Outline:

The course outline for this subject is below. Parents will be notified by the school administration what units and chapters will be covered in the end-of-term examinations.

Unit A: Allah Controls The World

This unit teaches the student the 3 indispensable qualities that one needs to be successful in this life and the next:

- Patience
- Perseverance
- Shukr

It also teaches the student about Al-Qadr and its relation to man's free will.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Allah Controls The World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the concept of Al-Qadar or Destiny in Islam. • Define Al-Qadar as one of the 6 pillars of Iman with its 4 aspects: Creation, Knowledge, Divine Will, Written Destiny. • Internalize that nothing happens in the universe without Allah's permission and knowledge. • Understand that man has free will to choose good or evil actions. • Know the benefits of belief in Al-Qadar. • Explain how to understand that man has free will even though we believe in Qadar. • Know the hadeeth about the attitude of the believer when good and bad things happen to him. • Know the following vocabulary terms: Al-Qadar, Al-Ilm, Al-Kitabah, Al-Khalq, Mashee'ah
Chapter 2: Only Allah Gives Life and Death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe that only Allah gives life and death. • Understand how the belief in Al-Qadar keeps people from the fear of death. • Learn when human life starts in the womb according to Islam and science. • Understand the names of Allah that relate to giving and taking human life: Al-Muhyee, Al-Qabid, Al-Mumeet, Al-Basit • Understand the hadeeth on the stages of human life in the womb. • Know the vocabulary terms: Hayah, Mawt, Ajal

<p>Chapter 3: Allah Gives and Deprives Wealth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehend that Allah is the source of wealth and poverty. • Learn what causes wealth to increase and to decrease. • Comprehend the concept of sustenance as broader than the English understanding of the word wealth. • Understand the two ahadeeth in this chapter on the topic of Tawakkul and Wealth. • Make a connection between the belief in Al-Qadar and how it affects our belief about Rizq. • Know the meaning of Rizq, Taqwa and tawakkul.
<p>Chapter 4: Ayyoub, The Prophet of Patience and Thankfulness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the Prophet Ayyoob. • Learn the story of the Prophet Ayyoob. • Understand the moral lessons of Prophet Ayyoob's life and his example in the practice of the virtues of patience and thankfulness. • Comprehend and appreciate the importance of the virtues of patience and thankfulness. • Learn different types of patience. • Learn how a Muslim should treat his or her sick fellow Muslim. • Know the following vocabulary term: Sabr.
<p>Chapter 5: Patience and Perseverance: The Signs of Strong Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn and understand the virtue of patience in Islam. • Internalize the importance of patience and become inspired to practice patience in daily life. • Learn about the three main types of patience. • Become inspired with the patience and perseverance of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and his companions. • Internalize the ideal of patience and perseverance and become encouraged to apply it as a virtue and attitude. • Understand the hadeeth in this chapter that explains that all the affairs of a believer are good. • Understand the name of Allah: As-Saboor and Al-Haleem.
<p>Chapter 6: Patience and Perseverance in Daily Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that patience and perseverance are required on a daily basis. • Learn the circumstances that require patience and understand how to apply patience and perseverance in each situation. • Understand how one can show patience when losing love ones. • Understand that there is nothing wrong with men or women showing emotion in times of sadness; the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, cried when his son Ibraheem died. • Understand how one can show patience when faced with property loss or damage. • Understand how one can show patience when faced with hunger or poverty. • Understand how one can show patience during illness. • Understand how one can show patience when faced with injustice. • Explain Prophet Yousuf's patience when he was imprisoned unjustly, peace and blessings be upon him. • Understand how one can show patience when slandered or insulted, and with the mistakes of others. • Know and understand the lessons derived from the story of Abu Bakr and the Slanderer. • Know the hadeeth that one can make when one suffers a loss. • Know and become inspired by the story of Bilal's sacrifice, patience and perseverance, may Allah be pleased with him.
<p>Chapter 7: Shukr: Thankfulness to Allah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the concept of Shukr in Islam. • Become inspired to demonstrate thankfulness to Allah in your daily life. • Learn the three interrelated types of thankfulness. • Learn how to perform Sujood-ush-Shukr. • Understand the blessings that Allah has bestowed upon mankind from Surat-un-Nahl. • Learn the dua that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, taught Mu'ath Ibn Jabal: Oh Allah help me to remember You, to show gratefulness to you, and to worship you well.

Unit B: Portraits of Faith

This unit continues the students education of the life of the Prophets and the righteous men and women of the past, specifically teaching students:

- The life of Prophet Zakariyya and Yahya, peace and blessings upon them both, and the lessons that can be derived from their biographies.
- The stories of Maryam and Prophet 'Isa.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Two Martyrs: The Stories of Prophets Zakariyya and Yahya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the two prophets Zakariyya and Yahya, peace and blessings be upon them. • Appreciate the faithfulness and piety of both of these prophets. • Briefly comprehend the relation between these two prophets and Isa, peace and blessings be upon them. • Appreciate the sacrifice Prophets make for the sake of Allah. • Understand the relationship between Surat Maryam and Prophets Zakariyya and Yahya, peace and blessings be upon them. • Understand Prophet Yahya's mission and teachings. • Appreciate the gifts that Allah the Most Glorified bestowed upon Prophet Yahya, peace and blessings be upon him. • Understand how Prophet Zakariyya and Yahya, peace and blessings be upon them, were martyred.
Chapter 2: Purity of Faith: The Story of Maryam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the story of Maryam. • Know the identities of Imran and Hannah. • Understand why Maryam is considered the greatest woman of all times. • Understand verses 16-2 of Surat Maryam. • Learn about the events that lead to the birth of the Prophet Isa, peace and blessings be upon him. • Understand the meaning of the Immaculate Conception. • Appreciate the great miracle of the birth of Isa to Maryam who had no husband. • Appreciate the value of the benefits of purity, devotion and sincere worship demonstrated by Maryam and her mother. • Learn and understand the hadeeth concerning the best women of all time, their characteristics and name those mentioned in the Quran.
Chapter 3: The Miracle of Miracles: The Story of Prophet 'Isa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the story of Prophet 'Isa and understand his great qualities. • Learn about the events leading up to the birth of Prophet 'Isa. • Identify the primary mission and teachings of Prophet 'Isa. • Appreciate the value of the benefits of purity, devotion and sincere worship demonstrated by Maryam and her mother. • Identify the great miracles of Prophet 'Isa and understand why Allah blessed him with these miracles. • Learn and understand verses 22 and 23 of Surat Maryam. • Learn and understand that Prophet 'Isa foretold the coming of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon them both. • Know the true story of the crucifixion: Prophet 'Isa was not crucified nor killed! • Know the following vocabulary terms: Al-Maseeh, Al-Hawariyyoon, Da'wah.

Unit D: Islam Prevails over Arabia

This unit continues the students education of early Islamic history by conveying to the student:

- The events of the Battle of Tabook and the major event that occurred in relation to this battle pertaining to importance of being honest and truthful.
- An analysis of the hypocrites of Madina via the explanation of Surat-ul-Munafiqoon.
- A recount of the death of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him.

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Chapter 1: Ghazwat Tabook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the real cause of the expedition to Tabook. • Know the geography of Arabia and Northwest Arabia along with the circumstances at the time of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and in our present times. • Learn about the events that took place on the way to Tabook. • Appreciate the virtue of giving for the cause of Allah. • Perform the shortened prayer that is used when traveling in difficult circumstances. • Appreciate the virtue of being active and exerting great effort for the cause of Allah. • Know what led the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, to state that "From this day on nothing will harm Uthman regardless of what he does." • Give examples of the companions of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, who donated to the Muslims for preparation of the battle. • Learn about the events during the return from Tabook. • Understand the phenomena of Nifaaq and the Munafiqeen. • Understand the great lesson we can derive from the Prophet's statement, "I don't want the Arabs to think that I will kill my companions": It is important to consider the consequences of all actions, even those that have justification, to determine if it will cause a greater evil or good. • Explain briefly the identity of Abu Tharr Al-Ghifari. • Know the vocabulary terms: Nifaaq, Munafiqeen, Jays ul Usrah.
Chapter 2: Honesty Saves: The story of the Three Who Missed Tabook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the experience of Ka'b Ibn Malik. • Appreciate the virtue of honesty and truthfulness. • Realize the danger in procrastination of good works. • Know the names of the three who missed Tabook. • Relate the story of the ostracizing of Ka'b and the other two companions and Allah's ultimate forgiveness of their actions. • Know the identity of Abdullah Ibn Ubayy Ibn Abi Salool. • Understand the relationship of Surat-ut-Tawbah verses 117-120 to the events of this chapter.
Chapter 3: Surat-ul-Munafiqoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn Surat-ul-Munafiqoon and comprehend its meaning. • Understand the danger of Nifaaq and the negative role of the Hypocrites in early Muslim society. • Understand that what is in the heart is what Allah cares about the most. • Learn and understand the danger of Al-Yameen Al-Ghamoos or Swearing an oath when you know you are lying. • Understand some of the characteristics of the hypocrites. • Understand the story behind verses 5-8 of Surat-ul-Munafiqoon. • Know the lessons that can be derived from verses 9-11 of Surat-ul-Munafiqoon. • Understand the hadeeth of the chapter regarding spending from your wealth on the obligations that Allah has bestowed upon you before death comes upon you.
Chapter 4: Prophet Muhammad Passes To Jannah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the events before the passing of the Prophet Muhammad. • Understand how Allah and the Prophet prepared the Muslims for this sad event. • Appreciate the high level of love and devotion given to Rasoolullah by the Sahabah. • Know the state of Islam in the Arabia at the time of the Prophet's death, peace and blessings be upon him. • Briefly explain Hajjat al-Wada' (The Farewell Hajj). • Know the meaning of Ar-Rafeeq-ul-A'la. • Understand the story of Umar and Ibn Abbas and the explanation of the verse that pertains to the death of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. • Recount the issues that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, warned and advised the Muslims about shortly before his death. • Describe the Prophet's, peace and blessings be upon him. final hours and his passing away. • Recount Abu Bakr's role in announcing the death of the Prophet and his role as the Prophet's successor as leader of the Muslim Ummah. • Describe the spread of Islam in Arabia after the Prophet's death.

