



Level 3: Worship and Character

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. In this subject, the student continues the study of the Pillars of Islam by further studying the topics of Hajj, Wudooo', and Prayer.

Additionally, the student will be introduced to important character traits that all Muslims should possess.

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 models 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
D+	67-69	D	63-66	D-	60-62

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 C: Worshipping Allah

This unit furthers the students knowledge of the pillars of Islam by teaching students about the fourth and fifth pillar of Islam, Zakah and Hajj. It also aims to provide the students with a more detailed understanding of Wudoo and Salah.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Hajj: The Fifth Pillar of Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define and understand what Hajj.• Describe how a Muslim performs Hajj.• Clarify the wisdom behind the Hajj rituals.• Recognize that Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam.• Understand all of the benefits we receive when we go to Hajj.• Learn the vocabulary related to hajj such as: Thul Hijjah, Makkah, Ihram, Tawaf, Sa'iy, Zamzam, Mina, Arafah, Muzdalifah, Jamrat• Learn the hadeeth reported by Abu Hurayra where the Prohpet, peace and blessings be upon him, informed us of the reward of one who performs hajj without making sins and mistakes.
Chapter 2: Making Wudoo' Right	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define Wudoo'.• Describe the steps of Wudoo'• Identify when Wudoo' is needed.• Identify mistakes people might make when making Wudoo'.• Practice how to perform Wudoo' properly.• Learn the verse 6 of Surat-ul-Mai'dah where Allah the most Glorified, teaches Muslims how to make wudoo'.• Learn what one should say after making wudoo'.
Chapter 3: Perfect Your Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know all the steps of prayer.• Know what should be said in all steps of prayer.• Understand the importance of making niyyah before prayer.• Understand the meaning of Du'aa Al-Istiftah, the Supplication of Beginning Prayer• Learn the Tashahhud.• Learn the Salat-ul-Ibraheemiyah• Understand the importance of Khushoo'.• Understand the importance of praying on time.
Chapter 4: Salat-ul-Jama'ah: A Prayer Allah loves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize the importance of Salat-ul-Jama'ah.• Describe how to pray in Jama'ah.• Explain where we pray Salat-ul-Jama'ah.• Pray Salat-ul-Jama'ah properly.• Define Qiyam-ul-layl• Define the terms Imam, Ma'moom, Ma'moomah.

Chapter 5: How To Pray Salat-ul-Jama'ah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how to pray salat-ul-jama'ah • Understand that salat-ul-jama'ah is primarily prayed in the masjid, but can be prayed at home, or in school if there is a good reason for not being able to go to the masjid. • Explain the steps in salat-ul-jama'ah. • Explain how the Imam should be followed in salat-ul-jama'ah. • Define the term Salat-ul-masbooq • Define how one makes up raka'at missed when joining a salat-ul-jama'ah late. • Express why salat-ul-jama'ah is important for Muslims.
Chapter 6: Thikr-Easy Ibadah, Great Rewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Thikr • Describe the importance of Thikr • Describe the rewards of Thikr • Explain how you should feel when making thikr. • Show how to make Thikr • Express how often should we make Thikr • Define the terms: Subhan-Allah, Alhamdullilah, Salla Allahu Alayhi wa Sallam • Learn the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that he asks Allah for forgiveness 100 times a day.
Chapter 7: Zakah: The Third Pillar of Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Zakah • Know it is the third pillar of Islam • Describe the importance of Zakah • Explore when we give Zakah • Define Sadaqah. • Explain why Allah wants us to give Zakah and Sadaqah. • Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that Allah will spend on you if you spend on the needy. • Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, that charity never decreases money. • Understand verse 261 from Surah Baqarah where Allah likens those who spend their wealth for the sake of Allah to a grain of wheat growing seven ears.

Unit E: Islam Is Character

This unit teaches students the importance of Islamic character, specifically the following characteristics of a Muslim:

- Cleanliness and Purity
- Cooperation
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Truthfulness

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Cleanliness and Purity: It's My Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize specific ways Islam teaches us to keep clean. • Describe how cleanliness is part of Islam. • Describe how we are to keep our bodies clean. • Describe how we can keep our home and the places around us clean. • Describe how we can keep our school and masjid clean. • Learn how to observe the etiquette of using the bathroom. • Recognize the meanings of Taharah, Najasah and Nathafah • Understand the hadeeth on purity: "Purity is half of faith." • Learn and memorize the dua'aas of entering and leaving the bathroom.

<p>Chapter 2: Ta'awun: Cooperation, It's My Strength!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe why cooperation is important. • Demonstrate ways that one can cooperate with others. • Define and understand team. • Define and understand unity. • Understand verse two of Surat-ul-Ma'edah where Allah encourages Muslims to help one another in righteousness and piety. • Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him where he states, "A believer to a believer is like a strong building, each part supports the other."
<p>Chapter 3: Ta'awun: Cooperation In My Daily Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain that life cannot be happy without cooperation. • Explain that a person cannot be successful without cooperation. • Express ways one can cooperate at home. • Express ways one can cooperate at school. • Express ways one can cooperate at the masjid. • Understand verse 103 of Surat-Al-Imran where Allah the Most Glorified, he orders Muslims to hold fast all together by the rope of Allah (the religion of Islam).
<p>Chapter 4: Perseverance. It is my challenge. Work Hard & Don't Give Up!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how the Prophet's, peace and blessings be upon him, life shows perseverance. • Explain that we should follow the example of the Prophet's perseverance in times of difficulty. • Explore ways which we can exhibit perseverance.
<p>Chapter 5: Respect, It's My Duty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define respect. • Explore who we should respect and why. • Explain the ways we can show respect for parents. • Explain the ways we can show respect for elders. • Explain the ways we can show respect for teachers and principals. • Explain the ways we can show respect for the feelings of others. • Explain the ways we can show respect for the privacy of others. • Explain the ways we can show respect for the property of others. • Explain the ways we can show respect. • Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, "The best of you in Islam, is those who have the best manners and learned the religion well."
<p>Chapter 6: Truthfulness, It's My Style</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define truthfulness. • Explain why it is important to tell the truth. • Explain the consequences of not telling the truth. • Explain how in the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, we have an example of a truthful character. • Explain the punishment for those who lie. • Learn and understand the name of Allah, "Al-Haqq" • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, promised truthful Muslims a house in the middle of Jannah. • Understand that lying was the most hated behavior to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. • Understand the hadeeth on truthfulness and what it leads to and lying and what it leads to.
<p>Chapter 7: Saying it the Prophet's Way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the proper Islamic expressions that we should use in our everyday lives. • Explain the wisdom of these expressions. • Explain why they are important to Muslim character. • Learn the meanings of the following vocabulary: Assalaamu Alaykum, Bismillahi-rrahmani-rraheem, Jazaakum-ullah Khayran, Wa lyyakum, Inshaa-Allah, Maasha-Allah, Alhamdulillah, Yarhamuka Allahu • Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that the most beloved to him and the closest to him on the Day Of Judgment are those who have the best manners. • Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, about following his sunnah and the sunnah of the guided khulafaa'.

