



Level 4: 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 following topics:

- The importance of praying the Prophet's way, peace and blessings be upon him.
- Fasting in Ramadan
- Adab (manners) of a Muslim

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: Praying The Prophet's Way

This unit teaches the student the importance of praying in the manner of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Praying the Prophet's Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize the importance of the five daily prayers and their names.• Recognize the great necessity and benefits of praying the five prayers on time.• Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, that the first deed a person will be questioned about on the Day of Judgment is his prayer.• Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, about the deed that Allah loves the most, praying on time.• Define fard.
Chapter 2: Beware of Najasah (impurity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize the importance of Taharah, purity in Islam.• Develop alertness against Najasah.• Describe which things are considered Najasah, (impure).• Understand how to purify one's self, clothes, and belongings from Najasah.• Learn and understand the hadeeth of Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he described the punishment of two people in the grave.
Chapter 3: I Perform My Sunnah Prayers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the sunnah prayers.• Appreciate sunnah prayer and become motivated to pray it regularly.• Explain where we get sunnah from.• Define what things we can do that will count as sunnah.
Chapter 4: Salat-ul-Jumu'ah: The Friday Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define Friday as the most special day of the week for Muslims.• Describe why this day is so special.• Describe what Muslims do on this day.• Describe how prayer on this day is different than on other days.• Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that the best day on which the sun rises is Friday.• Define the terms Ghusl, Khutbah, Khateeb, and Al-Jumu'ah.• Understand the meaning of Surat-ul-Jumu'ah.• Explain the meaning of the special hour on Al-Jumu'ah.• Explain the benefits of Salat-ul-Jumu'ah.

Chapter 5: Mubtilat-us-Salah: Things That Break The Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the actions that break a person's wudoo'. • Explain why it is important to know the things that break wudoo'. • Describe the actions that will break a person's prayer. • Explain why it is important to know what things break a person's prayer. • Define Mubtilat-us-salah, Sujood-us-Sahow, 'Awrah.
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Unit D: Fasting Ramadan

This unit teaches the student the importance of Ramadan and some of its basic fiqh issues such as what breaks one's fast.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: The Islamic Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the word lunar. • Describe how Muslims know when it is Eid-ul-Fitr. • Learn and memorize the names of the months that are in the Islamic calendar. • Learn and understand the hadeeth of Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that the month is 29 or 30 dyas.
Chapter 2: The Month of Fasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Ramadan as the month of fasting and worship. • Explain what we do when we fast. • Appreciate and love the spiritual value of Ramadan. • Describe the religious events that take place during the month of Ramadan. • Describe the special events that took place during the time of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in the month of Ramadan. • Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, about the virtues of Ramadan. • Understand the benefits of Ramadan. • Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, about the reward for truly fasting in Ramadan.
Chapter 3: Fasting, the Prophet's Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Suhoor and Iftar. • List some of the things that the Prophet did during Ramadan. • Learn and memorize the dua' for breaking the fast. • Learn and understand the ahadeeth related to the blessedness of suhoor and breaking one's fast with a date. • Learn that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, was even more generous during Ramadan.
Chapter 4: Mubtilat-us-Siyam: Things that break the fast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the things that can break the fast. • Explain the importance of not breaking the fast. • Recognize that bad and evil manners during Ramadan may cause Allah to reject the fast. • Recognize the similarities between what breaks a fast and what breaks wudoo and salah. • Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, about the importance of leaving evil speech and actions during Ramadan. • Define mubtilat-as-siyam. • List those who are excused from fasting.
Chapter 5: Salat-ul-Taraweeh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Salat-ut-Taraweeh. • Describe the benefits of Salat-ut-Taraweeh. • Describe the masjid environment during nights in the month of Ramadan. • Define how many rak'aat are in taraweeh prayers. • List the benefits of praying taraweeh. • Learn the hadeeth the relates the reward for praying at night during Ramadan. • Identify who revived the practice of praying Taraweeh in congregation after the death of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him.

Chapter 6: The Month Of Seeking Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Ibadah. • Define Ilm. • Describe how we can gain knowledge during Ramadan. • Describe the reasons we should seek knowledge. • Describe where Muslims get their knowledge. • Appreciate the value of seeking knowledge. • Understand the meaning of verse 114 in Surat-Taha where Allah commands the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, to ask him to increase him in knowledge. • Explain reasons why we should seek Islamic Knowledge.
Chapter 7: Eid-ul-Fitr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the word Eid. • Define what is Eid-ul-Fitr. • Describe what people do on Eid-ul-Fitr. • Appreciate the value of pure celebration in Islam. • Define Zakat-ul-Fitr • Learn and memorize the Takbeer of Eid. • Describe salat-ul-Eid.

Unit E: My Islamic Lifestyle

This unit aids students in developing healthy habits encouraged by Islam to help them reach their full potential as Muslims.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Sleeping Well: Adab-un-Nawm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the correct manners of sleeping in Islam. • Describe the best way to wake up in the morning. • Explain the benefits of following the example of the Prophet's adab, peace and blessings be upon him, when it comes to sleep. • Explain the benefits of reciting Al-M'awwithat before going to sleep. • Learn and memorize the du'aa of sleeping. • Learn and memorize the du'aa of waking-up.
Chapter 3: Sunan-ul-Fitra: Islamic Personal Grooming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the different things a person can do to keep clean. • Recognize from whom we get our information on the proper ways to keep our bodies clean. • Describe the reasons why it is important to stay clean. • Learn the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that cleanliness is half of the faith. • Learn the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he mentions the virtues of using siwaak. • Define Siwaak, Gusl, Tahara
Chapter 4: Eating Right: Adab-ut-Ta'am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the etiquette of eating in Islam. • Recognize how we should be grateful for the food we eat. • Describe whom should we think of when we eat. • Define what is halal and haram food. • Explain what we should do before we eat. • Know what hand should be used for eating. • Describe what we should do after we eat. • Understand the meaning of verse 172 of Surat-ul-Baqarah where Allah, the Most Glorified, speaks about Believers eating from good lawful things that he has given them. • Define the meaning of Allah's name, Ar-Razzaq • Learn and memorize the dua for before and after eating. • Explain the meaning of Allah's name, Al-Muqet.

Unit G: My Islamic Character

This unit continues the student's education on the proper manners and characteristics of a Muslim by teaching the

student the importance of brotherhood in Islam.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Brotherhood in Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and understand brotherhood in Islam. • Describe the relationships of brothers and sisters in Islam. • List examples of brotherhood and sisterhood. • Learn and understand verse 10 of Surat-ul-Hujurat where Allah states that believers are a single brotherhood. • Learn and understand the hadeeth that speaks about how a Muslim should behave towards another Muslim. • Explain the concept of Mu'aakhah (establishment of brotherhood between individuals) and give some examples of Mu'aakhah.
Chapter 2: Muslims Love Each Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize Islam as a religion of love and mercy. • Describe how we should love our Muslim brothers and sisters. • Define what it means when Muslims love one another for the sake of Allah. • Describe ways we can encourage others love and respect us. • Appreciate the value of loving other Muslims for the sake of Allah alone, and be inspired to practice it. • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, states that you will not enter paradise until you have faith, and you will not have proper faith until you love each other. • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, states that spreading "Assalaamu Alaykum" among each other will make us love each other.
Chapter 3: The Six Rights of Muslims On Each Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how we should treat one another as Muslims. • Define the six rights of Muslims on each other. • Learn and understand the hadeeth about the 6 rights of a Muslim over other Muslims. • Define the terms haqq and huqooq.
Chapter 4: Helping Others, Helping Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe what it means to help others. • Describe what it means to help ourselves. • List examples of ways we can help others and ourselves. • Learn and understand verse 134 of Surat Al-Imraan that speaks of those who give to others in times of ease as well as in difficult times. • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, states that every Muslim must give charity. • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, states Allah will keep helping his servant as long as he or she helps his brother (or sister). • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, informs us of the reward of helping the widow and the poor.
Chapter 5: I Do Not Hurt Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the importance of not hurting one another. • Describe ways in which people hurt one another. • Explain what a Muslim earns when they hurt another person. • Explain what a Muslim earns when they do a good deed. • Learn verses 11-12 of Surat-ul-Hujurat where Allah warns believers not to make fun of each other. • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, speaks about backbitting and slander. • Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, teaches us about the characteristics of a hypocrite. • Define Gheebah • Define Nameemah • Define Hisaab, Hasanat, Sayyi'aat