



Level 6: 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 being introduced to:

- The Holy Quran, its history, merits, and the special relationship that all Muslims should have with it.
- Prayer, a more detailed analysis of the Prophet's manner of prayer and its various types such as: Salat-ul-Jama'a.

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 B: Faith and Miracles: The Story of Prophet Musa

This unit recounts to the student the life of one of the 5 great prophets, Musa, peace and blessings be upon him, and the lessons that can be derived from his life.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: In the Palace of Phir'oun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about the birth of Prophet Musa.• Learn how Allah protected Prophet Musa as a baby from Phir'oun.• Learn and understand verses 5-14 of Surat-Al-Qasas.• Understand and apply the lessons that can be learned from the early life of Prophet Musa.• Learn and understand the name of Allah Al-Malik.• Know the identities of Haroon and Asiah.
Chapter 2: Musa Leaves Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recount the event where Prophet Musa unintentionally killed a man.• Recount why Musa left Egypt and how he arrived in Madyan.• Know the events that led to Prophet Musa meeting his new family.• Understand the lessons that can be learned from this period of Prophet Musa's life.• Know and understand the ahadeeth in this chapter related to modesty.
Chapter 3: Musa The Prophet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn the reason Musa and his family left Madyan.• Learn how Musa received his first revelation from Allah.• Learn how Allah ordered Musa to go to Phir'oun and call him to believe in Allah.• Recount what happened when Musa returned to Phir'oun.• Understand and apply the lessons that can be learned from this period in Prophet Musa's life.• Know the terms Jabal-ut-Toor and Mount Sinai.

Chapter 4: Musa and The Magicians

- Learn how Phir'oun used magic to frighten Musa but became fearful of Musa after Musa performed miracles.
- Learn that the truth Prophet Musa came with defeated Phir'oun's falsehood.
- Learn and understand verses 113-126 of Surat-ul-Qasas.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, stated that the best form of jihad is a word of truth in front of an unjust leader.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, instructed us to abandon the destructive sins.
- Learn the vocabulary terms: Sihr, Mu'jizah.
- Identify Hamaan

Chapter 5: God is With Me

- Learn about the people of Egypt's disobedience to Allah
- Comprehend Phir'oun's oppression of the children of Isra'eel.
- Learn about the miracles Allah gave Prophet Musa to free Bani Isra'eel
- Understand and examine Phir'oun's death and terrible fate.
- Internalize the value of trusting Allah and relying on him.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, states that Allah accepts the repentance of his servant as long as his soul is not about to come out.
- Understand the lessons from verses 90-92 of Surat Younus.

Chapter 6: Wavering Faith

- Learn how the impact of Phir'oun's influence over the children of Isra'eel lasted over time
- Understand the punishment that Allah sent upon Bani Isra'eel after their disobedience.
- Understand why Allah, the Most Glorified, summoned Musa to Mount Sinai.
- Understand the lessons to be learned from Bani Isra'eel's turn to idol worshiping after Musa was delayed on Mount Sinai.
- Understand the events that occurred when Prophet Musa was accompanied to Mount Sinai with 70 elders of Bani Isra'eel.
- Appreciate the hard and sincere work of Prophets Musa and Haroon.
- Identify As-Samiriy: The Samaritan
- Identify Mount Sinai and its relation to the life of Prophet Musa.
- Understand the lessons learned from this period of history of Bani Isra'eel.

Unit C: Al-Qur'an-ul-Kareem: The Last Holy Book

The unit focuses on the Qur'an, specifically:

- Its history, importance and the benefits that Muslims can garner from memorizing and pondering its verses.
- Learn which Sahaba were scribes of the Qur'an.
- Learn about how the Qur'an is divided.
- Learn how we should respect the Qur'an.
- A study of Surat-ul-Muzzammil.

Chapter Name

Student Objectives

Chapter 1: Al-Qur'an-ul-Kareem: The Last Holy Book

- Learn how the Qur'an was revealed.
- Learn the names of other books that Allah, the Most Glorified, sent to other prophets.
- Learn the main elements of Al-Qur'an's message.
- Appreciate the greatness and the uniqueness of Al-Qur'an.
- Explain the relationship between Al-Qur'an and the Sunnah.
- Be familiar with some of the names mentioned in the Qur'an.
- Know the vocabulary terms: Al-Qur'an, Al-Wahy, Surah, Suwar, Sunnah

Chapter 2: Short History of Al-Qur'an

- Learn the facts of when and why the Qur'an was revealed.
- Learn how Al-Qur'an was recorded and preserved.
- Examine various translations of the meaning of Al-Qur'an.
- Know the names of some of the Scribes of Revelation.
- Learn about Sahabi Zaid Ibn Thabit and his efforts to serve Al-Qur'an.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Kuttab-ul-Wahy, Al-Mushaf Al-Uthmani, Suwar Makkiyyah, Suwar Madaniyyah

Chapter 3: Suwar and Ayaat

- Understand the structure of Al-Qur'an and how it is organized.
- Learn what are the longest suwar of Al-Qur'an.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he instructed Muslims to complete the reading of the whole Qur'an monthly.
- Know the identity of Abudllah Ibn Amr Ibn-ul-Aas.
- Know the following vocabulary: Juz, Ajzaa', Surah, Suwar, As-Sab'ut-Tiwal (The Long Seven surahs that come at the beginning of the Qur'an and make up 10 ajzaa.)

Chapter 4: You Love It; Then Respect It!

- Internalize the fact that Al-Qur'an deserves our respect.
- Learn how we should respect Al-Qur'an.
- Understand what Allah, the Most Glorified, means when he states in the Qur'an: "Rattil-il-Qur'ana tarteela"
- Understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he states that the one who reads the Qur'an with difficulty will receive twice the reward of the person who says it easily and correctly.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: At-Taharah, At-Tadabbur, Al-Isti'aathah, Al-Basmalah, Khushoo, Ahkam-ut-Tajweed.

Chapter 5: Mission POSSIBLE: Becoming a Hafith

- Appreciate the importance of memorizing the Qur'an.
- Learn and understand the skills that help us memorize Al-Qur'an.
- Understand the hadeeth of this chapter where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, mentions the reward of one who learns and memorizes Al-Qur'an.
- Know the following vocabulary: Thikr, Tafseer, Hifith, Hafith, Ikhlas.

Chapter 6: Surat-ul-Muzzammil

- Learn the message of Sura-ul-Muzzammil verses 1-9.
- Learn the value of getting up and praying in the night.
- Reinforce the value of reciting Al-Qur'an with Tarteel.
- Know the vocabulary terms: Qiyam-ul-Layl, Al-Muzzammil, Tarteel.
- Learn the message of Sura-ul-Muzzammil verses 10-19.
- Know the vocabulary term: Sabr.
- Learn the message of Surat-ul-Muzzammil verse 20.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, about the best prayer after the obligatory prayers.

Unit E: Prayer is Light

This unit focuses on conveying to students the importance of salat: its benefits, structure, and basic fiqh rulings.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Praying the Prophet's Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and learn the place of Salah in Islam. • Learn the importance of salah for every Muslim. • Learn the importance of prayer times. • Learn the importance of perfecting your prayer. • Learn a variety of important thikr and du'aa' to use during Salah. • Know the following vocabulary: Al-Israa' Wal-Mi'raj, Takbeerat-ul-Ihram, Rak'ah, Qiyam, Rukoo', Sujood, Juloos. • Know the following vocabulary: Salat-ul-Fajr, Salat-ul-Thuhr, Salat-ul-Asr, Salat-ul-Maghrib, Salat-ul-Ishaa'

Chapter 2: Voluntary Prayer In Islam

- Learn the different types of recommended or voluntary prayers.
- Appreciate the importance and beauty of recommended prayers.
- Apply your knowledge by performing recommended prayers as often as you can.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Sunnah, Sunan, Nafil, Nawafil, Tatawwu', Sunnah Ratibah, Sunnah Mu'akkadah, Duha, Taraweeh, Salat-ul-Sunnah.
- Understand the hadeeth Qudsi where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, reports that Allah, the Most Glorified, states the extreme benefits of performing voluntary deeds.

Chapter 3: Congregational Prayers in Islam: Eid Prayers

- Learn the benefits of Salat-ul-Eid.
- Learn the proper manners one should demonstrate during Salat-ul-Eid.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Eid, Eid-ul-Fitr, Salat-ul-Eid, Zakat-ul-Fitr

Chapter 3: Congregational Prayers in Islam: Salat-ul-Jama'ah

- Learn different types of congregational prayer in Islam.
- Distinguish between obligatory and recommended congregational prayer.
- Understand the importance of Salat-ul-Jama'ah and other congregational prayers.
- Know the following vocabulary: Salat-ul-Jama'ah, Ma'moom, Ma'moomah, Salat-ul-Jumu'ah, Salat-ul-Eid, Salat-ul-Masbooq.
- Know how to pray the congregational prayer.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, where he mentions the superiority of the congregational prayer over the individual prayer.

Chapter 3: Congregational Prayers in Islam: Salat-ul-Jumu'ah

- Learn the benefits of Salat-ul-Jumu'ah: The Friday congregational prayer.
- Learn the proper manners one should demonstrate during Salat-ul-Jumu'ah.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Al-Jumu'ah, Salat-ul-Jumu'ah, Khutbah, Khutbah-ul-Jumu'ah, Khateeb, Ghosl
- Know the event behind the revelation of Surat-ul-Juma'ah verses 9-11.
- Know the dangers of a Muslim man missing the Jumu'ah prayer and specifically missing three in a row.

Chapter 4: Prayer in Times Of Difficulty

- Learn when a Muslim can shorten or combine two prayers together.
- Know which prayers can be combined together.
- Appreciate Allah, the Most Glorious, and his favors in making worship easier in times of difficulty.
- Learn the Islamic rules of prayer in sickness, during travel and severe weather.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Salat-ul-Musafir, Salat-ul-Mareed, Salat-ul-Qadaa', Jami, Qasr, Sujood-us-Sahw
- Know what we should do if you make a mistake in your prayers.