



Level 7: 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:

- Zakah, the 3rd pillar of Islam, along with some of its ethics and rulings. This subject also teaches students the importance of giving sadaqah.
- The importance of living an Islamic lifestyle characterized by being modest in ones character, conduct, and dress.

This subject also delves into the concept of death in Islam and the realities of the Hereafter.

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: Journey to the Hereafter

This unit discusses the inevitability of death and what the deceased experiences in the Hereafter. It also teaches the students the proper way of praying for the deceased and discusses the signs of the impending Day of Judgment. This unit concludes with an explanation of Surat-ul-Haqqah which describes the realities of the Day of Judgment.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Death: The Gate to the Unseen World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the reality of death: its inevitability and unpredictability.• Acquire the proper understanding of death.• Acquire the proper belief in the Angel of Death.• Recognize the importance of remembering death.• Learn the hadeeth of the chapter where the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, reminds us that we will all taste death.• Explain the statement attributed Al-Hasan Al-Basri on our life span.• Explain Ali Ibn Abi Talib's statement, "People are asleep, and they will only wake up when they die."• Know and understand the dua' that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, taught us to say when a Muslim prefers death over life.• Understand Allah's name: Al-Mumeet, The Giver of Death.
Chapter 2: Salat-ul-Janazah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn the importance of Salat-ul-Janazah.• Learn how to perform Salat-ul-Janazah.• Learn the benefits of Salat-ul-Janazah.• Learn and understand the hadeeth on the reward of praying Salat-ul-Janazah.• Learn about some Un-Islamic practices of some Muslims during the Janazah.• Know the following vocabulary terms: Salat-ul-Janazah, Ghusul, Kafan, Fard-ul-Kifayah, Ta'ziyah.• Understand the concept of Sadaqah Jaariyah based on the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him in this chapter.

Chapter 3: The Life In The Grave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn what happens to the human being after death. • Explore the life in the grave. • Explore what the believer will experience in the grave. • Know the 3 questions that everyone will be asked in the grave. • Explore what the disbeliever will experience in the grave. • Learn and understand the hadeeth narrated by Al-Baraa' about life in the grave. • Know the following vocabulary terms: Al-Qabr, Na'eem-ul-Qabr, Athab-ul-Qabr, Malak-ul-Mawt, Al-Barzakh, Al-Maseeh-ud-Dajjal.
Chapter 4: The End of Time: Signs before the Day of Judgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the signs of the Hour. • Recognize the minor signs of the Hour. • Learn the major signs of the Hour. • Explore what will happen when Ad-Dajjal appears and how to protect oneself from him. • Learn the hadeeth on preparing for the Hour. • Know the following vocabulary terms: As-Sa'ah, Al-Maseeh Ad-Dajjal, Ad-Daabbah, Ya'jooj and Ma'joj
Chapter 5: Surat-ul-Haqqah (The Inevitable Day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the attitudes of ancient nations toward the Day of Judgment. • Learn about the fate of disbelieving perished nations. • Know who were Al-Mu'tafikat • Know the meaning of: Al-Haqqah, Al-Qari'ah • Identify some of the nations that disbelieved in the Day of Judgment and suffered destruction. • Know how the Day of Judgment will begin. • Understand the importance of Al-Hisab: All our deeds will be exposed. • Know and understand the name of Allah: al-Haseeb • Understand the ahadeeth of this chapter about the importance of personal accountability. • Identify the significance of a person's book of deeds. • Explain the fate of the disbelievers on the Day of Judgment. • Describe some of the torments of Jahannam.

Unit D: Muslim Life Style

This unit presents to the student the etiquette and characteristics that every Muslim should possess. It consists of the following topics:

- Modesty
- Avoiding unnecessary intermingling of males and females.
- The etiquette of clothing.

This chapter concludes by providing a tafsir of Surat-ul Ma'arij.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Hayaa': Modesty, Shyness and Honor Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the meaning of Hayaa'. • Appreciate and understand the place of hayaa' in Islam. • Learn the relationship between Iman and Hayaa'. • Learn the virtues and the benefits of Hayaa'. • Recognize the levels of Hayaa'. • Realize how society will be without Hayaa'. • Learn and understand the ahadeeth about hayaa' in this chapter. • Become inspired to adopt hayaa' as a virtue throughout your life.

Chapter 2: Males and Females

- Learn that males and females are partners in Islam.
- Recognize the importance of avoiding temptations.
- Recognize the importance of marriage.
- Recognize the dangers of sexual relations outside marriage.
- Learn and understand the verses on lowering the gaze, the blessing of marriage and the evil of Zina in this chapter.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth on equity of men and women, and also the hadeeth on encouraging marriage.
- Learn the ahadeeth on forbidding khulwah and touching between the two genders.
- Learn the following vocabulary terms: Awrah, Khuwah, Zawaj, Zina, Mahram

Chapter 3: The Islamic Etiquette of Clothing

- Learn the Islamic view of clothing.
- Learn the concept of 'awrah.
- Learn 'awrah for males and females.
- List an individual's mahram.
- Know that cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law are NOT part of one's mahram.
- Understand the standards of Islamic dress.
- Learn the du'aa' of dressing.
- Learn the lawful and unlawful types of dresses for males and females.
- Understand verses 26-27 of Surat-ul-A'raf and verse 31 of Surat-un-Noor.
- Learn the ahadeeth on the limits of 'Awrah, forbidding men to wear gold and forbidding each gender to imitate the other.

Chapter 4: Hijab, An Act of Modesty

- Explore the roots of hijab in ancient nations.
- Understand why Islam requires hijab as a dress code for Muslim women.
- List some of the benefits of wearing hijab.
- Appreciate the benefits of hijab.
- Understand the following vocabulary terms: Hijab, Khimar, Jilbab, Niqab

Chapter 5: Surat-ul-Ma'arij: Warnings to the Disbelievers and the Sinful

- Know the reason for the revelation of this surah.
- Extract lessons that can be learned from this surah.
- Understand the weaknesses of man that are explained in this surah.
- Understand the hadeeth narrated by 'Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, narrated from the Prophet that Allah the type of deed that Allah likes is the regular one, even if it is little.
- Understand the meaning of the hadeeth in this chapter that warns about the evils of arrogance.
- Understand the definition of arrogance from the narration of Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood that is towards the

Unit E: Zakah and Charity

This unit aims to convey to students the importance of Zakah and sadaq along with a few basic fiqh rulings pertaining to Zakah.

Chapter Name

Student Objectives

Chapter 1: Zakah: The Third Pillar of Islam

- Know the definition of Zakah.
- Learn and appreciate the significance of Zakah.
- Recognize the benefits of Zakah.
- Learn and understand the rules of Zakah.
- Understand the definition of Nisaab and rate.
- Know the 8 types of people eligible for Zakah.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Zakat, Zakat-ul-mal, Zakat-ul-Fitr, Nisaab
- Know the difference between Zakat ul-Fitr and Zakat ul-Mal

Chapter 2: Some Rules and Ethics of Giving out Zakah and Sadaqah

- Learn the main rules and ethics of giving Sadaqah.
- Recognize the importance of sincere intention.
- Compare the merits of secret sadaqah vs. public sadaqah.
- Learn the importance of showing kindness to Zakah and Sadaqah recipients.
- Recognize that Allah only accepts good money.
- Understand the importance of giving to needy relatives first.
- Recognize the importance of a gracious spirit in giving sadaqah.
- Learn how to give sadaqah on behalf of the dead and the importance of doing this.
- Learn how to calculate Zakah.
- Know the vocabulary terms: Ikhlas, Riyaa.

Chapter 3: Sadaqah: The Proof Of Goodness

- Learn the meaning and definition of Sadaqah.
- Learn the differences between Sadaqah and Zakah.
- Learn the types of Sadaqah.
- Learn the types or categories of people who are eligible to receive Sadaqah.
- Learn the acts or events that invalidate Sadaqah.
- Learn the meaning of Sadaqah Jariyah.
- Learn the rewards of Sadaqah.
- Learn and understand the hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, when he states that the wealth of a servant does not decrease because of sadaqah.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Sadaqah Jariyah, Waqf

Chapter 4: Surat-ul-Qalam

- Understand that no one really knows the meaning of the letters that precede some surahs such as the noon that precedes this surah.
- Understand how the verses 1-7 relate to the Prophet's noble character, peace and blessings be upon him.
- Understand that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, was the best role model for mankind.
- Understand why Allah created the pen.
- Understand the ahadeeth of this chapter that relate to having good character.
- Know the vocabulary terms: Khuluq, Akhlaq, and Al-Lawh-ul-Mahfooth
- Understand how verses 8-16 relate to the bad character of the disbelievers.
- Understand the character of some of the disbelieving leaders of Quraysh.
- Learn why struggling against evil enemies is necessary to protect faith.
- Learn how backbiting and gossip harm individuals and societies.
- Learn that Muslims cannot compromise their faith.
- Know the vocabulary terms: Hammaz, Gheebah, Nameemah, Nammam, Kabeerah, Kabaair.
- Understand the hadeeth of the prohibition of innovating in the deen.
- Understand that greed is not blessed by Allah and it leads to destruction.
- Understand that we must say InshaAllah when planning to perform any deed.
- Learn that greediness and miserliness leads to loss.
- Learn that the world is a test and not a game.
- Understand the outcome of disbelief.
- Understand that the believers and disbelievers will not have the same outcome in the Day of Judgment.
- Understand that disbelievers will want to make sujood and worship Allah in the Day of Judgment but will not be able to.
- Understand that Allah gives people chances to believe and follow righteousness.
- Understand that envy can harm others and we must protect ourselves from hasad.
- Learn how Allah gives people chances to accept and follow his guidance.
- Learn why believers must educate non-believers.
- Know the vocabulary terms: hasad and ayn.

Chapter 5: Sadaqah, Without
Paying Money

- Learn the different types of sadaqah that do not involve money.
- Learn the importance of thikr and remembrance of Allah.
- Learn the importance of helping others.
- Learn the importance of doing good deeds.
- Know the hadeeth reported by Abu Tharr Al-Ghifari that sadaqah is prescribed for each human being, every day the sun rises.
- Learn the hadeeth that smiling for your fellow Muslim is sadaqah.
- Explain how sadaqah protects from the fire.
- Understand the hadeeth about how one can combat evil.
- Know the following terms: Subhaan-Allah, Alhamdu Ililah, Allahu Akbar, La-ilaha-illallah, Al-Amru Bil-Ma'rouf, Wan Nahi An-il-Munkar