



Level 1: 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 begins the study of the Pillars of Islam by being introduced to the topics of Wudoo', Salat, and Fasting. Additionally, the student will be introduced:

- The 5 Pillars of Islam
- Wudoo' and Salat

Furthermore, the student will be introduced to some of the important characteristics of a Muslim, such as: cleanliness, obedience to parents, and caring for others.

Required Course Materials:

Textbooks

I Love Islam 1 Islamic Services Foundation ISBN: 1-933301-20-4

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: Worshiping Allah

This unit teaches the students the fundamental pillars of worship: prayer and fasting.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: Arkan-ul-Islam: The Five Pillars of Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name the 5 pillars of Islam.• Understand the hadeeth "Islam is built on five pillars ..."• Learn the main types of worship in Islam.• Be inspired to practice the five pillars of Islam.• Know the following vocabulary terms: Arkan-ul-Islam, Salah, Sawm, Ramadan, Hajj, Shahadah, Al-Ka'bah, Siyam, Zakah
Chapter 2: I Love Salah, Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name the five daily prayers and their times.• Appreciate the importance of prayer.• Learn the hadeeth that Allah loves when we pray on time.• Know the following terms: Fajr, Thuhr, Asr, Maghrib, Isha.
Chapter 3: Wudoo' Makes Me Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define wudoo'.• Demonstrate the process of wudoo' from niyyah to shahadah.• State the things that break your wudoo'.• Know the du'aa' for entering and leaving the bathroom.• Know what should be said after completing your wudoo'.• Understand the reward for making wudoo' perfectly and then reciting the shahadah.
Chapter 3.5: Practicing Wudoo'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate to your teacher how to make wudoo'. The students will be taken to the bathroom by volunteers and will be instructed on how to make wudoo'.
Chapter 4: Zaid Learns How To Pray	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know all the steps of praying one Rak'ah.• Know where we face when we pray.• Know the number of rakats per prayer.• Know what should be said in each step of prayer.• Learn the Tashahhud and As-Salatul Ibraheemiyah• Know the vocabulary terms: Qiyam, Julooos, Rukoo', Tasleem, Sujood, Rak'ah, Qiblah, Fard, Tashahhud, Hasanat

Chapter 4.5: Practicing Prayer

- Demonstrate to your teacher how to make salat. The students will be taken to the gym by volunteers and will be instructed on how to make salat.

Chapter 5: I Love Ramadan

- Express the importance of Ramadan.
- Outline the fasting process.
- Appreciate the rewards of fasting.
- Know the following vocabulary terms: Ramadan, Iftar, Fajr, Salat-ut-Taraweeh, Sawm, Suhoor, Ar-Rayyan, Niyyah, Ajr

Unit E: My Muslim Manners

This unit teaches the student important manners that all Muslims should possess.

Chapter Name	Student Objectives
Chapter 1: All Loves Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know the importance of being kind to all creation.• Define how Allah (swt) is Al-Lateef (the Kind) and memorize the name of Allah.• Understand the hadeeth that Allah ordered that we be gentle with everything.• Understand the hadeeth that Allah is gentle and he loves kindness in every matter.
Chapter 2: Ithaar and Caring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know the importance of sharing and become inspired to share.• Define Al-Kawthar, and know its importance.• Understand Ithaar and become inspired to practice it.
Chapter 3: I Obey My Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn the meaning of Birrul Walidayn• Be inspired to obey your parents and be kind to them.• Understand the hadeeth about the importance of treating your mother and father the best.
Chapter 4: I Am A Muslim, I Must Be Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define and give an example of Taharah.• Define and give an example Najasah.• Learn that a Muslim should take a shower, wear clean and neat outfits when going to observe Al-Jumu'ah prayer.• Be inspired to keep clean and in a state of Taharah.• Be inspired to avoid najasah all the time.• Know the vocabulary terms: Tahara, Najasah, Al-Jumu'ah.
Chapter 5: A Dinner In Our Neighbor's Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know the importance of maintaining good etiquette when going to someone's house.• Learn the du'aa's of going outside, riding a car or other means of transportation and entering the house.• Learn the du'aa' of starting to eat and finishing eating.• Be inspired to practice the Islamic etiquette of visiting others and eating with them.• Know the vocabulary words: yameen and shimal.
Chapter 6: Leena and Zaid Sleep Over At Their Grandparents' House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know the etiquette of going to sleep.• Know Al-Mu'awwizaat.• Know the du'aa' of going to bed.• Be inspired to show love and respect to grandparents.• Be inspired to practice the Islamic etiquette of going to sleep and waking up.