

IMAM AL-BAQIR ^[A.S]

امام الباقر (ع)

Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Be able to identify the name of the Imam (as) and relate its meaning
- Be able to identify the names of the parents of the Imam (as)
- Get a brief overview of a particular quality of the Imam (as)
- Be able to identify the place of burial of the Imam (as)
- Know the circumstances of the martyrdom of the Imam (as)

FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

LEVEL 1

Imam al-Bāqir (as)

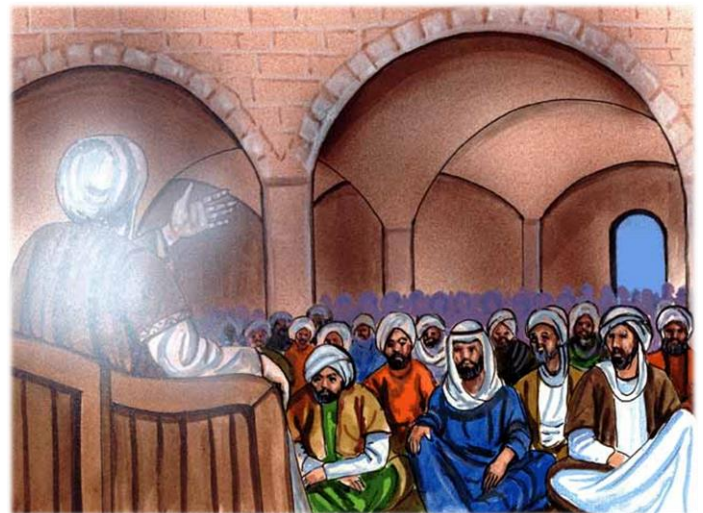
Imam al-Bāqir (as) is the fifth Holy Imam. He was well known for being very knowledgeable.

Imam al-Bāqir (as) was only nine years old when he was asked very difficult questions and was able to answer them. A very old man by the name of Jābir said to the Imam after meeting him:

"Bāqir, you have been given wisdom while you are still a boy".

Imam al-Bāqir (as) talked very much about the importance of knowledge. He urged Muslims, like each and every one of us, to seek knowledge. Imam al-Bāqir (as) said:

"Try to learn knowledge because learning it is a good action and study is itself worship."



Class Activity:

Colour in the following pictures.



Imam Al-
Bāqir (as)

Facts about the Imam's Life

Name: Muḥammad al-Bāqir
Father: Imam Ali al-Sajjad
Mother: Fatima, the daughter of Imam Ḥasan (as)
Birthplace: Medina
Place of Burial: Medina

Class Discussion

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Today, we are going to have a discussion about what you want to be when you grow up. Imam al-Bāqir (as) has taught us that it is important to learn as much as we can. He taught us that it is important to learn about religion Islam, as well as about other things like maths and science. These things will help us to do good things in our future.

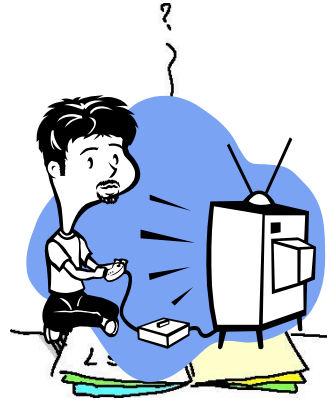
What do you want to do with the things you have learnt?

- Do you want to be an inventor?
- Do you want to be the very best at a particular thing?
- Do you want to be a doctor?
- Do you want to be a sports star?

- Do you want to be a scholar who is an expert in the laws of Islam?

Draw a picture of what you want to do when you are older. How will your job help people? How will it make the world better?

Now draw a picture of what you have to do to reach your goal of doing what you want to do?



OR ?

THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE

The Holy Prophet says:

"It is obligatory for every Muslim, man and woman to acquire knowledge".

It is narrated that one day the Holy Prophet came into the mosque and saw some people gathered there. They were divided into two groups. One of the two groups was busy offering prayers, the other was engaged in religious discussions. The Holy Prophet was very pleased to see those people and said:

"Both these groups are doing something good but I prefer the group which is busy discussing".

Saying this, he himself joined that group.

Islam attaches so much importance to the acquisition of knowledge that it has declared the path of knowledge and wisdom to be the path leading to Paradise.

IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

A teacher who teaches any subject, in a public or Islamic school is following the example of our Prophets and Imams who were also teachers, teaching us how to follow the right path. Just as your parents deserve your respect because of all that they have done for you, your teachers

deserve your respect because they are giving you knowledge – with which we are able to understand the world around us.

“the right of the one who gives you knowledge is that you should...listen to them carefully and pay attention to them”ⁱ

HOW DO WE RESPECT OUR TEACHERS?

- You should stand and say Al Salamu 'Alaykum when your teacher enters the class.
- You should not talk to anyone else when your teacher is talking.
- You should never interrupt your teacher.
- If you want to say something you should put your hand up, and wait until the teacher tells you to talk.



- You should not shout out an answer, if someone else has been asked the question.
- You should sit properly on your chair.
- You should always look at your teacher to show that you are paying attention
- You should never eat or drink in class.
- You should always thank your teacher for giving up their time to teach



Homework Activity

Your homework for this week is to learn the names of first five Imams in order. There will be a star given to each student who can name all five imams correctly and in order. Make sure you come to class prepared! You also have to colour in the sheet with the names of the five imams which we will hand to you.

ⁱ (Imam Zainul Abidin, Scale of Wisdom, 4517)