

Imam AL-JAWĀD [A.S]

امام الجواد (ع)

Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Be introduced to Imam al-Jawād (as), our ninth Imam
- Briefly learn the meaning of the title al-Jawād as the 'One who is Generous'
- Discuss the meaning and benefits of generosity

FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

LEVEL 1

Imam al-Jawād (as)

In Islam we have 12 Holy Imams. The ninth Imam's name is Imam Muḥammad al-Jawād (as). He became Imam at the age of only nine years, when his father Imam al-Redā died.



AL JAWĀD

Imam al-Jawād's (as) first name is Muḥammad, but he became known as al-Jawād (as) because he was very generous, and willing to give to others.

Al-Jawād (as) means: 'One who is Generous'

GENEROSITY

Do you know it means to be generous? It means to be willing to give and share things with other people without getting anything back from them. A generous person will give money or food to a poor person or share their chocolate with you if you haven't got one. A generous friend will share their lunch with you if you forgot your lunchbox at home.

The Ahlul Bayt were known for being very generous. They always fed the poor people of Medina, and never refused to help anyone who knocked on their door.

Class Activity

Do you know someone who is generous? Have you got an uncle or an aunt who gives you lovely presents for 'Īd, or a cousin who shares toys with you?

Have you ever done something generous?

IMAM AL JAWĀD'S GENEROSITY

Imam al-Jawād (A.S.) was very generous and always helped those in need during his time as Imam. Once a group of companions were robbed as they were returning from Ḥajj. All their things and money were stolen. They immediately headed for Imam al-Jawād's house and he gave them the same amount of money which had been stolen from all of them.

Imam was not only generous towards people. He was also kind to animals. He would tell his companions to leave left-overs of meals which they had eaten outdoors for wild animals, and left-overs of meals eaten at home for animals like cats.

He was also generous with his knowledge, teaching Muslims about the laws of Allah.

WHY SHOULD WE BE GENEROUS?

- Why should we be generous when we are not going to get anything in return?
- Allah (SWT) has told us that He loves people who are generous and help other people. Sometimes Allah (SWT) gives some people more than others so that they may help those who are in need.
- When we are generous to people, Allah (SWT) rewards us in Heaven and He also rewards us in this world.
- People who are generous will be liked by everyone around them.
- Whenever you help someone, how do you feel? It makes you feel good because you have made someone else happy.
- So really, being generous is a wonderful thing for many reasons.

Class Activity

1. Think of 2 ways you can be generous in the week to come. It could be to a person at home, or at school. It could be to a pet.
2. Now draw a picture to show one of these ways of being generous.